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2018 Easter Celebration Perth Amboy



Photos 1-4) Good Friday Procession 3/30/18; Photos 5) Easter Egg Hunt at Waters Stadium 3/31/18; Photo 6) Ukrainian Assumption Church Blessing of Food 3/31/18; Photo 7) St. John's Orthodox Church Good Friday Services 4/6/18; Photo 8) St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church Good Friday Services 4/6/18

*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Katherine Massopust

Funeral Parlor Parking & 2018 Budget Discussed 4/4/18 Business Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust

SOUTH AMBOY – There was a discussion about parking in front of Gundrums Service (Home for Funerals) on Bordentown Avenue over parking spaces. City Clerk Laura Kemble-Kalantsis said that the funeral parlor requested "no parking" signs from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato explained the situation, "It's a huge problem for them. During funeral/wake services, residents will back into the parking spots and remove the signs. The neighbors are so unreasonable."

Mayor Fred Henry stated, "They're clashing heads up there. What if there's no funerals/wakes going on? Then there's no parking."

Dato continued, "Residents move cones and signs."

Mayor Fred Henry then added, "I try to drive down there. There's not too many parking spaces there. Neighbors on Catherine Street say people can park there. Gundrums block it off."

Dato then said, "Traffic safety is backing them (Gundrums) up."

Henry added his sentiments, "My feeling is they can put on a curbed area: 'Funeral Tomorrow.'"

"I think the Police should assist them," Dato stated.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski said, "The Police have the authority to put up 'No Parking' times."

"Then no permanent signage?" Dato asked.

"Temporary no parking," Skarzynski answered.

Councilman Thomas Reilly then stated, "How much time are we talking about? We need to have spaces to correlate when services are being held. An hour is enough for most funerals."

Dato then added, "Funeral homes are in touch with the police department."

Skarzynski answered, "We can provide the funeral parlor with signs."

Henry then asked, "Do you want to go that far?"

Reilly voiced his concerns, "I don't want a war going on. I think a sign is okay if only during a service. There may be funerals/wakes that don't have a

large crowd."

"How many spots?" Dato asked.

"10 to 15 spots in their parking lot," Henry answered.

Council President Mickey Gross then ended the conversation with, "The B.A. will take care of this."

Skarzynski said he would.

For the Business Items: c) Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the Town of Woodbridge and the City of South Amboy in the Opioid Overdose Recovery Program.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato had a few questions: "Will the fees be \$5000/year for the administration? And the \$250 fee per response? Is that per individual? Or is it every time a Recovery Counselor speaks with an individual?"

City Clerk Laura Kemble-Kalantsis answered, "Per individual – multiple times."

On Item No. f.) Resolution to purchase two police vehicles. B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated that the price of equipment is very favorable, but there is a 9 to 10-month lead time to get the vehicle. "We want to get ahead on that time." When asked if the vehicles will replace old ones or be added, Skarzynski replied, "They will enhance the fleet." He went on to explain that with the addition of the two vehicles, two other ones will be delegated to lighter duty.

Item No. h.) Resolution Introducing the 2018 Budget.

Mayor Fred Henry stated, "It's a very good budget. We're increasing services and programs. The average tax increase is only \$33."

It was noted that there is money budgeted for Celebrate the Amboy's, the Art's Society, Historical Society, and possibly the fireworks, etc. Council President Mickey Gross stated, "There is money this year for the Arts."

Councilman Thomas Reilly then stated, "This allocation is going to volunteers for running the arts."

Gross added, "They have to have everything in place (to

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Funeral
Parlor Parking
& 2018 Budget
Discussed
4/4/18 Business
Meeting

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receive funding). Everything is under agreement on how the arts will get the money.”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski then noted, “There’s a modest increase for the library.”

“We all had an opportunity to ask questions and we we’re all satisfied,” Councilwoman Zusette Dato concluded.

It was decided by Councilman Brian McLaughlin that the students who wish to apply for a position for summer jobs had to be interviewed.

Councilman Thomas Reilly stated he wanted to make sure there was funding allocated for three things:

1. Code Enforcement part time position
2. Summer jobs for students
3. Business Breakfast

Council President Mickey Gross then stated, “I want to make sure we’re all clear.”

Reilly said, “The arts – should be broken down to a separate line item. It should be noted that those funds are provided only if they show the vouchers/receipts to prove how they are using the money.”

Item No. 1) The B.A. Report: Skarzynski stated, “We’re doing our best to support local businesses. At Councilman Reilly’s request, we’re compiling a list of businesses (on the City’s Facebook Page). We’ve updated emergency contacts. There’s more handicapped accessible areas. On April 14th Little League is opening. Streetlights have been repaired twice on Broadway. Accreditation by the (Police)Chief will be at the end of July. It may require an extension of the Rodgers Contract.”

Skarzynski asked the Council if they would appoint him to be the Representative to the County for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Contacts. The Council did so.

Skarzynski stated, “We’re subsidized funding for the sidewalk repair program.”

Council President Gross reminded him that April 20, 2018 is the deadline.

Correction

PERTH AMBOY – On Page 2 of the 4/4/18 Issue of the Amboy Guardian, Resident David Caba was quoted as saying the real estate market has decreased since 2015 in Perth Amboy. It should have read that since 2015 the real estate market has increased in Perth Amboy.


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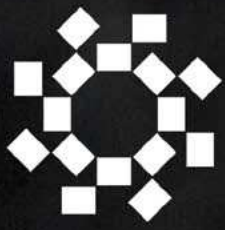
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

50 Years Since the Death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with his family *AP



Dr. Martin Luther King with Rev. Ralph Abernathy (R) & Bishop Julian Smith (L) marching with Sanitation Workers, 3/28/68 *AP

On April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. King was struck down by an assassin's bullet. He was there in support of the Black Sanitation Workers who were on strike for unequal treatment for the same work of their white counterparts.

In my opinion, there is not one leader today that can come close to stepping into the shoes of Dr. King.

The reason that I chose to show a picture of Dr. King with his wife, Coretta and their children is because at that time, the family unit was very important and truthfully it should be even more important in these times.

All Dr. King wanted is for everyone was for everyone to be respected regardless of their economic position in life. Just because you are rich does not make you better than someone who is poor. Most people want the same respect shown to them that they've given to you. It shouldn't be that hard.

Dr. King was a man for all seasons. When he spoke, he didn't show animosity towards any particular group because he knew there were individuals in every ethnic group who stood with him. Some of those people

led comfortable lives and knew they would be ostracized if they marched with or supported Dr. King in his efforts for racial and economic equality for all.

Contrary to popular belief, we have come a long way. Today, those who march for whatever cause have the upper hand. You can march in the streets, even insult (and throw objects) at police officers who are there to protect them. Dr. King would never have condoned that behavior. What a sharp contrast from then and now. Look at what Dr. King and the marchers had to encounter with insults and objects being thrown at them.

When I think of Dr. King, I see dignity, peace, and yet a fiery conviction when he spoke about the unification of those from all faiths, creeds, and color.

A few years later after Dr. King's death, Bobby Kennedy was also assassinated. After that happened, in many homes you would see a portrait of three men together: President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy. Diverse backgrounds, but unified in their hope of equality for all. *C.M.*

Climate Change Again

A local newspaper's editorial cartoon of 4-6-18 misinformed with an 'Argument from Ignorance' by implying dinosaurs died from evolving climate change. Predictions about global warming have

been contradicted by this year's cold and snowy winter. Are these predictions based on actual observations or imagined projections?

"T. Rex and the Crater of Doom" tells how a massive asteroid struck the earth and caused the equivalent of a nuclear winter that killed off

the dinosaurs thousands of centuries ago. Around 1816 a volcanic eruption filled the skies with dust, cutting off sunlight, and causing a year without a summer. There was snow and ice on July 4 in the northern states and elsewhere.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

The Handicapped Are People, Too!

Good afternoon,

I am emailing you because it is time for the Perth Amboy Administration to take accountability for the gross actions and situations that have accorded on their property during public gatherings. I have attached an article found in the latest edition of the Amboy Guardian (our local paper) which will be referred to during this email and will act as confirmation for some of the things addressed in this email.

On January 29, 2018, a public meeting took place in the Council Chambers on the Second Floor of City Hall (260 High Street). At the end of the meeting, a man in a wheelchair had to be carried downstairs to exit the building because the elevator had stopped working. Since then, more than two months have passed, and nothing has gotten done about accommodating those who could not make it up the stairs; Yet, Caucus, Council and other public meetings have occurred on a regular continuous basis.

For two months I have spoken with Mr. Adam Cruz, the Business Administrator and the person everyone refers me to regarding this matter. I have spoken with each and every member of our elected council regarding the need to change locations various times both on the phone and in person. I have sat in a chair in the small foyer as the meetings went on (on February 14th and March 28th) waiting for something to get done, hoping to hear some part of the meeting happening upstairs and at times making calls and doing research to confirm that what was going on was against the local, state and federal laws.

I have personally been informed of the way some people feel as they force themselves up the stairs just so they can be informed on what's happening and so they can have their voices heard. I have personally seen people climb up the stairs on their butt and come back down using the same method. I have seen people hold on to the stair railing as if their life depended on it as they climb the stairs and come down.

I have heard people complain about how their pain worsens as they force themselves to use the stairs (something they medically are not permitted to do) because they want to be active and informed citizens. And the list of complaints like this only continues to pile.

I want to focus on the March 28th meeting. I arrived at City Hall expecting to see a television and a phone in a room, just like I was told would happen as an accommodation for those who could not make it up the stairs. I arrived to find the lovely black chair next to the desk in the foyer (the one I sit on) and nothing else. There were no accommodations and I would spend yet another meeting watching people suffer to make it up and down the stairs, not being able to listen to what was happening and not being able to voice my concerns. It doesn't end here.

I choose to make a phone call and I choose to do it outside. I choose to place my call outside because I had assumed the meeting upstairs had begun considering that it was well past the usual meeting starting time of 7 pm and all of the council members had came in and headed upstairs. As I prepare to hit the call button, I turn around to face the street and what do I see? I see a fire truck parking in the handicapped parking and one of the other fire vehicles parking across from that. I did not hit the call button. Why? Because I knew exactly what was going on. One of the firefighters approached me with a smile on his face. A smile that read "I know what you're thinking and you are right". (For those of you who don't know this, I tutor students at no cost out of our local Fire Department and seeing the guys around is not an uncommon scene. Having conversations with them is less uncommon so we grow a little bond with one another. This explains how the firefighter knew what I was thinking. We've crossed paths both in and out of the department and we both know when something's up.) I hesitate to say anything beyond "hi" to the firefighter and those approaching behind him. I was upset at what was going on.

I choose to ask "are you here for me?" rather than let my intuition make assumptions

as to why the fire department showed up. The first guy I saw, the same one who gave me the look responded "yup, I think so". Some of the other men who showed up headed upstairs to speak with the Business Administrator because the BA called them and told them to do so. I couldn't believe what I was hearing.

Mr. Cruz (our BA) went and called the Fire Department to have them carry me up the narrow stairs without consulting me! How could someone do that? How dare someone make such a judgement call without consulting the person who would have to be carried up and down stairs!

This was when enough was enough for me. No one has any right to make a decision for another person on this matter unless the person is a child. In my case, I'm a nineteen-year-old whose mother was upstairs in the council meeting (she was one of those people who has continuously forced herself up and down the stairs to attend public meetings) yet neither one of us were consulted beforehand about this. And before someone chooses to take this out of context, I have absolutely nothing but respect for our Fire Department and each member I come across knows that, including Chief Mullen. I did not disrespect the Fire Department, nor did I get upset at them over their presence because they were doing their job and were happy enough to carry me upstairs. I commend our Fire Department for being as helpful as I can ask them to be.

I am upset at this administration, our mayor and all of the elected officials. Perth Amboy has been segregating the handicapped population for more than two months! The "public" meetings have now seemingly become private because the handicapped cannot attend, much less, participate in these meetings. And to make their case worse, they have chosen to humiliate (because being carried up and down stairs is absolutely humiliating) and signal out the handicapped. Legally, no one has to disclose their disability to anyone else.

At this point, more than

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THURS. Apr. 12	Budget Hearings, DPW/Police, 6 p.m. Olive Street Community Center • Board of Education, 5:30 p.m., PAHS, Eagle Ave.

South Amboy

WED. Apr. 18	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
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Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz
Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ

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Good Friday Procession , Perth Amboy 3/30/18

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Easter Egg Hunt, Waters Stadium, Perth Amboy 3/30/18

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Ukrainian Assumption Church Blessing of Food, Perth Amboy 3/30/18

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St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church Good Friday Services, Perth Amboy 4/6/18

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Mayor Diaz Commends New Voter Registration Expansion Bill

Press Release 4/6/18
PERTH AMBOY — Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz released the following statement concerning S481/ A2014, a bill to automatically register eligible voters who interact with the Motor Vehicle Commission and other eligible state agencies:
“Thanks to the efforts of Senators and Members of the Assembly, including our own

Senator Joseph Vitale and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, New Jersey’s eligible voters will face less barriers and greater ease as they engage in the electoral process. S481/ A2014 would allow for eligible voters to be automatically registered to vote when they register or update their license at the Motor Vehicle Commission or file paperwork with other state

agencies. By setting a path for agencies beyond MVC, these bills are also ensuring that all potential voters can benefit from the streamlined process. I commend these legislators on behalf of the residents of the City of Perth Amboy.”
For additional information about the City of Perth Amboy, please visit: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

Speaker Coughlin Statement on 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.’s Death

Press Release 4/4/18
TRENTON – New Jersey General Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex) released the following statement Wednesday commemorating the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s death:
“On this day in 1968 we lost one of our greatest civil rights leaders.
“It’s easy to forget that he was only 39 at the time of his death because he was so extraordinary.
“I see his example in the young people who have been galvanized into action and have led rallies and marches for the

greater good. I hope they will continue to honor his legacy with their activism.
“This is a difficult time in our country. Division, mistrust and hatred are being propagated by the very institutions and people who should be bringing us together. Now more than ever, we need to hold on to the ideals professed by Dr. King, and like him, we need to be brave and steadfast in our convictions.
“We are better today than where we 50 years ago, but there is still a lot of work to do before we become the nation that Dr. King dreamed about. Structural racism, poverty and

income inequality still plague our country. We all have a responsibility to see his vision of an equal and just America come to fruition.
“Dr. King said, ‘if you can’t fly, run. If you can’t run, walk. If you can’t walk, crawl, but by all means, keep moving.’
“These words are especially poignant right now. I encourage everyone to take heed of these words and make them their personal mantras. The only way we’re going to right the wrongs that persist in this country is by speaking up and taking action. Let’s all be more like the fearless Dr. King.”

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Grand Opening of Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez 19th District, Front Street, Perth Amboy 3/23/18

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**Gusciora to Gov. Murphy:
Release Trenton from MOU
so City Hall Can Fill
Vacancies, Properly Deliver
Municipal Services**
*Department of Community Affair Must
Sign-off on all Executive Appointments
in the City under the Memorandum of
Understanding*

Press Release 4/6/18
TRENTON) – Assemblyman Reed Gusciora this week sent a letter to Gov. Murphy requesting that the state release the City of Trenton from the DCA’s Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This agreement necessitates state approval of all senior, confidential and cabinet-level city employees. Gusciora asserts that “this agreement unnecessarily hinders our ability to serve the common and public good”.

Gusciora (D-Mercer/Hunterdon) explained that the MOU called for the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to provide oversight for approval of executive appointments as a means of ensuring that Transitional Aid was spent wisely, and in a manner consistent with state laws.

However, this oversight has left the city incapable of filling multiple positions in key departments. There are currently 60 vacancies at the Trenton Water Works. While once warranted, this level of supervision is now unnecessary and is actually hampering progress in the capital city, said Gusciora.

“This unnecessary level of oversight has made it difficult for Trenton to shed reliance on long-term state aid. Oversight requirements specifically regarding hiring at our water utility have hindered the City’s ability to maintain full staffing.

This situation is aggravated by DCA’s frequent and repeated rejection of applications to fill vacancies,” said Gusciora.

In addition, Gusciora noted that the MOU has impeded the Trenton Police Department’s efforts to ensure citizens’ safety. The DCA has restricted Trenton’s ability to fill city vacancies in the county police academy. Staffing levels in the department have become emaciated. While the city used to employ almost 400 officers, under 250 are currently patrolling our streets, said Gusciora.

“In order to remain competitive in our ever-accelerating 21st-century economy, municipal governments in urban areas must be proactive to match the pace of business development. The DCA’s Memorandum of Understanding has placed significant bureaucratic burdens on Trenton’s hiring process. Vacancies hamper the local government’s ability to be an effective partner in revitalizing and redeveloping our capital city,” said Gusciora.

Gusciora has also requested a meeting with Gov. Murphy to discuss the MOU face to face. But the assemblyman would too like to open the discussion to all Trenton mayoral candidates. Gusciora maintains that “at the end of the day, we need to work together towards the best interests of Trenton residents.”

**Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation
Introduces New Signature Fundraising Event**
*Formerly known as the Harbor Lights Ball,
the Raritan Bay Medical Center Reception will take place on May 11*

Press Release April 3, 2018 - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation is pleased to invite the community to attend the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation Reception on Friday, May 11, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge. Formerly known as the Harbor Lights Ball, the new format features cocktail-style flow, no formal table assignments, a delicious menu with an array of hors d’oeuvres and stations, music and dancing, 50/50 raffle and black tie optional attire. This premier fundraising event will benefit enhanced emergency services at Raritan Bay Medical Center – Old Bridge.

“Exciting things are progressing at Raritan Bay Medical Center,” shared Michael R. D’Agnes, FACHE, president of

Raritan Bay Medical Center. “The upcoming Reception provides a wonderful opportunity for people in our community to learn more about the future of the medical center, and support growth that will have a profound impact on the care provided.”

Since becoming part of the Hackensack Meridian Health family in 2016, Raritan Bay Medical Center, with philanthropic support from the community, has already made significant advancements. Most recently, the medical center added the latest in robotic technology to its surgical services with the da Vinci Xi, the most advanced robotic-assisted surgical system currently available. Plans to enhance emergency services is one of the next big steps that will greatly improve the environment and experience

for patients. More details about plans to enhance emergency services will be shared at the event.

The Raritan Bay Medical Center Reception is chaired by Stacey Citron, Stacey Hernandez and Jessica Smith, who also serves as a Foundation trustee. There are many opportunities for individuals, organizations and corporations to sponsor the event and place ads in the program. For more information on how to support the Raritan Bay Medical Center Reception, or to receive a formal invitation, contact executive director of Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation Linda Hill, PharmD, at 732-324-5374 or email linda.hill@hackensackmeridian.org. Online registration is also available at HackensackMeridianHealth.org/RBMCReception.

**Smart Driver
Course**

SAYREVILLE - An AARP sponsored “A Smart Driver Course” will be held at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St on Friday, April 13th from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. The cost is \$15.00, for A.A.R.P. members and \$20.00 for non-members. Payment is collected prior to the course in the form of CHECKS only made payable to “AARP”. Upon completion of the course, students receive a Certificate of Completion, which will entitle them to a 5% discount on the major portion of their automobile insurance premium for 3 years. Two points will be deducted from their Motor Vehicle record, if applicable. Pre-registration is required. This course is open only to those who have a New Jersey Driver’s License. To register, please call the Senior Center at 732-390-7058.

**Drug
Prevention
Presentation**

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville is hosting a one-hour program presented by the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey 15-Minute Child Break program. This is a one-hour multimedia presentation discussing the importance of the parent or caregiver’s role in substance abuse prevention; how to talk to children about drugs; signs of use and abuse to look for; current terminology; and trends of use. The public is invited to attend. We will be meeting at The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville, 172 Main Street, Sayreville (across from Borough Hall) on April 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm. For more information contact: 732-257-6353.

**Free Tree
Seedlings for
Sayreville
Residents**

**Earth Day/Arbor Day
Celebration & Park
Cleanup**

SAYREVILLE - Saturday, April 21st 9 a.m. – 12 noon, Kennedy Park (Rain or Shine). Tree Seedlings donated by: New Jersey Tree Recovery Program. Hosted by the Sayreville Shade Tree Commission. Seedlings limited to 5 per Sayreville resident. For more information contact Joyce Major at joyce.sayrevillshade-tree@gmail.com

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FROM THE HISTORIC CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

A Message From Mayor Wilda Diaz

Dear Friends:

I know it may not seem like it, but warmer weather is on its way, and with it our Spring programming!

This season we have a broad range of programs and events, from Broadway Bound play productions, to our annual Waterfront Arts Festival, to our Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony and more! As always, we will have our Independence Day Fireworks on July 3rd, 2018. Members of the community can help to make this a spectacular and memorable event at no cost to taxpayers. To learn more, please visit <http://celebratestarsandstripes.com/>.

Inside we have featured abundant information on our Office of Recreation programming. There are sports, dance, art classes and so much more available not just for our youth, but for adults as well!

Below we have featured our Top 10 Highlights for the 2018 State of the City address.

We are excited for what this season has in store for the City of Perth Amboy. You can stay updated with everything taking place in the City through our various social media outlets.

I wish everyone a fun and healthy spring season, God bless!!

Sincerely, Mayor Wilda Diaz



At-a-Glance Phone Directory

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Human Services	732.826.1690
Mayor's Office	732.826.7121
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Police Department	732.442.4400
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Public Works	732.826.2010
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2018 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS Top 10 Highlights

1. REDEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT

The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency (PARA) has 16 projects underway. Within the next 12-18 months over 100 acres of brownfields are being remediated and over half a billion dollars have been privately invested.

2. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Over 60 percent of Target's (distribution center) workforce are Perth Amboy residents and their facility will continue expanding, as such there will be additional employment opportunities in the near future. At the end of 2017, the unemployment rate was 6 percent. The lowest it's been in over 10 years.

3. JOB CREATION

We are awaiting over 1,000 new jobs through the current redevelopment projects-- ePort I, ePort II and Elm Street Logistics projects.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT CLASS UPGRADE

The Department received a Class 3 upgrade, as a result of, increased staffing levels, upgrades to the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, new apparatus, and upgrades to the City of Perth Amboy's water mains. As a result of the upgrade, tax-

payers may see a decrease in the fire portion of their property insurance premiums. The new Class 3 rating is effective June 1st.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT ENHANCEMENTS

The department stands at full complement with 135 uniforms with an exceptional community policing program and auxiliary program. There are current plans to locate a police substation right in the heart of the downtown district through a partnership with The Cathedral International.

6. GREEN SPACE

We have enhanced over 45 acres of green space city-wide.

7. EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

There are numerous educational resources for residents. Upcoming events such as the Housing Expo, Passport Fair, the Public Library's ESL and Citizenship Courses, the Trade Union educational campaign. A 70-page directory will be soon be released to public including info on social services and workforce and human development.

8. HISTORICAL & ARTS DEVELOPMENTS

We're mobilizing creativity through many avenues. We opened another museum in Perth Amboy, the Surveyor's Generals Building, next to City Hall and launched the first public mural, Hometown Girl with PARTNER. We have plans to continue transforming public spaces into a vibrant, lively community asset.

9. UPCOMING DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENTS

We will soon be introducing a "Parklet Concept" and "Pedestrian Plaza" to increase business visibility and to enhance the shopping and dining experience. By May, both the entire length of Smith and Market Street will be fully repaved. Additionally, single meters will be replaced for pay stations throughout the entire length of Smith Street, State Street and the Hospital Zone.

10. TEEN CENTER OPENING

A Youth Alliance program where students gather to engage and focus on community service, academic success, leadership development, and overall, how to live a healthy lifestyle.

April

PERTH AMBOY STUDENT ART SHOW
Wednesday, April 11th, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Gallery Center for the Arts, 339 Reade St.

REZONING MEETING
Tuesday, April 17th, 10:30 am
Your Cuban Cafe, 225A Smith Street

BUSINESS MEETING MEET & GREET WITH MAYOR WILDA DIAZ
Wednesday, April 18th, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Don Manuel Int. Restaurant, 287 State Street

HOUSING EXPO
Saturday, April 21, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Dr. H. Richardson School, 318 Stockton Street

PERTH AMBOY COMMUNITY THEATRE
Shows: Hair, Bye Bye Birdie, West Side Story, & Aladdin!
Show times: Friday, April 20, 7:00 pm; Saturday, April 21, 7:00 pm;
Sunday, April 22, 2:00 pm
Ticket prices: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 16
For more information, please contact the Office of Recreation at 732-826-1690 ext. 4305 or email pact.org.group@gmail.com

May

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
Thursday, May 3, 12 noon, City Hall Circle

CINCO DE MAYO
Saturday, May 5, 12:00 pm—3:00pm
New Brunswick Ave (between Smith St. & Jefferson St.)

WATERFRONT ARTS FESTIVAL
Friday, May 25th, 6 – 10 pm & Saturday, May 26th, 12 – 9 pm
Sadowski Parkway

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY
Monday, May 28th
Parade: 10:00 am Ceremony: 11:00 am
Veteran’s War Memorial
Call 732-826-1690 ext. 4305 or 4306 to participate in the parade

June

GLOW TEEN FESTIVAL
Friday, June 15th, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Albert G. Waters Stadium

INTERNATIONAL DAY
Saturday, June 16th, 2:00 pm— 5:00 pm
International Park, Sadowsky Parkway

Earth Week Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
BID Downtown Cleanup
Fink Park || 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22
Willow Pond Planting and Cleanup
Willow Pond (behind Wendy's) || 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24
Zero Waste Lunch Day
Participate in creating no waste today!

THURSDAY, APRIL 26
Street Cleanup and Paper Shred
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Spring Events

FRIDAY MAY 25 6 - 10 PM
LIVE MUSIC WITH
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CITY OF PERTH AMBOY THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

Holocaust National Days of Remembrance


CITY OF PERTH AMBOY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

ISRAELI FLAG RAISING
City Hall Circle
5:30 p.m.

CEREMONY
City Hall Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Bernard and Henry Schanzer, Holocaust Survivors
Identical twin brothers, Bernard and Henry Schanzer, survived the Holocaust and now live to tell their story. In 1946, they immigrated to the United States with their mother, Bella Schanzer. Bernard Schanzer now practices medicine in Elizabeth, New Jersey and Henry practices law in Edison, New Jersey. The Schanzer brothers will share their story at our Commemoration Ceremony.



Recreation Programs

KARATE

Starts: April 24th
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (Ages: 5 - 9)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Ages: 10 & older)
Robert N. Wilentz School, 51 First Street
\$40.00 per participant (Money order only)
Register at parecreation.recdesk.com
Non-resident fee applies (25% upcharge)

RED RAIDERS MINI FOOTBALL CLINIC

Starts: April 18th
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Ages: 8 & older
Albert G. Waters Stadium
FREE OF CHARGE,
Register at parecreation.recdesk.com

FLAG FOOTBALL

Starts: April 24th
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ages: 14 - 18
Veteran's Mem. Youth Complex (Behind Wendy's)
\$20.00 per participant (Money order only)
Register at parecreation.recdesk.com
Non-resident fee applies (25% upcharge)

CHILDREN'S TENNIS

Ages: 7 - 9 Starts: April 16th
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ages: 10 - 12 Starts: April 17th
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ages: 3 & 4 Starts: April 21st
Saturdays, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Ages: 5 & 6 Starts: April 21st
Saturdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Waterfront Tennis Courts, 56 Brighton Avenue
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Register at parecreation.recdesk.com

ADULT TENNIS

Starts: April 17th
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ages: 18 & older
Waterfront Tennis Courts, 56 Brighton Avenue
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Register at parecreation.recdesk.com

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Starts: April 9th
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ages: 18 & older
Robert N. Wilentz School, 51 First Street
FREE OF CHARGE,
Register at parecreation.recdesk.com

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Starts: TBA
Mondays & Wednesdays
Ages: 18 & older
\$20.00 per participant (Money order only)
Register at parecreation.recdesk.com
Non-resident fee applies (25 % upcharge)

RED RAIDERS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION

Ages: 8 - 14 (Boys & Girls)
As of September 1, 2018
High School students not eligible

REGISTRATION DATES: Veteran's Memorial Youth Complex (Behind Wendy's)

Friday	April 6th:	6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Saturday	April 7th:	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Friday	April 20th:	6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Saturday	April 21st:	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Friday	May 4th:	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Saturday	May 5th:	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Friday	May 18th:	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Saturday	May 19th:	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Friday	June 1st:	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Saturday	June 2nd:	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Adult Enrichment Classes

For registration information,
please contact
Maria Diaz (Enrichment Coordinator)
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Ages: 18 and older
South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street
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Monday - Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Ages: 18 and older
South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street
FREE OF CHARGE

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Monday - Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ages: 18 and older
South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street
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Family Day (Sadowski Pkwy)
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Mondays, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
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Starts: April 17th
Tuesdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ages 16 & older, **FREE OF CHARGE**

ADVANCED DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY & PHOTOSHOP

Starts: April 19th
Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ages 16 & older, **FREE OF CHARGE**

CERAMICS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Starts: April 18th
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ages: 16 & older, **FREE OF CHARGE**

YOUNG ARTIST ART STUDIO

Starts: April 19th
Thursdays, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Ages: 9 - 13, **FREE OF CHARGE**

OPEN ART STUDIO

Starts: April 17th
Tuesdays, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Ages: 13 - 18, **FREE OF CHARGE**



Music Programs

Instructor: **Manny Pacheco**

INTRO TO PERCUSSION

Starts: April 16th
Mondays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Ages: 7 - 10
FREE OF CHARGE

DRUMMING

Starts: April 16th
Mondays, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ages: 11 - 15
FREE OF CHARGE

BEGINNER GUITAR

Starts: April 18th
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Ages: 9 - 11
FREE OF CHARGE

INTERMEDIATE GUITAR

Starts: April 18th
Wednesdays, 7pm - 8pm
Ages: 12 - 15
FREE OF CHARGE

STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



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

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M.

All applications must include a letter of recommendation from a School or Community Representative. Applications may be obtained on the City's Website or in person at City Hall, but cannot be submitted electronically.

Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at:

City Hall, Office of Personnel
260 High Street, 2nd Floor
Monday to Friday
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Questions??? Call (732)826-0290 ext. 4009

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732.826.1690 x 4305 | www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us



Office on Aging

Must contact in advance to register. City residents age 62 and over are encouraged to contact the Office on Aging for additional details at: 732-826-1690 ext. 4307. Join the Office on Aging for special activities, programs and surprises each month!

APRIL

- Brings Computer Classes/ ESL & Spanish Classes
- Sands Casino
- Birthday Bash
- Earth Day Project
- Wellness Program begins (Healthy Smoothies)
- Columbus Flea Market
- A night with Reuben Studdard/ American Idol winner with a Tribute to Luther Vandross

MAY

- Cinco de Mayo
- Bingo Night
- Jersey Gardens & IHop
- Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament
- Mother's Day Celebration

JUNE

- Hawaiian Bash
- A visit to the Staten Island Zoo
- A visit to Keansburg
- Columbus Flea Market
- Father's Day Celebration
- Rita's Ice Cream

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

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

Perth Amboy Free Public Library

April 27th at 7pm
What is Jazz and Why Does it Matter?
Raritan Bay Area YMCA Theater

June 15th at 7pm
The Life and Writing of James Baldwin
Raritan Bay Area YMCA Theater

THE BRIGHTON AVENUE Teen Center

56 Brighton Avenue

Serving youth ages 13 years and older. Access to a quiet study space from 4pm - 5pm and special programs after 5pm, such as:

Job Readiness — Financial Literacy Workshops
College Readiness — Clubs — Personal Development Workshops — Special Trips — Recreation Programs and more!

Follow our instagram @recleader or "like" our Facebook page "Perth Amboy Recreation" to stay updated on our programs. Register for our programs at: Parecreation.recdesk.com or contact (732) 826-1690 ext. 4359 for more information.

NEW GENERATION

Begins: April 18th — Bi-weekly on Wednesdays

A club for Middle School students in 7th or 8th grade. This club is for students who would like to become more active in their community. They will develop leadership skills and serve as an advisory group for future middle school programming at the teen center.

YOUTH ALLIANCE (YA) MEETINGS

Begins: April 11th — Bi-weekly on Weds: 6pm - 8pm

For high school students who would like to become leaders in the community. Members focus on the community service, leadership development, academic success and how to live a healthy lifestyle.

STEP TEAM

Begins: April 9th — Mondays: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Stepping is a form of percussive dance in which the mixture of footsteps, spoken words, and hand claps.

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

Begins: April 10th — Tuesdays: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Do you dislike to read? Then this is the club for you! We incorporate fun into reading. Discussions, trips and activities will be related to the book we read.

FIT FOR PROM

Begins: April 12th — Thursdays: 5pm - 6pm

Are you ready to get in shape for prom? Come and enjoy our 6 week program to help you maximize your potential to get active and fit.

GREEN THUMBS

Begins: April 13 — Fridays: 6pm - 8pm

6 week program where you learn about healthy foods and how to grow your own food indoors.

FREE TUTORING

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

- **Must call and set an appointment ***

The Teen Center now offers additional help to students in subjects such as algebra, geometry, calculus, English, history and more! Call for any subjects you need assistance in.

Special Events

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL SPECIAL EVENTS.

SELF - DEFENSE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 24, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Come learn how to defend yourself with our Perth Amboy Police Officers.

URBAN ARTS AND CULTURE WORKSHOP WITH TWO TEK & SNOW

Friday, April 20, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Are you interested in building a career in the music or art industry? Then attending this workshop is a must! Come learn from Two Tek, a Perth Amboy Native and the graffiti artist "Snow". They have worked with celebrities such as Chris Brown, Kanye West, Young Yeezy and more!

PAINT PARTY


May: Date To be Announced

Teens will have an evening where they can have fun with their friends and explore their inner Picasso. Limited seats available


CURL WORKSHOP

May: Date To be Announced

Perth Amboy Native blogger, Paola Carrera, will facilitate and have a discussion on hair products, what is your curl type and more. Discovering new techniques in which you can flawlessly do your hair. We will raffle a few giveaways.



CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ



HOUSING EXPO

Showcasing Perth Amboy's Homeownership & Rental Opportunities

The Housing Expo will be open to all Perth Amboy residents who are renting or looking to purchase a home in our great city. We anticipate dozens of exhibits and workshops showcasing all the information needed to rent an apartment or purchase a home; including but not limited to government rental assistance programs, mortgage lenders, insurance companies, title companies, credit counseling, and much, much more!


SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018 | 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Dr. Herbert N. Richardson School
318 Stockton Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861


FEATURED TOPICS

- First Time Homebuyers
- Rental Assistance Programs
- Credit Counseling
- Tenant Rights
- Code Enforcement &
- Much, Much More!!!

**FREE ADMISSION
OPEN TO ALL PERTH AMBOY RESIDENTS**



CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ



SUCCESS BOUND

Summer Youth Leadership Academy

For High School Students Only

July 9th to Aug. 10th

Application NOW Due 4/20

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING

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

Requirements to Participate

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

Contact Information: (732)826-1690 Ext. 4305- Recleader@perthamboy.nj.org

Girls On the Run Spring 2018

April 11th-June 10th



"We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running."

YOUTH COMPLEX
Dorothy Ave & Convery Blvd,
Perth Amboy

Who: Girls in grades 3-5

When: April 9th to June 10th

Days: Monday & Wednesday

Time: 4:30PM-6:00PM

Space is limited, register by March 16th

For more information, contact Lisett Lebron at (732) 324-0384 or at info@partnernj.org

The girls will participate in the Girls on the Run 5K on June 10th in Somerville, NJ.

The Girls on the Run 5K is open to the public and families are encouraged to run.

This program is sponsored by the City of Perth Amboy's Dept. of Recreation and P.A.R.T.N.E.R.

Girls on the Run of Central NJ

For more information, please contact Lynn Sherman at Lynn.Sherman@GirlsOnTheRun.org <https://www.gotrenj.org>

RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA Wants to Awaken Summer Imagination at Annual Healthy Kids Day®

Event encourages kids to stay active and keep learning all summer long

Press Release 3/30/18

PERTH AMBOY—On Saturday, April 21, the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA is holding a free community event to inspire more kids to keep their minds and bodies active at the annual YMCA's Healthy Kids Day®, the Y's national initiative to improve health and well-being for kids and families. Healthy Kids Day is an opportunity to ignite children's imaginations so that they can imagine what they'll accomplish this summer. The day-long event features activities to motivate and teach families how to develop and maintain healthy routines at home throughout the summer months.

Healthy Kids Day, celebrated at over 1,500 Ys across the country by over 1.2 million participants, works to get more kids moving and learning, creating habits that they continue all summer long. When kids are out of school, they can face hurdles that prevent them from reaching their full potential. Research shows that without access to out-of-school learning activities, kids fall behind academically. Kids also gain weight twice as fast during summer than the school year. As spring turns to summer, Healthy Kids Day is a powerful reminder not to let children idle away their summer days. Instead, the Y wants families to focus on helping children

imagine what they can accomplish over the summer.

"When a child is healthy, happy, and supported they can make great things happen," says Steve Jobin, President & CEO, RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA. "We believe in the potential of all children, and we strive to help kids find that potential within themselves. A child's development is never on vacation and Healthy Kids Day is a great opportunity to educate families and motivate kids to stay active in spirit, mind and body throughout the summer," said James Castillo, Program Director, RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA.

Keeping Kids Healthy All Summer Long

In celebration of YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, the Y offers the following tips to help families develop healthy habits this summer that can have a lifetime effect:

•**High Five the Fruits and Veggies** – Make sure kids get at least five servings a day, the minimum number nutritionists recommend to maintain healthy childhood development. And to keep kids' taste buds evolving, have everyone in the family try at least one bite of a new fruit or vegetable at least once a month.

•**Read Together** – The summer is a great time to enjoy books with summer program participants—and 30 minutes a day goes a long way! Take trips to the local library or create a

family reading challenge to see who can log the most minutes of reading. Encourage youth to create their own stories as well.

•**Get Moving!** – Activities that require movement also help kids flex their mental muscle. Use materials in unique ways: ask youth to build models, manipulate tools or develop their own theatrical scenes.

•**Play Together** – Play may be the best way to prevent childhood obesity. By putting more play into your family's day, you will soon find yourself getting the activity that will have your family feeling energized and strong.

•**Make sleep a priority** – Doctors recommend 10-12 hours of sleep a day for children ages 5-12 and 7-8 hours per night for adults. Sleep plays a critical role in maintaining our healthy immune system, metabolism, mood, memory, learning and other vital functions.

The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA's Healthy Kids Day takes place at 357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy NJ from 11:00am – 2:00pm and features fun, active play, educational activities and giveaways. Healthy Kids Day encourages youth and families to awaken summer imagination and this cannot be done without proper nutrition.

For more information, contact James Castillo at 732.442.3632 or visit www.rbaymca.org.

The Renee J. Bradley Foundation for Domestic Violence Scholarship Luncheon and Launch

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The official launch of the Renee J. Bradley Foundation for Domestic Violence will take place on Sunday, April 15, 2018. The launch will be from 2pm-6pm and hosted at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center in Perth Amboy, NJ. This event is created to introduce the foundation to the community of Perth Amboy, NJ and surrounding areas.

This foundation will work with the local community leaders, churches and organizations to help bring an end to domestic violence. The foundation believes that strength, compassion, love and education are four major unlocking relationship-changing, life-saving keys.

*Proceeds will go towards

the Renee J. Bradley Foundation Scholarship Fund; Ticket Donation will include lunch and raffle ticket entry for door prize.

The mission of the Renee J. Bradley Foundation is to teach, mentor and educate young adults in general and specifically youth adults of color about the importance of healthy relationships and the signs of domestic violence. Our vision is "To Stop Domestic Violence through Strength, Compassion, Love & Education."

For more information please visit www.reneejbradleyfoundation.org or Eventbrite to purchase tickets/donate to this event. The foundation can also be reached at reneejbradleyfoundation@gmail.com

Creative Art Contest for Sayreville Students

Press Release

SAYREVILLE - April 27, 2018, hosted by: Sayreville Shade Tree Commission at: Sayreville Senior Center from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served We are looking for students to express what a tree means and represents to them. Whether a favorite tree, a memory involving a tree, the beauty of a tree, whatever the passion we want you to show us through art. We hope that this challenge inspires our youth to get involved and show just how amazing Sayreville really is.

Categories: Elementary (Grades K-5); Middle School (Grades 6-8); High School (Grades 9-12); Three Dimensional; Group Project (4 or more students). Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all categories, except the Group Project. One winner will be selected for the Group Project.

Please notify the Shade Tree Commission by April 16th if you will participate or you need additional information at:

Phone: 732-814-9964

Email: heather.sayrevilleshade-tree@gmail.com

Facebook: [@sayrevilleshadetree](https://www.facebook.com/sayrevilleshadetree)

TV Series Review: The Terror



By: Anton Massopust III

The new TV series produced by Ridley Scott on AMC, *The Terror*, tells the story of two ships, *The Terror* and *The Erebus*, which become stuck in the ice while searching for the Northwest Passage during the mid-1800s. The Arctic ice entombs the two ships and they are unable to go forward or to go back home. One Captain, Sir John, is determined to find a way to get through the ice to get to the Northwest Passage. The other captain, Captain Francis, believes that they must find a way to be rescued or to escape. On top of this, they discover an Inuit man and woman who say that if they don't get out of the ice, they will disappear. Some kind of creature stalks them below the ice and on top of it.

This series could become your new obsession as the claustro-

phobic places of the Arctic and within the closed quarters of the ship give you an uneasy feeling as if you are with them, and have nowhere to go. What is interesting to note is that all of this was done on a sound stage; the ships, however, are real.

There are only three episodes in on AMC and I am already interested to find out what happens next. In episode one, we find out how they were caught in the ice and see how the disagreement between the captains becomes direr as the situation worsens. In episode two, they find the two native people and realize something is stalking them. I won't even tell you about episode three; you will have to watch for yourself. If you love supernatural horror and a little bit of history you will love this, because, yes, much of this is based on a true story.

Scholarships Available

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Omega Mu Zeta Chapter of Middlesex County is now accepting applications from qualified High School Students living in Middlesex County, for one of five general scholarship awards to be used towards tuition, books, and supplies. Download the application from www.omegamuzeta.com. Requirements are as follows: minimum grade point average of (GPA) of 2.5, and demonstrate leadership through extra-curricular activities and community service. All scholarship winners must attend the Zeta Youth Rocks Awards Ceremony on Saturday, June 18, 2018.

The completed application along with required documents must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, May 1, 2018, to: Scholarship Committee Chairperson c/o Trina Goodwin, 149 George Street, Plainfield, NJ 07062. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Trina Goodwin at goodwintrina@hotmail.com

Jammin for Jaclyn

SAYREVILLE - The 5th Annual Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert will be held on April 21, 2018. 100% of the proceeds will go to Katya Hernandez and Chris Szatkowski, both fighting Cancer.

Take note of our new LARGER Venue, Knights of Columbus in Sayreville 775 Washington Road, Sayreville. Wheel Chair accessible and more parking. Please join us for an Endless Hot and Cold Buffet and Continuous Live Bands. \$25/pp Adults Only Please.

Cancer does not discriminate. Anyone can be struck at any time, please help. Contact Denise Morgan at 732-525-9536 or email jamminforjaclyn@gmail.com for further information. If you would like to donate prior to the event, checks can be made to RJC Charities Inc. Mail to 292 Stevens Avenue South Amboy NJ 08879.

[jamminforjaclyn.weebly.com](https://www.facebook.com/Jammin-for-Jaclyn-826847727403904/)
<https://www.facebook.com/Jammin-for-Jaclyn-826847727403904/>

www.amboyguardian.com

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: April 14th & 28th. 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. !!!!

Mikell's Plot at the Kearny Cottage

PERTH AMBOY – There will be a signing of Mikell's Plot new CD and Poster on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. With the purchase of \$10, you will receive a pair of complimentary tickets for Mikell's Plot performing at the Starland Ballroom on Friday, June 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. Mikell's Plot Drummer Eddie the Elf, who owns the second largest drum set in the world who was featured in the May 2018 Issue of Modern Drummer Magazine will be there as well. Also, local author Donald Gavron will be at the Cottage signing his books.

Letters to the Editor

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two months after the elevator stopped working, it is time for a location change and time for the City to be held responsible for their unjust, discriminatory, law breaking actions (or lack of action). According to the article, the elevator will be down for at least two more months (a quote from one of the attendees of the March 28th meeting). Next Monday, Wednesday and Thursday there are "public" meetings scheduled to take place in the same inaccessible location. I have attached the official notices published on the Amboy Guardians website to this email. Nowhere is there mentions of accommodations. Each excuse that has come my way regarding the location change has been debunked by myself with the help of

common sense and previous public events taking place in other locations. I am asking for our senators, congressman, Freeholders and assembly people to please help me push the City administration to make the location change. You are elected to speak for our constituents and push for what we need. I tell you, we need to respect the handicapped, we need to acknowledge the constitutional right to have a voice and to be able to be active members of our communities. We have rights to being able to leave our houses without being humiliated for being disabled. Unfortunately, this is not the first time Perth Amboy chooses to ignore its handicapped population. The City has gone as far as making

the handicapped seating at the location for the Mayor's State of the City Address "reserved" for students and made it difficult for the handicapped to sit in these seats. Similarly, police vehicles have parked in handicapped parking when regular parking was available. Enough is enough and it's time for a change. I am willing to meet with whoever to make these changes. I know there is a lot in this email but this is certainly not all of it. I look forward to getting responses.

Signed,

Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe
A Handicapped Community Leader

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, May 3, 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.

A.C. Bus Trip

St. John Paul II Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Tues. Apr. 24, 2018. Cost \$35 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:30 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

A.C. Bus Trip

Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN – The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Golden Nugget Casino A.C. Thursday 6/5/2018. Bus leaves 9:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Cost \$30. \$20 back in play; \$5 food voucher. Any questions: call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

Edison AARP

Ch. 3446

EDISON – **Events: April 19:** Paper Mill Playhouse - "The Sting"; **April 24:** Li Greci's Staaten, Staten Island, NY - "Billion Dollar Trio" plus dancing and lunch - For information call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 **May 4:** Hunterdon Hills - "Tapestry" Music of Carol King - Lunch and Show - For information call Rose at 732-738-8013

Various items for hospitals and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting, as well as canned food for MCFOOD. Be a guest at our meeting or visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org for additional information.

Women of the

Moose

Vendor Fair

PERTH AMBOY – There will be a Vendor Fair at the Perth Amboy Moose Lodge, April 15th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come buy all your favorite products! Vendors wanted: Please email Jndcarpenter420@gmail.com for further information.

Friends of

Perth Amboy

Free Public

Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 10, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (upstairs regular library), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 732-261-2610.

NJ Elks' Bikers

Rally to Benefit

Brain Injured

Children

-Stark & Stark to be a sponsor of special event in Old Bridge on April 14-

Press Release 4/6/18
OLD BRIDGE - The New Jersey Elks will be hosting the 15th annual Bikers Rally Across America for Brain Injured Children on Saturday, April 14, 2018. The event will take place at the Old Bridge Elks Lodge (67 Old Amboy Road in Old Bridge, NJ) from 1-6 p.m. The rally is open to the public with a donation of \$20 per person, and everyone is invited to enjoy live bands, DJ, food, and beverages. All proceeds will be donated to the Sayreville B.I.C. camp for brain injured children and the Camp ROBIN therapeutic recreation program in Old Bridge.


Stark & Stark, a full service local law firm, is a sponsor of the rally and will be presenting fun giveaways as well as addressing various legal topics for attendees. One of Stark & Stark's 30 practices, known informally as "the Riders' Lawyers," focuses solely on representing individuals injured as a result of motorcycle accidents.

"This event clearly demonstrates the New Jersey biker community's commitment to causes that help children in need throughout our state," said Bruce H. Stern, the chair of Stark & Stark's Traumatic Brain Injury practice and a partner with the firm. "The rally is a festive, fun day that also has a serious side—benefiting children who have traumatic brain injuries by providing them with enjoyable and therapeutic experiences that mean so much to them and their families."

Four bands featuring an array of musical styles will be on hand to provide entertainment: That Metal Band (hard rock & classic metal), Death Metallic (Metallica tribute), Junkyard Dogs (classic rock) and City Hicks (country). Escorted rides to the rally point will be leaving at Noon from Elks Lodges in South Amboy, Cranford, Bayonne, Manville, Brick, and Pompton Lakes.

Chris M. Pyne, chair of Stark & Stark's Motorcycle Injury practice and a partner with the firm, has been riding since 1996 and is a New Jersey Supreme Court Board certified trial attorney, and will also be on hand to answer legal questions. Pyne added, "In case of an accident, it's important to have an attorney who understands exactly what happened from the biker's point-of-view and how to communicate with insurance companies and juries about the dynamics of riding."

This gathering of bikers, along with friends and families who want to support brain injured children, promises to be a rewarding day to benefit a worthy cause. For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2JjPpfg>



New Jersey Retired Policemen and Firemen's Association Inc.

Counties of Middlesex and Monmouth – Local #9

P.O. Box 771 – Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

We the members of Local #9 are urging Gov. Murphy to conditionally veto S-5 for the following reasons:

Senate Bill S-5; Transfer Management of PFRS to Board of trustees of PFRS

- 1971 SCOTUS decision stated "unions represent current employees only and Retirees are, therefore are Not represented by their former unions." Unions and Retirees no longer share the "same community interests."
- There are more Retirees 46,547 in PFRS then the 41,519 active members. The retirees will have ONE seat on the Board while the active members have seven. This is totally unfair to the retirees who have a Majority of the members within PFRS. The NJRPFA should be fairly represented on the Board as they have more Police and Fire Retirees then the unions. Increase Board of Trustee Retired Trustee membership from one (1) to three (3). Where is the "Fundamental Fairness" when the Retiree has little or No voice on a board involving our Benefits?
- This bill is silent regarding
 - WHO is guarantor, in writing, of payments of our PFRS retirement allowances and;
 - Who is responsible for the continued payment of PFRS retirement allowances if the proposed management transfer fails? WHO pays our monthly pensions if the Unions are unable to fulfill its promises dues to public employer contributions and/or poor investment strategies?
- Paragraph 15, Section 13 of P.L. 1944, c. 255 (C. 43: 16A-13) is amended to read as follows, "The Board determines to be reasonable and appropriate or modify any such benefit as an "ALTERNATIVE TO AN INCREASE IN THE MEMBER CONTRIBUTION RATE of payments of our PFRS retirement allowances. The Board may decrease the Retirees Benefits. This again shows the actives are not going to protect the Retiree Benefits.

We, the members of Local#9, ask everyone to write or email Gov. Murphy to conditionally veto S-5 till the above corrections are inserted into the final bill. Those Police Officer and Fire Fighter who protected you when they were on the job now need you to protect them in their retirement.

Local #9

Meet the Author: Geoffrey Cook

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are happy to host Geoffrey Cook on Saturday, April 21st at 1:00 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Perth Amboy Library located at 196 Jefferson St.

Geoffrey's book, Veronica and the Volcano, is an exciting adventure story. Ten-year old Veronica lives in a high-tech, gadget-filled house on the slope of an active volcano. Eruptions are part of life, as she watches from the protective shields of her home or from her family's well-equipped Lava Car. When she leaves on a quest to find rare white volcanic pearls, she leads everyone into a series of incredible adventures.

The book is geared for grades 4-6, with educational elements. It is designed to stir young readers' interest in science while entertaining them. Kids will root for this brave young girl and while they are cheering her on, they'll learn as well.

Books will be available for purchase. For more information on Geoffrey, visit his website at www.geoffreycook.com

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

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



**“As a physician,
I want to bring awareness
to women to take time
for themselves!”**

***Renee,
CWO, Montclair***



OUR PURPOSE IS POSITIVELY PINKER!

As we Pink On across the state, Hackensack Meridian *Health* has expanded the mission of Paint the Town Pink to improve our overall state of well-being. Add your annual wellness visit to your to-do list and commit to one positive change.

For the 411 on events in your town throughout May, call 844-Pink-411 or visit PaintTheTownPink.com.



Don't forget to register for Women Rock on October 21, part of Hackensack Meridian Health's Lyrics for Life.



**Hackensack
Meridian Health**

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

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

The British First Army's IX Corps, which includes the U.S. 34th Infantry Division, attacks the Foundouk Pass in Tunisia on April 9, 1943. Axis forces manage to hold the area, however, until they can successfully disengage the bulk of their units from the fighting. In Ukraine, the Germans begin liquidating the Jewish ghetto of Zboriv. Around 2,300 people are shot the first day.

U.S. Army Air Force bombers sink the Italian heavy cruiser *Trieste* in a raid over Sardinia on April 10. The vessel had earlier been disabled by a torpedo from an Allied submarine. British forces under Gen. Bernard Montgomery capture the Tunisian port of Sfax. The city will be a jumping-off base for an invasion of Sicily.

On April 11, Japanese planes, as part of "Operation *I-Go*," attack Allied ships off Papua-New Guinea. In Utah, James Wakasa, a Japan-born U.S. citizen interned at the Topaz War Relocation Center, is shot and killed by a military policeman for venturing too close to the compound's fence. At a subsequent court martial, the MP is acquitted of any wrongdoing.

The British Eighth Army on April 12 takes Sousse, Tunisia, about 75 miles south of Tunis, and claims that 20,000 Axis prisoners have been taken in Tunisia since March 20th. Defeat for the Axis forces in Africa now seems inevitable: Allied sea and air control denies them any reinforcements. Axis commanders are determined to fight on, however, to delay any Allied plan to invade Italy until the autumn, when deteriorating weather is likely to disrupt any Allied landings. In the Pacific, Japanese planes, as part of "Operation *I-Go*," attack the airfield at Port Moresby in Papua-New Guinea. The raid has little strategic effect. In Berlin, Martin Bormann is appointed Secretary to Adolf Hitler, the second-highest office in Nazi Germany. In London, Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Kingsley Wood announces that the war has cost Great Britain £13 billion to date, and is costing £15 million per day. (In April 1943, £1.00 equals US\$2.57.)

The Japanese continue "Operation *I-Go*" on April 13, with an attack on British ships at Milne Bay, Papua-New Guinea. In Washington, D.C., President Roosevelt dedicates the Jefferson Memorial. It is the 200th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth. An original of the Declaration of Independence — temporarily removed from the vaults at Ft. Knox, Kentucky — is displayed for one week in the monument to its principal author. In Germany, Radio Berlin announces that the *Wehrmacht* (German armed forces) has discovered the mass graves of another 10,000 Poles killed by the Soviets in the Katyn massacre.

Joseph Stalin's son Yakov — an artillery officer in the Red Army, captured July 16, 1941, at Smolensk, Russia, — commits suicide on April 14 in a German POW camp at Sachsenhausen, Germany, by running into an electrified fence. This follows his father's refusal of a German offer to exchange him for German Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus, captured by the Soviets at Stalingrad. Stalin supposedly said, "I will not trade a marshal for a lieutenant." The Soviet 14th Army repulses a German attack to the southeast of Leningrad. U.S. Senator Harry Truman of Missouri, speaking in Chicago at a "Rally to Demand the Rescue of Doomed Jews," calls upon the U.S. to directly address the ongoing murder of European Jews.

In the Aleutian Islands, U.S. forces on April 15 prepare for an invasion of Attu Island, held by the Japanese. The Army's 7th Infantry Division, which had been preparing for deployment in North Africa, is earmarked for the operation. In Berlin, Adolf Hitler approves "Operation Citadel," a German offensive aimed at a large Soviet salient near Kursk, Russia. The plan is that Army Group Centre and Army Group South will execute a double envelopment, surround five Soviet armies, and "strangle" the salient.

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***Celebrate!
Year of the Dog
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Press Release 4/9/18
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Sally is special because she was rescued as a kitten from being a feral and has brought us so much joy and laughter with her adorable personality. Here she is cooling off in the sink. Love, Beth

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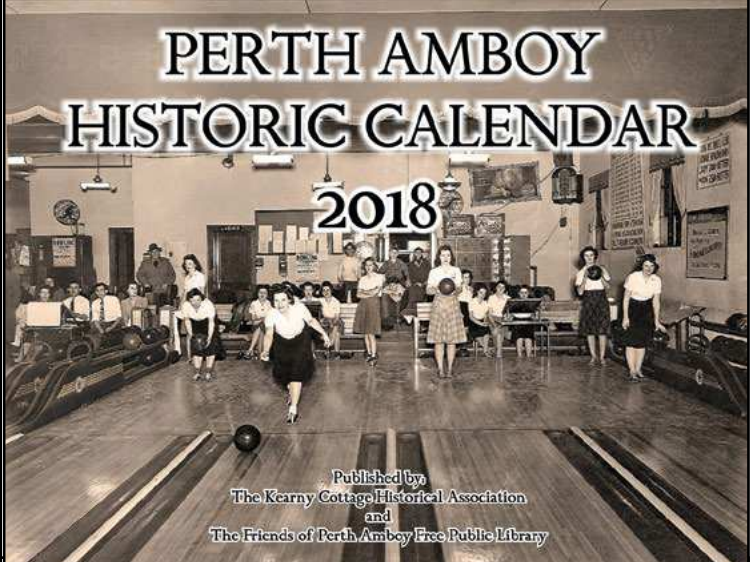
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Novena to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand. Assure me that I am not alone. You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and Gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me (*mention your request here.*) Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and guide me with thy strength. Plead for me in my needs. And teach me to be humbly thankful as you were for all the bountiful blessings I am to receive. Amen *A.L.S.*

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Thank you, Saint Jude L.D.

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Thank you, Saint Jude A.L.S.

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.

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LOOKING BACK



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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

TUES. Apr. 10

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. Apr. 11	Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
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THURS. Apr. 12 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon
Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.

MON. Apr. 16	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
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WED. Apr. 18	Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
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- Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,
Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

THURS. Apr. 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

MON. Apr. 23	Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
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WED. May 2 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,
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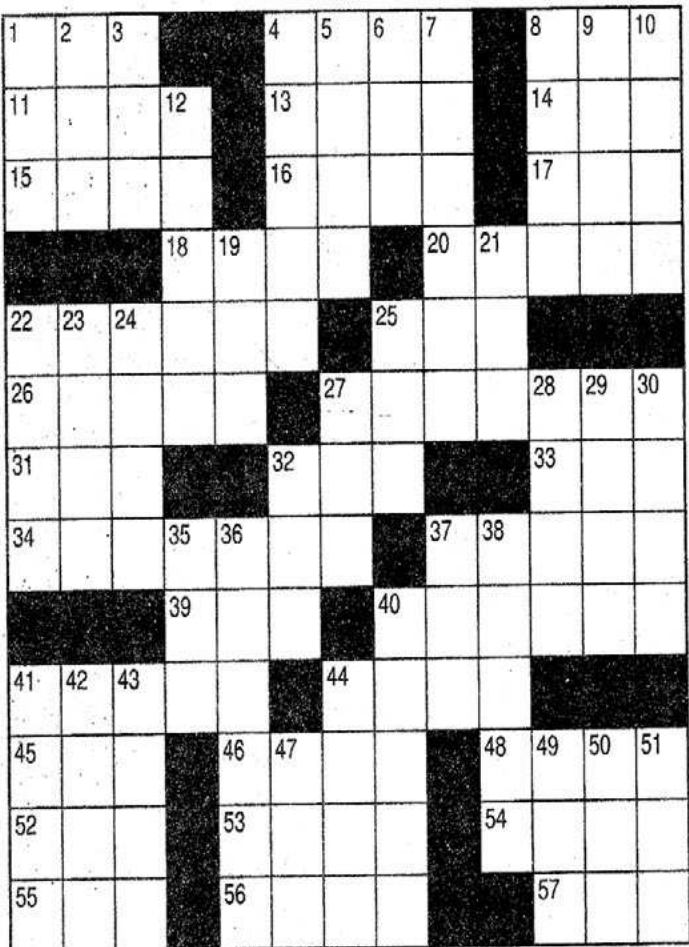
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