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Not Letting It Go: Former B.A.'s Unexpected Departure Still Takes Centerstage 6/27/18 Council Meeting



Members of the Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department are presented with a Mayoral Citation for participating in the Perth Amboy Fire Safety Initiative Program. Acting B.A. Jill Goldy is seated on the right.

PERTH AMBOY – During the first Public Comments at the 6/27/18 Council Meeting, Resident and Businessman David Caba came up to speak. He wanted to know, “Did the old Business Administrator resign, get fired, or what? Taxpayers pay the B.A.’s salary. Is he still getting paid? I also heard a rumor that someone else resigned? Is that person still getting a salary?”

Law Director Peter King responded, “This (the B.A.) was an Administrative appointment. He was appointed March 2016 and had a contract. He was not removed for good cause. He was not going to be reappointed again.”

Council President Bill Petrick then commented, “I heard he resigned.”

King then told the Council, “You will introduce in a new ordinance as to what you can do regarding this matter. Any Business Administrator can get paid under the circumstances that he left. You can discuss this in closed session.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke up and stated, “You are asking me to spend an additional \$50,000 without giving me a reason why (the former B.A.) left.”

King responded, “He wasn’t fired. He just wasn’t reappointed. Your ordinance requires you pay additional money.”

David Caba then continued, “If he didn’t do anything wrong, he can get paid. Someone received a \$12,000 increase in their salary with less than 2 years on the job and they re-



CFO/Comptroller/Interim B.A. Jill Goldy momentarily departs the Council Chambers after Fernando Gonzalez voted "No" to make Goldy the Interim B.A.
*Photos by C. Maxwell

signed so I heard. Let’s be honest – there’s more to this.”

King responded to David Caba’s comments: “I’ve heard rumors. If you have any information, please give it to me. You’ve made an allegation. I’ve not found anything.”

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up next and questioned if certain behavior with a subordinate “constituted a moral dilemma?” He then said, “I see two new Resolutions that weren’t here before. R-304-6/18 – Appointing Jill A. Goldy CFO/Comptroller to serve as a Temporary Interim B.A. for an additional annual salary of \$36,000. Another Resolution R-305-6/18 – Authorizing a contract for Interim City and Administrative Services at an hourly rate \$135/hr.

Baratta asked, “Why two new resolutions for replacement for one guy? Why was there a failure to reappoint if there was no expiration date on the (contract)? Why wasn’t there a reappointment a year and a half ago?”

King responded that when a Mayor’s term expires, Directors have to be reappointed. “

Alan Silber came up next, “On Monday (6/25/18/) at the Caucus Meeting, you talked about the Business Administrator contract. You used the word supersede. Now we’re talking about City Codes. The State Codes and the City Codes are the same. The state statute says “may” not “shall”. You can do anything you want and still get paid. It’s taxpayer’s dollars. He (King) knows there’s more to it than this. Somebody in the Court System resigned. This is a misuse of our taxpayer’s dollars. We’re going to pay him (Former B.A. Cruz) so the Mayor doesn’t get embarrassed.”

Silber then questioned, “Can the B.A. and CFO be the same person?”

King responded, “In some cities, that can happen.”

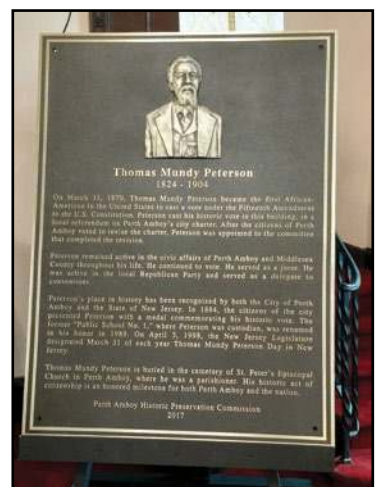
Before sitting down, Silber responded, “It’s a conflict. You should hold off on your votes.”

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Thomas Mundy Peterson

PERTH AMBOY - Unveiling of Thomas Mundy Peterson Plaque & Wreath Laying on his Grave Site - See Story & Photos pp. 12 & 14



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Summer Fun at the Dowdell Library

Press Release 7/9/18
SOUTH AMBOY - Summer
fun highlights at the Dowdell
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Family Name That Tune, Bilingual
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grams, Nostalgia Night, MIY
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of the summer.

Put your musical knowledge
to test on Friday, July 13 from
3-4:30 pm for Family Name
That Tune. This fast, paced, mu-
sical game has players listening
to a sample of music, and then
guessing the name of the song
and musical artist.

Come in for the Bilingual
Storytime and listen to stories
in Spanish/English on Monday,
July 16 from 3:30-4:30 pm

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and teens, an innovative anima-
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Party at the End of Summer
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3-4:30 pm! Enjoy cool refresh-
ments and look for clues to take
part in a scavenger hunt for
prizes!

Party with Dowdell Library
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Texas Roadhouse for stories
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

It was a Happy Occasion and also Sad



Kenyans lining up at dusk at a polling station in downtown Nairobi. *AP



Suffragettes *AP

The day finally arrived, and the Thomas Mundy Peterson Plaque was unveiled at Historic St. Peter’s Episcopal Church where Thomas Mundy Peterson was a member, and is the site of his final resting place. On the program were many speakers who spoke about the importance of Thomas Mundy Peterson casting a historic vote as the first Black man to vote after the passage of the 15th Amendment. This vote took place in the Historic City of Perth Amboy.

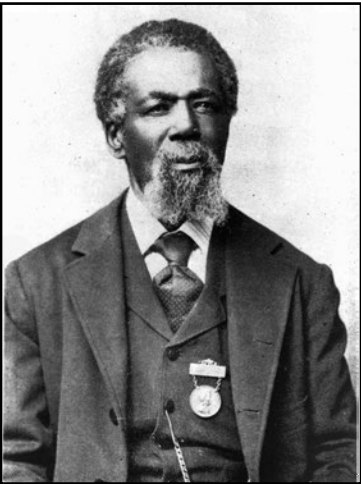
Thomas Mundy Peterson had a personal connection to two powerful men (J.L. Kearny and Marcus Spring) who encouraged him to vote. This sealed Peterson’s importance in American and Perth Amboy history. Peterson was an honorable man, who was very community minded and well respected. He wanted to make sure he was the first Black voter before he was presented with any kind of recognition.

Historian John Dyke mentioned in his speech that if Thomas Mundy Peterson were alive today, he would wish Perth Amboy a happy 300th anniversa-

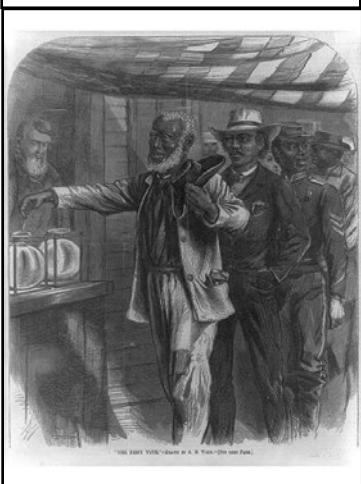
ry of being incorporated. I, myself would wonder what Thomas Mundy Peterson would think of the low voter turnout in Perth Amboy today. I feel he would have a tinge of sadness. He would be looking at the number of people registered to vote in Perth Amboy and wonder why a majority who can vote, don’t. He probably would wonder of what he did was that important if most people do not exercise the right to vote.

I wonder what Thomas Mundy Peterson would think of the dismal voter turnout today. If I was Thomas Mundy Peterson, this is what I would be thinking:

Look at what I and others before me had to go through just for the right to vote. On that day that I cast my vote, I as a Black Man could vote but many others could not. Most women couldn’t vote until the passage of the 19th Amendment. The voter age was lowered to 18 years old in the 26th Amendment. I constantly see voter registration signs in windows urging people to sign up. I guess they do so, but I don’t know what occurs on election



Thomas Mundy Peterson



"The First Vote" by Alfred R. Waud 11/16/1867 Illus. in: Harper's weekly, v. 11, no. 568

day. I see now they make it so easy for people to vote. They actually mail you ballots that you can mail back. In my day, only soldiers could vote absentee. I’m looking at other countries where people line up for hours and put their lives in danger just for a chance to vote. In these polling locations there are armed guards are posted. Still, in some of these countries not everyone can vote. I was so proud when the citizens of Perth Amboy awarded me with a distinguished medal. I wore it proudly. I love the community of Perth Amboy and the people and the state of New Jersey. I’m glad to see such rich history and to be a part of it. I just don’t understand what happened to make people so disinterested in democracy.

Let’s face it, we are a majority, minority City of which the majority don’t vote. Run-offs would be a waste of time and money. As far as I’m concerned, I really don’t care if people vote or not. I’m tired of begging people to vote. People are adults. There’s a saying: you can take a horse to water, but you can’t make them drink. If only 10 people decide the outcome of an election, so be it. I’m not holding anybody hands or making any excuses. A majority of people are not restricted, they just choose not to vote. They know what to do – be a grown-up. I’m no longer holding your hand. **C.M.**

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Addressing Recreational Marijuana is only the Beginning in Drug Fight

I attended the June 20th South Amboy City Council meeting where I heard resident Kim Seber speak so passionately about the ramifications of the potential legalization of recreational marijuana in the city. I’ve had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with her on several occasions and feel that she is one of the region’s most vocal drug abuse treatment advocates and has worked tirelessly to help find solutions to the problem and save lives. I am in full agreement with Ms. Seber in believing that South Amboy has no place for legal recreational marijuana dispensaries, shops or stores because the risks outweigh any potential positives.

Back on April 19th, Ms. Seber and I attended a marijuana legalization discussion forum in Perth Amboy. Later, that evening I posted on my Facebook page that I believed the legalization of recreational marijuana could lead to a significant increase in the use of other recreational drugs, including opiates, and that much more needed to be examined before making such a quick decision on something that could have such crucial consequences such as addiction, an increase in crime and most importantly, the potentials of overdose and death.

I am a retired Middlesex County sheriff’s officer who has seen first-hand what drug addiction and related crimes can lead to. I am a proponent of stricter drug laws regarding the dispensing of substances for mere recreational purposes. I am in favor of the use of medicinal marijuana, provided the drug is dispensed in a medically con-

trolled and regulated environment or facility. However, recreational marijuana is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

Two years ago, I campaigned to become Middlesex County sheriff where I gained an even better understanding of what drug abuse can do to not only its victims but to their family members, as well as the communities they live in. During my campaign, I released “The Pisar Plan,” my own five-point strategy to combat the deadly drug abuse problem in Middlesex County, which has some of the highest drug deaths in the state. Law enforcement officers, recovery specialists, medical professionals, and educators are fighting abuse and addiction each and every day and we need to support them. Not make it more difficult.

While I am pleased our local elected officials now want to take up the issue of stopping recreational marijuana facilities in South Amboy before they become legal, the council and mayor need to focus on addressing and stopping opioid/heroin abuse, overdoses and deaths within the city, which should have been a top priority in the first place.

I am a candidate for South Amboy mayor and if elected, I will be sure to work hard to end the drug crisis by applying relevant components of “The Pisar Plan” to my overall drug abuse mitigation plan to help stem the tide of drug addiction, overdose, and death. Doing whatever we can to keep recreational marijuana facilities from opening right in here in the city is paramount. However, we must not ignore the prescription opioid and heroin problems that we are presently faced with in South Amboy and finish what hasn’t even really started.

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

Historic Surveyor General's Office

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

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

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

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Perth Amboy

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City Hall, High St.

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WED. Jul. 11 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
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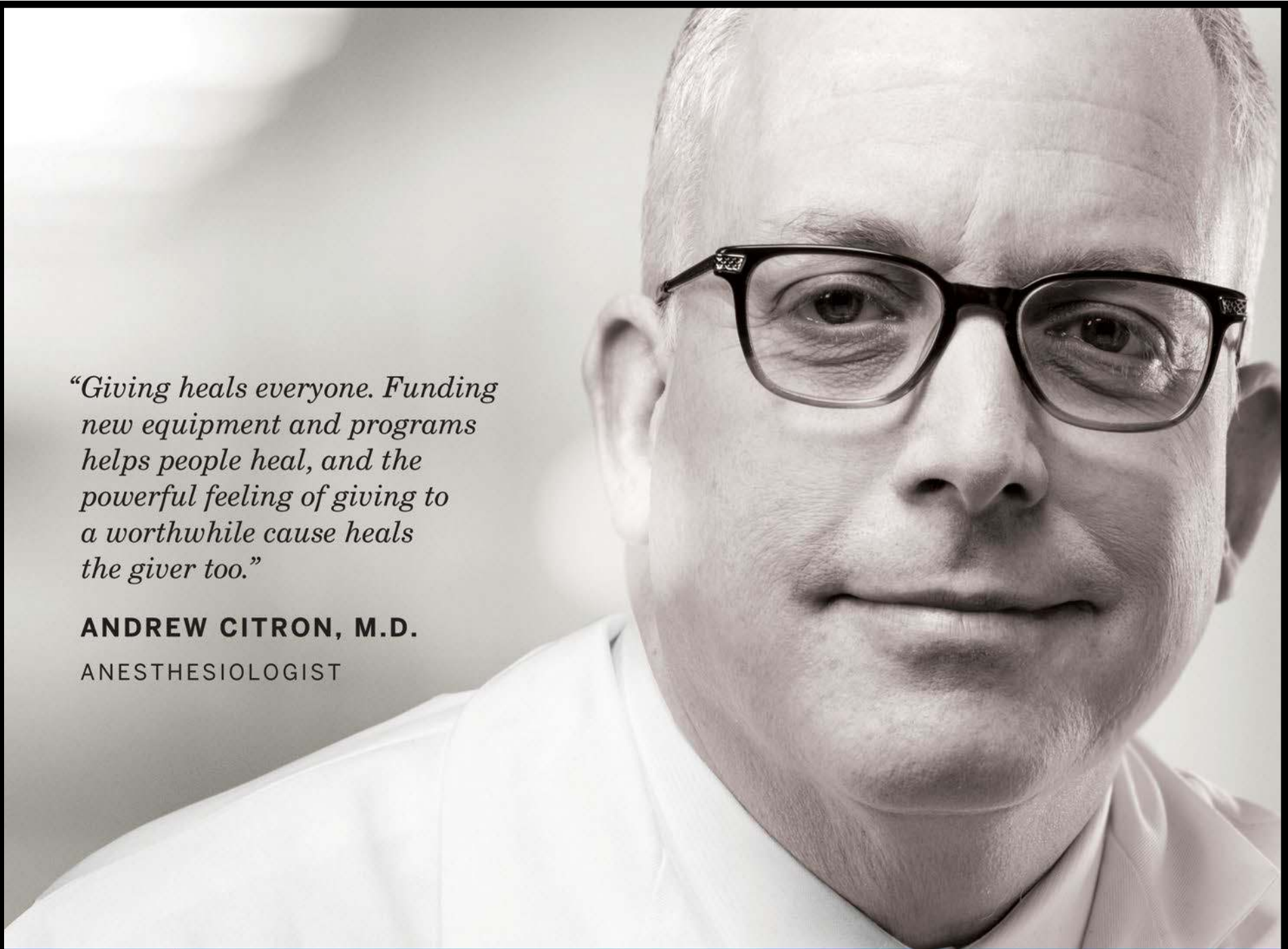
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Questions Arise on Proposed New Pay Stations 6/25/18 Caucus

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Petrack replied, “A letter can be sent to the Council President. It wasn’t presented to the Council. You should go ask the Administration.”

Baratta then continued, “I heard there was a resignation in the court system. You (the Council) would know only if you would get a letter.”

Alan Silber came up to speak next, “How many pay stations? And how many parking meters are in the City?”

Walensky came forward, “There’s 13 pay stations and over 700 parking meters.”

Silber then asked the Council, “Was there a letter sent about the former B.A. leaving and will he get paid?”

Law Director Peter King responded, “He (Former B.A. Cruz) will get paid for 3 months. He had a contract. The contract supersedes ordinance.”

Silber then continued, “There was a question about another former B.A. leaving. People act like a crime was committed and we are paying him (Cruz) for sitting at home.”

Resident David Caba came up to speak next. He mentioned that one of the Councilmen made remarks that a resident will come up here and speak, but doesn’t stay for the whole Meeting to hear the Council Comments. “I’m not obligated

to stay here for the whole Meeting. How many times did Pabon come to Meetings before he got elected? Why should I stay here and listen to lies? Maybe people don’t come here because they weren’t informed. We get attacked when we come here.” He then questioned, “Did the former B.A. (Cruz) resign or quit? I bet Pabon didn’t attend any meetings before he got elected. A leader takes a stand. We are lacking leadership in this City.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up to speak, “I had watched the last Council Meeting (June 13, 2018) on TV. I have talked about overcrowding and illegal housing. It was indicated that we have to attract a different kind of people. It’s disingenuous to rezone the entire downtown. How will this help the businesses if one developer is more prominent? You represent the people. We don’t discount the minority for the majority.” Hubberman then asked, “Will there be parking meters on Amboy Avenue?” She then indicated that the businesses there said that the 3 hour parking limit there is just fine.

Another Resident came up to speak about the proposed changes in the downtown area. “Look at the Master Plan. Anyone with half a brain will know that more units will impact schools. Vote “No” on the changes.”

Lopez, Benson and Egan Jones Bill Establishing NJT Office of Real Estate Economic Development Advances Out of Assembly

Press Release 6/21/18

TRENTON – Legislation sponsored by Assembly Members Yvonne Lopez, Daniel Benson and Patricia Egan Jones requiring the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJT) to establish an office of real estate economic development and transit-oriented development advanced Thursday by the General Assembly by a vote of 74-2-0.

“NJ Transit is the second largest landholder in the state, and there has never been a listing of all their properties,” said Lopez (D-Middlesex). “This will help us moving forward in determining how to allocate funding to ensure that there are no wasted dollars.”

Under the bill (A-3654), the Office would assess and develop recommendations for economic development and transit-oriented development opportunities for parcels of real estate property in which NJT holds a property interest in order to increase their non-fare revenue sources.

“Exploring ways to increase NJ Transit revenue without hiking fares on riders is absolutely critical to reforming the agency,” said Benson (D-Mercer/Middlesex). “Increased revenue for NJ Transit means better, safer and more efficient service for all New Jersey Transit custom-

ers.”

NJT would have to report annually to the governor and legislature on an inventory of each parcel of real estate property in which the NJT holds a property interest, as well as any revenue NJT receives from that property interest.

“This will add transparency to NJ Transit and allow us to greater understand what funding is necessary,” said Egan Jones (D-Camden/Gloucester). “This will help both us in the legislature, as well as those in NJ Transit, serve our residents better.”

The Assembly Appropriations Committee was approved the measure during an afternoon session. The bill was approved by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on May 10 and the Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 4. It will now go to the Senate awaiting further action.

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Not Letting It Go: Former B.A.’s Unexpected Departure Still Takes Centerstage 6/27/18 Council Meeting

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CFO/Comptroller Jill Goldy who was sitting up-front with the Council responded to some of the remarks made by the speakers. She stated that when she was informed by the Mayor that the Business Administrator resigned, the Mayor asked her to be the Interim B.A. “The Mayor can make a temporary appointment. I would not vacate my CFO position and I asked if (Former B.A.) Fehrenbach could partner with me because of a conflict of duty (my position as a CFO) and also as a Business Administrator. Because of my 19 years of experience with the City as a CFO/Comptroller and Fehrenbach’s 45 years of experience, we can address the Council, Mayor, Administrators, and Director’s needs. I felt it was important for the Council to approve my temporary appointment and also for Greg’s appointment. Greg would be putting in anywhere between 15 – 20 hours per week. I felt I needed to be compensated for additional responsibilities (day to day). Fehrenbach can assist with finding a new Business Administrator. He will look at the bill list that I may have to sign off on. Fehrenbach said it may take 3-6 months to get a new B.A. We have to put arrangements in place to post an advertisement for a B.A. My additional salary of \$36,000 would be divided into 24 months.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry questioned, “Will we have to re-appoint you after 90 days if no B.A. is found?”

Law Director Peter King responded, “Yes.”

Goldy then stated, “I will not apply for the Business Administrator Job.”

When the public was allowed to speak again, Alan Silber stated, “You don’t have the option of ignoring a statute. You should just appoint Jill Goldy as Business Administrator and put in a request for a Chief Financial Officer.”

When it came to vote on the Resolutions, Councilman Fernando Irizarry made a motion to approve R-251 thru R-281, and R-283 thru R-284, R-286 thru R-290, R-292 thru R-294, R-296, R-298 thru R-299, R-302 thru R-303.

For R-291, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez wanted to table, “I read the report and went to look at the place for a closer look at it. The only person who voted “No” to table was Council President Bill Petrick.

R-282 was voided; R-285 – Jill Goldy said the Administration asked that this be pulled. – Accepting the proposal and awarding a contract to Center State Engineering for professional Engineering Services related to the Housing Study for the Department of Human Services in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

R-295 was voided. Goldy said the Administration also asked that R-297-6/18 Accepting the

bid and awarding a contract to IPS for parking pay stations in an amount not to exceed \$208,500.

R-300-6/18 was voided. R-301-6/18 was pulled for a separate vote – Authorizing a contract with Test Products International Inc. for the purchase of single gas (CO Monitors PGM-100 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Councilman Irizarry asked that this be pulled for a separate vote. This was moved by Councilman Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba. When it was voted on individually, all said “Yes” except for Councilman Irizarry who voted, “No.”

Now, the Council had to vote for the last two Late-Starter Resolutions which require a unanimous Council approval for consideration. R-304-6/18 Consenting to the appointment of Jill A. Goldy, CFO of the City of Perth Amboy to serve as Temporary Acting Business Administrator for an additional annual salary of \$36,000. The Council was polled: Helmin Caba “Yes”; Fernando Gonzalez, “No” – Resolution did not pass.

R-305-6/18 – Approving and accepting the proposal from Government Management Advisors, LLC and authorizing a contract with said for Interim City Administrator Services at an hourly rate of \$135 an hour. It was moved by Councilman Helmin Caba and seconded by Councilman Fernando Irizarry. All Voted “Yes.”

After these two Late-Starters were voted on, Councilman Helmin Caba asked, “Who will be the Interim B.A.?”

At that point, Jill Goldy started to pick up her books and notes which she had on the table in front of her and left the Council Chambers. She stated she was leaving the Meeting because her Interim Appointment had to be unanimous. She said she agreed to this position only if it was approved that way.

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up to speak at the last public portion. In apparent reference to Jill Goldy’s leaving the Council Chambers, Baratta stated, “Did a City Director just go home because she didn’t get a raise? We go through Business Administrators and Attorneys like who know what. This is the level of professionalism we have?”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry answered, “You don’t know her and you should not speculate.”

Baratta answered back, “You should not defend this (her actions).”

Resident Alan Silber came up next. “This (2 Late-Starters) should never have been on the agenda. The State and City Statutes say the same thing. When Perlee (Former B.A. under the Vas Administration) left, he was replaced by Dianne Roman. Vas helped her. The Law Director ignored the City Code. Goldy knew there was a problem. The Business Administrator doesn’t need to be certified. There has to be a separation of money. She (Goldy) told you so.”

David Caba came up to speak, “We don’t get proper information. I know there’s more to this and there is an investigation going on. The truth is going to come out and this is an insult to the taxpayers. You are on taxpayer’s terms. How long was the person in their position who got a \$12,000 raise? How many Police Officers or Department of Public Works Employees got a \$12,000 raise (in a short period of time)? The City Council should be aware of any pending investigations. People watch the news and many taxpayers will be informed. This will be in Spanish and English. I’ve been a taxpayer for over 30 years.”

Law Director King responded, “I’ve asked people who come here to give me facts. Any agencies will send out subpoenas requesting documents if they are doing investigations.”

Jill Goldy came back into the Council Chambers to let the Council know that she put in a phone call to Greg Fehrenbach in regards to the vote on the two Late-Starter Resolutions. Goldy then informed the Council that Fehrenbach said the proposal was to work with herself (Goldy) and he withdrew his proposal (after she was voted down).

Council Comments followed: Helmin Caba wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said he wanted to set up a Zoning Board Meeting that was cancelled. “I believe there is a conflict of interest with the CFO and the B.A. You can’t have the same person who controls the money sign off on it. We keep breaking our ordinances. We need to know the facts. The community trusts us, but we don’t have the facts. To spend \$50,000 of taxpayer’s money without knowing what’s going on is a waste of money.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke next. “When did you discover it was a conflict? It was my understanding that the Business Administrator resigned. I need clarification. A person resigning is different from removal. It looks like he’s getting paid no matter what. Can the CFO and B.A. be the same person? I want to thank Miss Goldy and her resolution as to what can be done. She has integrity and honesty and answers my questions thoroughly and she has no malice against the City.” He then wished everyone a happy Fourth of July.

Council President Bill Petrick stated, “Comcast is failing the City with poor sound quality. I want to thank Goldy for her time as CFO and B.A. (referring to B.A. Cruz’s sudden departure). He wished everyone a happy Fourth of July.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez had one last remark, “We need to bring people here to answer questions or have Mr. King investigate more.”

Councilman Joel Pabon was absent due to an emergency.

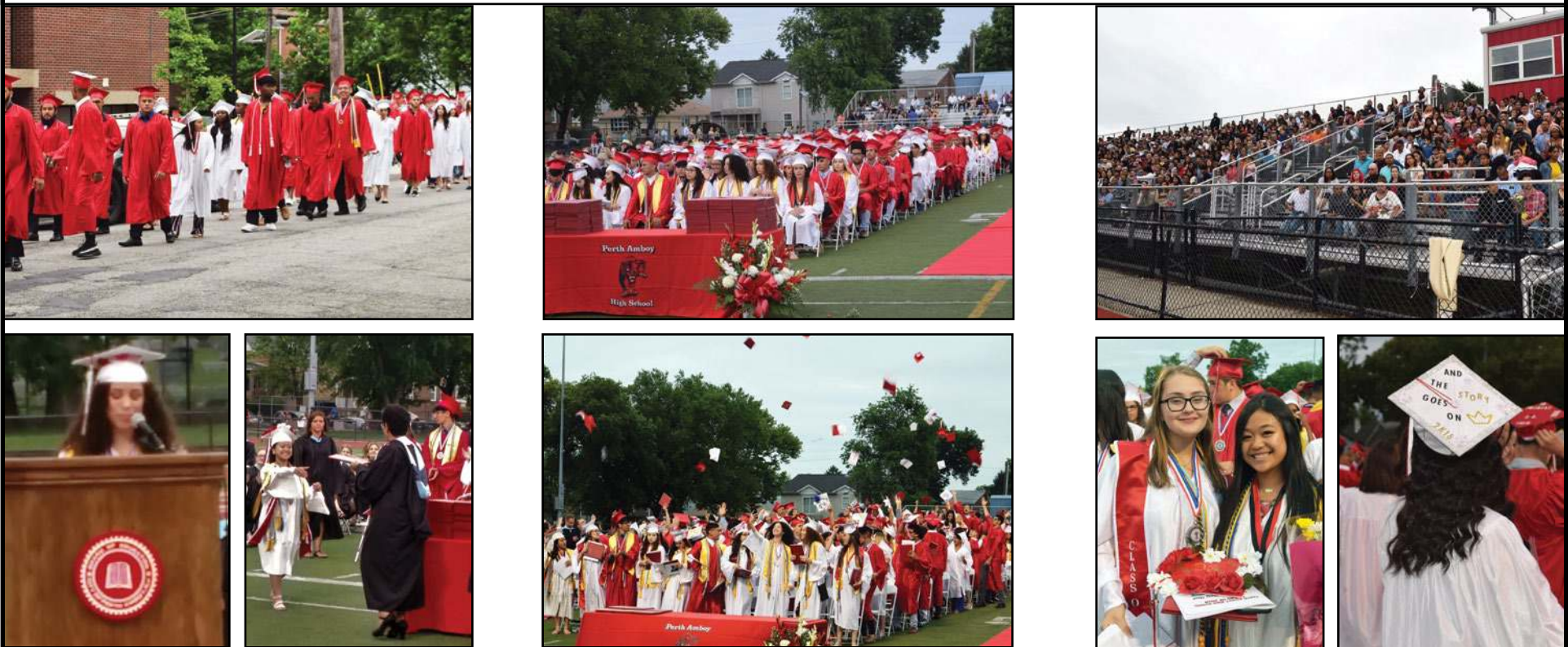
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PERTH AMBOY - PRAHD Kindergarten Graduation *Photos by Paul W. Wang



SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy High School Graduation 6/25/18 Grace S. Gonzalez was the Valedictorian and Benjamin S. Henry II was the Salutatorian
*Photos by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School Graduation 6/27/18. The Valedictorian is Wen Shao; the Salutatorian is Anastasia Kodak, and the Senior Class President is Kimberly Santiago. 111 Seniors received the Seal of Biliteracy Award *Photos by Katherine Massopust

Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Edison 6/16/18

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BBQ Pig Roast Fundraiser, Perth Amboy 7/7/18

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Patriotic Boat Parade & Fireworks Spectacular - 7/3/18 Perth Amboy/South Amboy

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South Amboy Festivities



Mayor Wilda Diaz



Yolanda Flores (L) with Goddaughter Jennifer Mendoza (R)



Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Chair Barry Rosengarten (C) with his wife, Nicole (L) and Garden State Fireworks Co-Owner Augustine Santore (R)



(L to R) Barry Rosengarten, WCTC 1450 AM Radio Personality Bert Baron, and Nicole Rosengarten



South Amboy Council President and Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Co-Chair Mickey Gross (R)



Petra Best Realty Owner Enrique Hernandez (L)



Ana Zevallos (L) and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (R)



Perth Amboy Carvel Owners Rosa and Richard Stakovsky



Irving Lozada with his daughter



View of the Yacht Club at Sunset



Enjoying the Festivities along Sadowski Parkway



A crowd filled with anticipation



Ringling of the Liberty Bell - 7/4/18 Perth Amboy City Hall Circle

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Procession from the Proprietary House



Color Guard



Jeanette Rios



Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez Gives the Invocation

Ringing of the Liberty Bell - 7/4/18 Perth Amboy City Hall Circle

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Kurt Epps as Royal Gov-
ernor William Franklin



John K. Dyke



Tashi Vazquez



William Kurzenberger



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Dan Hedberg



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Mayor Diaz speaks about Perth Amboy's rich history



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Honoring Perth Amboy’s Thomas Mundy Peterson: The First African-American Voter Under the 15th Amendment



PERTH AMBOY - Finally, the day arrived and the official plaque honoring Thomas Mundy Peterson was unveiled at a ceremony that took place at Historical St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Perth Amboy. The importance of having this event at St. Peter’s Church is because Thomas Mundy Peterson was a parishioner there, and that is his final resting place along with other Perth Amboy notables.

The church was filled not only with residents from Perth Amboy, but from other towns and out of states. Anna Wilkins Daily who is a member of the Perth Amboy Historic Preservation Commission and was the driving force for the Thomas Mundy Peterson Project introduced the speakers. She spearheaded the committee to make this day possible.

The plaque will eventually be hung in the Perth Amboy City Council Chambers.

The Historic Preservation Committee had a discussion on how to honor Thomas Mundy Peterson. Several ideas came to the table including a statue

of Thomas Mundy Peterson to be put on the site of where his house used to stand. Also discussed was a plaque to be hung in the City Hall Council Chambers so that future generations would know the importance of Thomas Mundy Peterson’s historic vote. The then Chair of the Perth Amboy Historic Preservation Commission, Reinaldo Aviles went to Buckeye Partners and asked them to fund the cost of the plaque. Buckeye agreed. The Commission composed the writing on the plaque which was verified by local historians. HPC Commissioner Anna Daily was like a gnat to the City Council who pushed the plaque through. Anna Daily made it her mission to make sure this happened. It finally came to fruition on Friday, June 29, 2018.

Daily enlisted the help of Perth Amboy Resident Dorothy Carty-Daniel who is the one who was instrumental in renaming the Elementary School on State Street the Thomas Mundy Peterson School. Peterson worked as a Custodian at that school. Daniel was persistent in bring-

ing Thomas Mundy Peterson’s Medal (awarded to him by the Citizens of Perth Amboy when it was authenticated he was the first Black voter under the 15th Amendment) temporarily back home last year. She personally contacted Xavier University who owns the medal to agree to her request.

Besides Anna Daily, others who spoke included: Mayor Wilda Diaz, Tahesha Way (New Jersey Secretary of State), Perth Amboy City Historian Anton Massopust, Historians John Dyke and Gordon Bond, Carole Dortch -Wright (Executive Board Member of PRAHD), Congressman Pallone and a Representative for Senator Cory Booker (The First African-American Senator from New Jersey).

When Mayor Diaz made her remarks, she thanked Buckeye, the City Council, the HPC, especially Anna Daily and Melvinia Knight. “Peterson was ahead of his time,” Diaz stated. She mentioned how many of the people of Perth Amboy respected and embraced him at that time. “I’m

proud of the work done here. This is just the beginning of us honoring him and we hope to build a monument.”

NJ Secretary of State Tahesha Way thanked Anna Daily and the City of Perth Amboy for inviting her to this momentous occasion. “Peterson became active in his community and we embrace all Americans. The right to vote is maximized and protected. In 1965, the Voting Rights Act was passed and in 2013 it was struck down. Voter discrimination exists. This plaque is to strive for a more perfect union. Individual voices do matter. Governor Murphy sends his regards.”

When City Historian Anton Massopust came up to speak, he said, “St. Peter’s is the oldest Religious Congregation in New Jersey. The day that Peterson cast his vote, he was taking care of horses. James Lawrence Kearny happened to see him and told him today he could exercise his right to vote. Thomas Mundy Peterson then went home for lunch, and met Marcus Spring who told him he could go vote.” Massopust then mentioned the

custom of the Blackfeet Tribe (American Plains Indians) having sage in their moccasins when going on a new adventure (for luck). “Peterson did not have sage in his moccasins. He did not have even have moccasins on. He had the courage of the Kearny family, the wisdom of Marcus Spring and the grace of St. Peters Church. The result was the first Black man to vote in the United States of America (under the 15th Amendment) right here in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.”

Historian John K. Dyke remarked that it was great to be back in St. Peters. He encouraged visitors to take time to walk around the graveyard and see the names on the gravestones. “Many are unmarked graves of slaves and indentured servants who came before Peterson. I really like Thomas Mundy Peterson. He was a tempest. He didn’t want the medal awarded to him until he was sure he was the first Black man to vote under the 15th Amendment. He voted

Happy 100th Birthday to Mother Mary Gordon, Perth Amboy - 6/2/18

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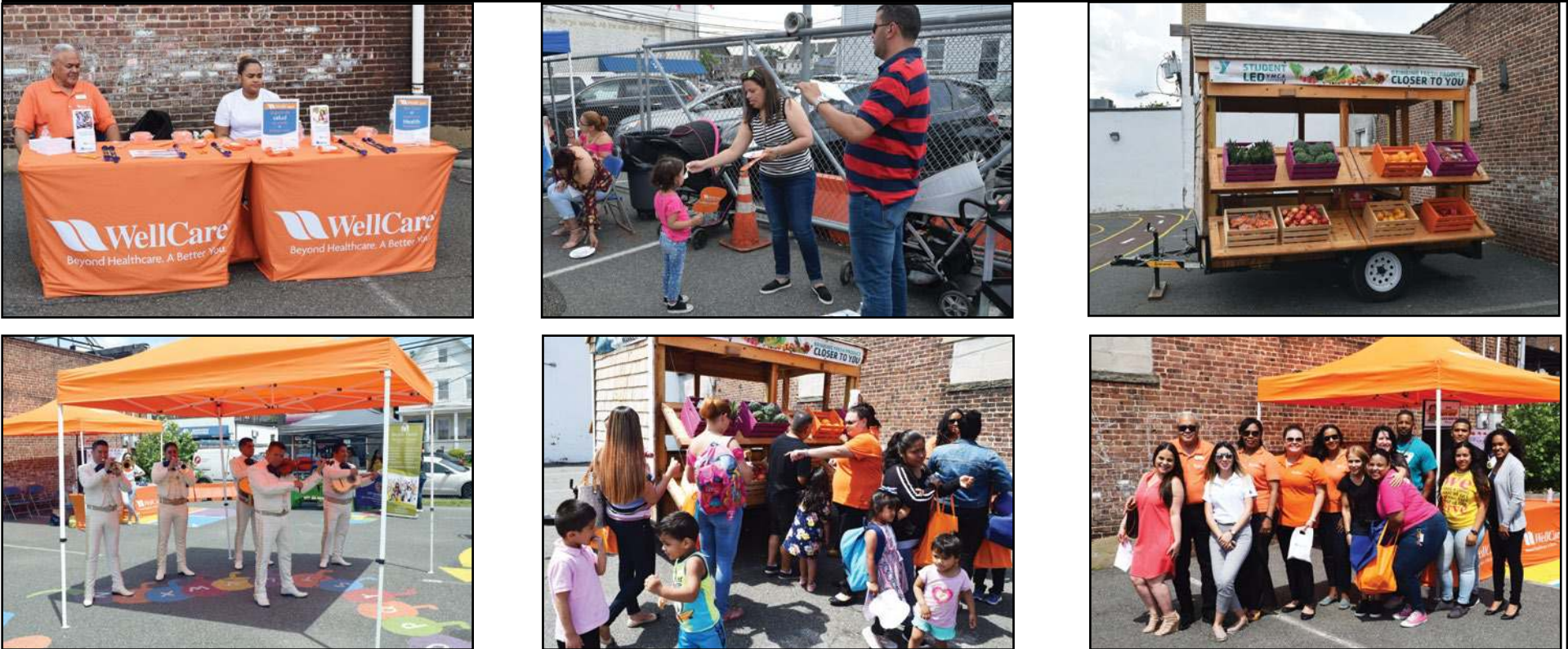
Happy 100th Birthday

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Resident Mother Mary Gordon celebrated her 100th Birthday on June 2, 2018. A party was held at the Pines Manor in Edison.



YMCA WellCare Farmer's Market, Perth Amboy - 6/8/18

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



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Woman's Club of Perth Amboy Tour St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy 6/4/18

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - The Woman's Club of Perth Amboy toured St. Peter's Episcopal Church with City Historian Anton J. Massopust. Anton J. Massopust explained St. Peter's Church's role in Perth Amboy's rich history. This tour included a detailed explanation of the historical significance of the church and a walkthrough of the cemetery which has graves of many prominent citizens who lived in Perth Amboy.



Tom's Tax Tips

Overlooked Business Metrics To Keep Your Eye On

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Revenue, gross margin, net profit - these are the basic metrics every small business owner watches closely. But there are also some often-overlooked metrics that can deepen your insight into your business and inform your decision-making. Here are a few:

Customer acquisition cost

Divide the total amount of money you've spent on marketing over a set period by the number of new customers you've gained. The result is your cost per new customer, also known as your customer acquisition cost. To get an even better read, divide your marketing costs into two buckets; one you spend on current customers and one for money spent to acquire new ones. Now your calculation of customer acquisition costs is even more accurate. Compare this figure against prior years to see if you are becoming more efficient.

To go a step further, look at how much each new customer spends on average compared with how much it cost to acquire them. Knowing your rate of return for each new customer can help you revise your marketing strategy.

Lead-to-client conversion rate

For many businesses, generating leads is an integral part of the selling process. If this is true for your business, clearly define each step of the sales funnel from lead to purchase. You can judge how successful your sales efforts are over time by calculating how many qualified leads are converted to sales. Remember to use these measures to refine and improve your selling process. Even a tried-and-true conversion process can get tired, but if you are not measuring it you may not know until it is too late.

Website traffic

Use tools such as Google Analytics to find out who is visiting your website, from where, and what they spend the most time on while they're there. You can learn a lot about your potential customers and your market by keeping notes on how your website traffic changes over time and how it reacts to new content.

Seasonality

Understanding and keeping track of the seasonal trends in your business is crucial to managing cash flow and making the most of both busy and slow periods. Examining year-to-date metrics for sales and web traffic can help you prepare inventory and staffing for the busy season. It will also help you time the scheduling of technical upgrades and equipment repairs for expected down periods.

Cash burn rate

Keeping a close watch on your cash flow statement as well as your income and balance sheet is the key to keeping your business afloat. Not managing cash flow well is one of the most common reasons for new small businesses to fail. Simply subtract how much cash you have at the start of the month from what you have at the end of the month. You can then divide your reserves by your cash burn rate to see how many months you can sustain that rate.

The key to this measurement is maintaining a forward-looking financial forecast for the next 12 months. This will help you take timely actions to avoid a cash crunch, such as cutting costs, improving sales or collecting accounts receivable.

Farmers Market

WOODBIDGE – Every Wednesday from June 27th to September 5th from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, NJ. Specialty Foods, Live Music, Artisans, Beer & Wine Garden, Jersey Fresh Produce.

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The Woodbridge 350th Sesquicentennial Committee has been established to plan festivities and events for the Township's 350th anniversary celebration.

Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Friday, July 27th from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Fee: \$35 per person; Transportation included. MONEY ORDER ONLY. Non-resident fee applies. For more information go to the Perth Amboy Office of Recreation, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy. 732.826.1690 x 4305 or go to www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

Point Pleasant Beach Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Friday, August 10th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fee: \$25 – Adults; \$20 - Children under 11 *Includes transportation, beach pass, aquarium tour, miniature golf & ice cream. Rides are not included. MONEY ORDER ONLY. Non-resident fee applies. For more information go to the Perth Amboy Office of Recreation, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy. 732.826.1690 x 4305 or go to www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

MOVIE REVIEW: THE INCREDIBLES 2

By Anton Massopust III
“Don't worry Dad - You're super!”- Violet

It took a long time for “The Incredibles 2” to return to the big screen, but it is well worth it. We pick up right where we left off. While the heroes are battling the Underminer (John Ratzenberger) he creates havoc across the city and robs a bank and escapes. Elastigirl (Holly Hunter) and Mr. Incredible (Craig T. Nelson) try to stop him but to no avail. The government still feels that superheroes are illegal and that the heroes should go back into hiding. The family is put up in a hotel, but due to budgetary programs their program is about to be shut down. They soon will be homeless unless someone in the family finds work.

It seems like there's no hopefully the heroes, but an entrepreneur who loves superheroes and wants to bring them back into the limelight meets with Frozone (Samuel L. Jackson) Mr. Incredible and Elastigirl. He feels that Elastigirl is the right hero to bring them back into the light and is a positive role model to bring superheroes



back.

In the meantime, all the rest of the family has a new house. Bob has to find a way beyond being a great superhero and being a great Dad. At first, he doesn't do really well helping out with homework and trying to fix teenage problems with his daughter and discovering the Jack-Jack, the young baby has super powers.

Enter a new villain: Screenslaver who uses a television or computer monitor to hypnotizes anyone who looks into it. Elastigirl tries to hunt him down to stop him before he ruins the reputation of superheroes and prevent the family from being banned forever.

There is plenty of action and

the film moves like lightning. There's plenty of Jack-Jack's fun and superhero antics to keep the little guys entertained. The plot is complex enough, so adults won't get bored. Like in the first Incredibles movie, there are deep and interesting characters: the mother and father are faced with a lot of problems and eventually persevere, and the children eventually learn that life is hard but eventually with family you can conquer anything. My only disappointment is that I would have liked to see more of the Underminer. I didn't like the producibility of who Screenslaver was. It was well worth the wait go see "Incredibles 2".

Raritan Bay Old Bridge Will Hold Open House July 12

This Wizard of Oz-themed open house will showcase Raritan Bay's variety of medical services and the medical specialties available through various physician offices

Press Release 6/21/18

OLD BRIDGE - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge is holding a free “There's No Place Like Old Bridge” open house Thursday, July 12, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Raritan Bay-Old Bridge, 2 Hospital Plaza. This Wizard of Oz-themed open house will showcase Raritan Bay's variety of medical services and the medical specialties available through various physician offices located at Raritan Bay-Old Bridge. Visitors can take Wizard of Oz character-guided tours, enter the Land of Oz costume contest, take advantage of free health screenings, enjoy complimentary food and drink while listening to members of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra performing live, and more. The event, intended for family fun, includes giveaways, cotton candy, face painting, arts & crafts and a raffle. Registration is required, call 1-800-560-9990.

Tours include the Joslin Diabetes Center, Surgical Suites, Diagnostic Imaging, Center for Sleep Medicine, and Pulmonary Rehabilitation department. Screenings include blood pressure, BMI, oxi-pulse heart rate, cholesterol, risk assessments, and more.

Thomas Mundy Peterson:

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for a revised charter in Perth Amboy and he knew about the history of both Perth Amboy and the State of New Jersey. Perth Amboy was given a royal charter by Governor Robert Hunter in 1718. This means the Mayor's Office, City Clerk Office, Business Administrator, and other City offices are 300 years old. As Thomas Mundy Peterson would say, “Happy 300th Anniversary Perth Amboy.”

When Historian Gordon Bond came forth, he stated that Perth Amboy held the first election after the 15th Amendment was passed. “Peterson was awarded the medal on May 30, 1884 (on Decoration Day) from the citizens of Perth Amboy. Peterson embraced the democratic process (in spite of how he and those who were like him were treated.) I am working with the library to restore a damaged photo of Thomas Mundy Peterson. I am also working on a new book about Thomas Mundy Peterson. I'm glad to see all of you here on this occasion.”

Carole Dortch-Wright came forward to represent PRAHD and the Community. She thanked Anna Daily and said, “God bless you for all of your work.” She also acknowledged the Local, State, County and Federal representatives that were present and the clergy. “I'm honored to represent my community and this bond that strengthens us. We need this kind of acknowledgement. You being here steers up the courage of others. The community builds and maintains the social support and common unity. We all need help in fulfilling our vision in different ways. It can be through the government, church, and different organizations.

When Anna Daily spoke, she first recognized Mel Knight for going to meetings to speak about Thomas Mundy Peterson. She acknowledged the City Council, “Because you heard us, but we're not finished. We need a statue and an archeological dig, and the community was behind us. I want to thank our Secretary of State for coming and I also want to recognize Kim Nesbitt Good who brought people by bus from Elizabeth.” She also acknowledged Pastor Amos Dickerson Jr. and members from St. James AME Zion Church, the Perth Amboy Library Staff “For putting up with me.” She acknowledged the Perth Amboy Historic Preservation Committee, the Program Committee Members and the NAACP. “I don't think Mayor Diaz knew what she was in store for, when she honored me with the Thomas Mundy Peterson Inspirational Award.”

Congressman Frank Pallone spoke next, “Peterson represents that we always have to be vigilant about voting rights. I'm glad to see everyone here to pass this on for future generations.”

The plaque was unveiled and Daily called Thomas Mundy Peterson's descendants to come up for a photo-op. She then continued to call the clergy, and she specifically asked for former Assemblyman John Wisniewski who sponsored a bill pertaining to Thomas Mundy Peterson.

Anna Daily concluded, “I want to thank God. I had surgery and I'm walking better today than I have in the last few months.”


Following the conclusion of the unveiling, a wreath was carried outside by the clergy which was laid at the St. Peter's Church gravesite of Peterson and his wife, Daphne. Refreshments followed.

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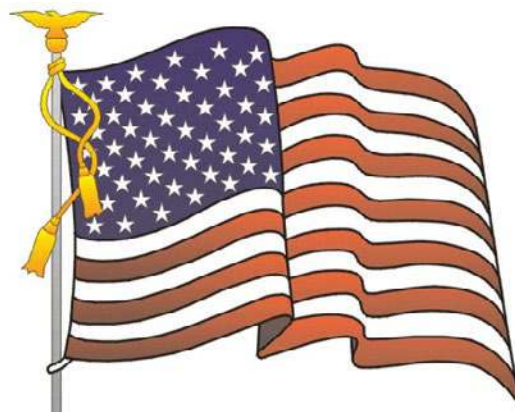
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The Beauty of Music Therapy Press Release

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - Join board-certified musical therapist Karly Muzalier, MT-BC of Muzique, LLC for an exploration of music therapy's ability to encourage individual growth, social interaction, motor skill improvement, speech and language improvement and so much more! We'll provide a safe space for adults to explore the beauty of sound and music. Please note that this experience may get loud!

The program is free and open to all. The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ. For more information please see woodbridgelibrary.org or call the Main Library at 732-634-4450.



Leonard Sendelsky 8th Annual Golf Outing
 KENILWORTH – The Leonard Sendelsky 8th Annual Golf Outing will be on Thursday, August 2, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT at the Galloping Hill Golf Course, 3 Golf Drive, Kenilworth, NJ 07033. Register Today! Help support the Raritan Bay Area YMCA! Strengthening the foundations of community is our cause. Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to LEARN, GROW and THRIVE. Contact Yarelis Figueroa, Community Engagement Specialist, Raritan Bay Area YMCA 732-442-3632 ext. 6526.



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Libraries Rock! Music Speaks!

Press Release
 WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - The Woodbridge Main Library will be hosting a series of music programs throughout the month of July and the beginning of August! These music events are free and open to all, no registration is required.

Our free music programs at the Woodbridge Main Library will kick off with Rutgers Professor Dr. Matthew Backes presenting the Fiddle in America: A History & Demonstration on June 28, 2018 @ 7:00 PM. This interactive, high energy session is made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

As we move into July we will rock out to a compilation of popular covers from the '60s to today by musician Rich Casella during Jamming with the Guitar Den on July 18, 2018 @ 7:00 PM. Professional singer Rhonda Denét will treat us to a musical journey from the era when the "First Lady Of Song," Ella Fitzgerald graced the stage to when the "Queen of Soul," Aretha Franklin ruled the airways with From Jazz from Soul on July 25, 2018 @ 7:00 PM. Finally, we'll conclude our exploration of music genres with a fun tribute to Elvis with local Elvis Tribute Artist Paul Daniels' performance of "Elvis the Concert Years" on August 8, 2018 @ 7:00 PM.

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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.*

“Operation Husky” — the Allied invasion of Sicily — begins on July 9, 1943, with the U.S. 82nd and the British 1st Airborne Divisions making the first landings on the island, at night. However, due to navigational errors, hundreds of U.S. paratroopers are dropped into the sea and drown, while many others dropped over land are widely scattered and miss their assigned targets. The island is defended by 230,000 Italian and 40,000 German troops. In Russia, the Soviets say that the German attack at Kursk has been held and claim that they have destroyed 2,000 German tanks in four days (a major exaggeration).

On July 10, “Operation Husky” is fully underway, with 12 divisions (160,000 men and 600 tanks) of the British Eighth Army (under Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery) and the U.S. Seventh Army (led by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton) being brought ashore by 3,000 landing craft (200 of which sink in rough seas) on the southeast coast of Sicily. The Italians are caught by surprise, not expecting an attack during stormy weather. Landings are assisted by a new amphibious truck — the DUKW (widely known as the “Amphibious Duck”). The British, approaching the Sicilian port of Siracusa (Syracuse), meet with little German resistance. U.S. forces, however, are held back by strong counterattacks by the German Hermann Göring and the Italian Livorno divisions.

The attacking German forces at Kursk, Russia, are depleted by heavy losses in men and armor and have nearly spent their momentum, even though the 4th Panzer Army and Army Detachment Kempf, in the southern sector, succeed in capturing the pivotal town of Prokhorovka. To prevent further attrition, especially of the vital armored forces, Field Marshals von Kluge and von Manstein on July 11 urge Hitler to call off the operation, but *der Führer* refuses. In Sicily, a thrust by the German Hermann Göring Panzer Division almost reaches U.S. forces on the coast near the landing sites of Gela and Licata. The German attack is turned back by U.S. paratroopers.

What historians call “the largest tank battle in history” takes place on July 12 near Prokhorovka, Russia. The Red Army’s Central, Bryansk and West Fronts begin a massive counteroffensive around Orel, Bryansk and Kursk. (The Soviets call Army Groups, consisting of several armies, “Fronts”). As many as 615 Soviet and 430 German tanks are involved. At Krasnogorsk, a Moscow suburb, a group of captured German officers — including Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus — and exiled German communists form a “National Committee for a Free Germany” that calls for overthrowing Hitler and ceasing hostilities against the Soviet Union.

The Japanese on July 13 sink the destroyer *USS Gwin* and damage three U.S. Navy cruisers at the Battle of Kolombangara, an island in the Kula Gulf, off New Georgia in the Solomons. In Russia, no further German gains are made despite a maximum effort to break through the Soviet defenses at Kursk.

In Krasnodar, in southwestern Russia, the first war-crimes trial of the global conflict begins on July 14. Evidence is presented against 11 German defendants accused of the mass murder of Soviet civilians. The trial is witnessed by Allied journalists, who file the first reports detailing Nazi atrocities to the West. (Eight of the Germans will be sentenced to death and shot.) In Sicily, two groups of soldiers of the U.S. 180th Infantry Regiment perpetrate the Biscari Airfield Massacre near the village of San Pietro. In two separate incidents, 73 unarmed Italian and German prisoners of war are summarily executed by the GIs involved. In the Caribbean, Free French administrators take over the former Vichy French governments on the islands of Guadeloupe, Martinique, Saint-Martin and Saint Barthélemy.

On July 15, Brig. Gen. Renzo Chierici, chief of police in the Italian-occupied sector of France, agrees to Nazi demands to turn over all German Jews who had fled over the border of German-occupied France into his area of control.

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PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Wed. June 27, 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 bus trip to Golden Nugget Casino, Atlantic City, NJ, Tuesday August 7, 2018. Bus leaves 9:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Cost \$30; \$25 back in play and \$5 food voucher. Any question call Ronnie at 732/442-5252.

Flea Market
WOODBIDGE - The Barron Arts Center Annual Outdoor Flea Market July 14, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE! This year located at Woodbridge’s Parker Press Park (400 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge) Between Walgreens and the NJ Transit Woodbridge Station. Benefits the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission and future programing at the Barron Arts Center. For more information call 732-634-0413.



**All the Tea
in China**
WOODBIDGE - The Barron Arts Center & The Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission Present a Lecture: All the Tea in China August 15, 2018 ~ 7:30 p.m. Tea, the most consumed beverage in China, has been a staple since ancient times. It is drunk in tea houses and work places, on the street and in the parks throughout the day. Learn more about traditional tea varieties and the Chinese tea ceremony known as gong fu cha. Presented by Tea & Food Historian Judith Krall-Russo. FREE admission. Limited Seating. Reservations Essential. Call (732)634-0413. At the Barron Art Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge.

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**South Amboy
Republican
Organization**
SOUTH AMBOY - Hello Amboy Residents. Recently the South Amboy Republican Organization has been formed and we are thrilled to be open to the public to grow our party and ideas. Our next meeting will be on the 28th at Buddies Tavern at 7:00 p.m. in Parlin. There will also be another meeting on the 25th of July, same place and time! We also have a Facebook group titled the “South Amboy Republican Organization”. Thank you for reading and we hope to see you there!

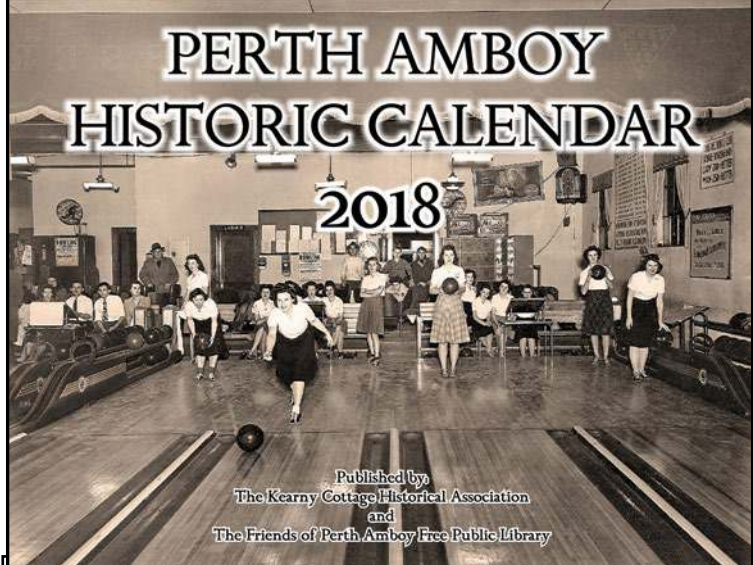
Pet of the Week



Finbar with owner at the July 4th Ringing of the Liberty Bell at City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy


**Frog Hollow
5K Run &
Health Walk**
SOUTH AMBOY - Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club’s 41st annual 5K Run and Health Walk will be held Sunday, September 9th, 2018. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the South Amboy First Responders. There will be a free youth Fun Run, awards, t-shirts, post race picnic, and use of pool facilities. For the Frog Hollow Run, entry fee is \$25 + \$3.75 Sign-up Fee. Registration Ends September 2, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. For the 1 Mile Kids Fun Run, Sign up is Free. Registration ends September 2, 2018. The Kids Run starts at 8:30 a.m. For the For more information or to download a registration form, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/NJ/SouthAmboy/FrogHollow5Miler>

2018 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity *(make request)*. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee *(3 times)*. Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands *(3 times)*. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you. **A.L.S.**

Petition to St. Jude

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

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Miraculous Invocation to St. Therese

O Glorious St. Therese, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and inspire the human family. I implore your Miraculous Intercession. You are so powerful in obtaining every need of body and spirit from the Heart of God. Holy Mother Church proclaims you “Prodigy of Miracles . . . the Greatest Saint of Modern Times.” Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition *(mention here)* to carry out your promises of spending Heaven doing good upon earth . . . of letting fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses. Little Flower, give me your childlike faith, to see the Face of God in the people and experiences of my life, and to love God with full confidence. Saint Therese, my Carmelite Sister, I will fulfill your plea “to be made known everywhere” and I will continue to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. “I will let fall from Heaven . . . a Shower of Roses” – St. Therese Say this prayer for nine consecutive days. After the ninth day your prayer request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. **J.M.P.**

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15

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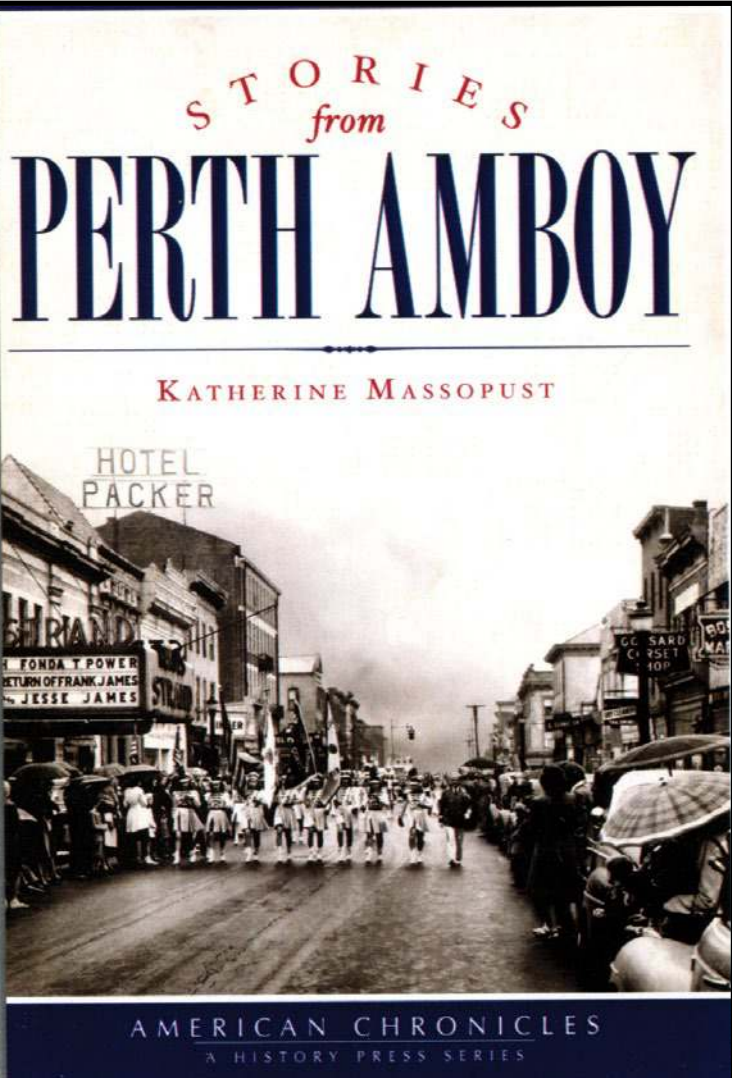


PERTH AMBOY - School Assembly Barrack's Street around 1950's
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Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
TUES. Jul. 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. Jul. 11 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Jul. 12 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Jul. 16 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Jul. 17 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. Jul. 18 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
THURS. Jul. 18 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**
MON. Jul. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
WED. Aug. 1 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Aug. 6 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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F.M.J.

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- Sleep chambers
- Ms. Fitzgerald
- Inquire
- Resurrected
- Gymnast's feat
- Actor Alda
- Cargo
- Using some playground equipment
- Poetic prize-fighter
- Wild animal
- With 36-Across, "Diamond Lil" actress
- Painting of a person
- Make a cobweb
- See 32-Across
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- Sulked
- Accomplished
- Level

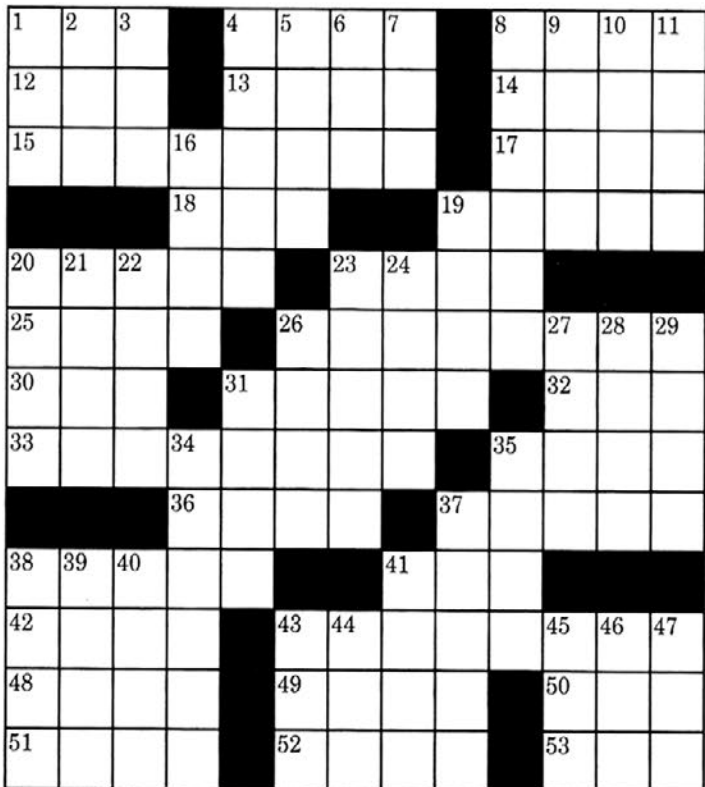
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- Seize suddenly
- Lode yield
- Tie the knot
- Sign of autumn
- Appear
- Shade tree
- Overhead trains
- Adding color to

9. Sea

- They form a body
- Encounter
- Stride
- Flock female
- "____ You," song
- Clumsy boats
- Foot digit
- Strike with the hand
- Horseback game
- Den for a 31-Across
- Expect
- Roster
- Baltic and Caspian
- Mischievous ones
- Manicurist's target

- Mr. Hackman
- Raised (dogs)
- Ten plus ten
- Faction
- Assistants
- Short note
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