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Clarifications or (Not) 7/9/18 Caucus & 7/11/18 Council Meeting



Resident Alan Silber (Far Right) speaks at the July 11, 2018 Council Meeting
*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – Handicapped parking came into question again during the 7/9/18 Caucus Meeting. An applicant by the name of Corona had been denied a handicapped parking spot (due to the maximum amount of handicapped spaces allowed on a block.) Council President Bill Petrick had asked this to be put on the agenda for a topic of discussion.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said he was sympathetic to Corona's situation, "But if we (the Council) established ordinance and if we make an exception, it will set a precedent and people will ask for the same situation."

Petrick responded, "There was a person on Market Street who appealed to us and we have him a handicapped space in the business district. It was a denial first because of what was in the ordinance."

Irizarry spoke again, "It was grandfathered in the ordinance."

Petrick then answered, "It wasn't in the case on Market Street."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke up and said, "This is an appeal process which we can accept or deny, and it doesn't set a precedent."

Petrick then suggested, "We can have this put on the next Meeting for a vote."

Councilman Helmin Caba then weighed in, "This won't set a precedent and people can appeal. We need to do a better job on who moves or passes away that had handicapped spots. I found a spot where a handicapped sign should have been removed a long time ago. Jersey City has half the amount of handicapped signs and they have a much bigger population."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, "You can see the person (that came in) was in pain. We have to have stronger enforcement. People are parking in handicapped spots without tags or handicapped plates."

Petrick then suggested that a resolution be put on the next agenda regarding this applicant (Corona).

During the public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski talked about R-334-7/18 Authorizing a separation agreement and general release between the City of Perth Amboy and Adam E. Cruz. He stated, "According to the document in the book, Cruz resigned. We don't know if there was a crime. You (the Council) or Mr. King (Law Director) don't have subpoena power, but you can ask for an investigation from the prosecutor. You'll be paying (Cruz) three months of pay." Sierakowski then suggested there were allegations with something having to do with tickets. "You should table this until preliminary investigations are made." He then asked if cars that are confiscated by the Police Department are being sold to a particular business in town.

A representative from the Police Department came forward. "This is something new to me about confiscated cars given to one business."

Council President Petrick said, "The Police Department gets all the confiscated cars."

Sierakowski then continued, "I heard that this one business buys all these confiscated cars."

Resident Ken Balut came up next, "I had a 2009 letter from Blunda (Former Law Director) referencing a City Ordinance involving eliminating

corruption and pay-to-play. We paid \$100,000 for two B.A.'s. I talked about the possibility of irregularity a long time ago. You're doing the same thing as Vas did. This is taxpayer's dollars." He then addressed Greg Fehrenbach, "You should be very worried about this. Goldy (Current CFO/Comptroller) got big raises in a short period of time." Balut then told the Council they should hire Fehrenbach back since he's working on the Water Contracts. "Why are we spending more money on Kushner? Instead of giving money to Goldy, give more money to the Police. If this was your money, would you be paying Cruz three months of pay? It's incompetence."

Deputy Chief Larry Cattano came forward to answer questions about the confiscated vehicles. "Forfeiture vehicles are given to us and if they're not returned to the owners, those vehicles go to auction."

Council President Bill Petrick made a statement regarding R-324-7/18 Authorizing a submission of a grant application for the USDOT FY 2018 Build Transportation Grant Programs for the removal and replacement of the Fayette Street Bridge in the amount of \$6,250,000. "We should thank Assemblyman Craig Coughlin and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez for their assistance (in this matter)."

Fehrenbach responded to a statement that Balut made in reference to Jill Goldy. Balut had referenced loans that were made when it came to sales of some properties in the City. Fehrenbach stated that Ms. Goldy had nothing to do with the sales

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Perth Amboy Launches First Dive Team in City's History 16 Public Safety Members Completed Dive Training This Week in the Raritan Bay to Provide Additional Emergency Services to Perth Amboy and Surrounding Communities



*Photos submitted by the City of Perth Amboy

Press Release 7/13/18

PERTH AMBOY – Mayor Wilda Diaz is pleased to announce the launch of the City's first dive team with members from both the Perth Amboy Police and Fire Departments.

"I am so proud of our public safety officials, their bravery and tenacity continues to offer the best emergency services to our families. The Perth Amboy Dive Team in the first of its kind in Middlesex County and as a waterfront community, we are making the most of our resources and expanding services to ensure safety on land and off shore, said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

There are 16 members of the Perth Amboy Dive Team, which is made up of 11 firefighters and five police officers. They have completed their SCUBA Dive Rescue Certification training this week. There are 10 additional firefighters on the team that are being trained as dive tenders. The Perth Amboy Dive Team was funded by the 2017

Port Security Grant that totaled \$190,000. This included dive suits for all members, SCUBA equipment and accessories, training and a side scan sonar for the police and fire boats.

In the past year, members of the dive team completed initial PADI certification, as well as monthly training, preparing them for this past week's training and certification. The team will be fully functional in the upcoming weeks, available to respond to rescue and recovery calls within the city and surrounding communities.

In May, Perth Amboy was officially inducted to the New Jersey Regional Fire Boat Task Force. The task force, a first of its kind shared services agreement, was formed in September to improve the safety and efficiency in the waterfront communities of Edgewater, Hoboken, Jersey City, Bayonne, Newark, Kearny, Carteret, Elizabeth, Perth Amboy, and Secaucus.

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**Poets
Wednesday**

WOODBIDGE - Featured Poet TBA Wednesday, August 8, 2018. Poetry from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Workshop at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact poetry director Deborah C. LaVeglia at tel. (908) 272-3141 Email: PoetRed@aol.com. At the Barron Art Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge.



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Summer Fun at the Dowdell Library

Press Release 7/9/18
SOUTH AMBOY - Summer fun highlights at the Dowdell Library include Summer Clubs, Family Name That Tune, Bilingual Storytime, Culinary Programs, Nostalgia Night, MIY Jewelry, Video Games & 3D Magic for Adult Beginners, and more!

Take part in the Summer Clubs for kids, teens and adults and have a chance at fun prizes throughout the summer! Kids and teens can have a chance to win free meals from Texas Roadhouse, South Amboy Arena tickets and much more! Adults will have the chance to win 1 of 2 fabulous gift baskets awarded to 2 winners at the end 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, musical 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

Coming in August for tweens and teens, an innovative animation workshop which will be held Tuesdays August 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 6-8 pm. Learn how to create your own superhero comic and animation skills. Open to South Amboy residents only. Application is available at the Dowdell Library and online at www.dowdell.org. Limited seating. Registration required.

Party at the End of Summer BBQ on Friday, August 10 from 3-4:30 pm! Enjoy cool refreshments and look for clues to take part in a scavenger hunt for prizes!

Party with Dowdell Library and Andy the Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse for stories and fun on Monday, August 30 from 1-2 pm. Then, stay for the End of Summer Prize Party from 2-3:30 pm for prizes, refreshments and summer fun for ages 0-100.

To learn more about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at



<http://dowdell.org/newsletter-signup.html>

The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm. The library is closed on Saturdays through Labor Day Weekend. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

You're Stronger Than You Think
The Successful Rescue of the 12 Boys and Their Coach

Starman (1984): *Shall I tell you what I find beautiful about you (the human race)?...You are at your very best when things are worst.*

It was a fascinating story that held the attention of the world for weeks. Of course, it was the rescue of the Thai boy's soccer team who were trapped in a cave along with their coach for 17 days.

First of all, here's a warning: when there is a sign that says: "Warning" maybe you should heed the message. Yes, we know this coach had taken some of the boys into the cave before, but this time it was very close to the Monsoon Season, and you never know if the rains will come a little bit earlier.

The fact that they were discovered at all was a miracle in itself. Even more miraculous was that they were all taken out of the cave safely, considering the conditions that they were in. Even though eventually after they were discovered, and were able to have supplies and food brought to them, a cave is not the best place to be in for a significant amount of time. On top of that, now they had to learn diving skills that had to be used for their long journey out of the cave that had very narrow passageways.

The one heartbreak is that a Retired Thai Navy Seal Diver lost his life while bringing in supplies. Saman Kunan was posthumously honored by the Thai Government. The diver was given a royally sponsored funeral rite including a military funeral at a Navy Base in Pattaya, Thailand. The Thai Navy is seeking permission to posthumously promote Saman who was a Petty Officer First Class when he left the unit.

The boys paid tribute to him after they being released from the hospital.

There are always conflicts going on in the world, but it's human nature when disaster strikes, especially when it involves children, people universally come together to work together for the common good.

Since the cave was becoming flooded with standing, dirty water, can you imagine what diseases and what dangers can arise from the presence of mold,



Boys Soccer Team in the Cave in Thailand *AP



Retired Thai Navy Seal Saman Kunan who lost his life in the rescue *AP



The boys honor Former Navy Seal Saman Kunan *AP

fungus, bacteria, etc.

What was very important, too was they were able to get written notes to their families and vice-versa. Not only was the whole community (and around the entire world) praying for

them, but also Thai Monks were outside praying.

Humanity at its best!
C.M. & K.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

More Guns,
More Deaths?

A recent letter claimed more guns cause more gun deaths. This ignores the facts. Canada has a higher rate of gun ownership but a lower rate of gun deaths than America. There are other factors such as latitude and population density. States near the southern border or gulf coast have higher murder rates, states near the northern border have lower rates. Rural areas have a lower rate of gun deaths with a higher rate of gun ownership. Vermont is one example. Chicago has a higher rate of gun

deaths even with its gun prohibition. If poverty doesn't cause crime it certainly correlates with it. What can be done to reduce poverty?

Gun control disarms honest people, lawbreakers ignore these laws. Look at big cities such as Chicago. Those who deny the connection between gun prohibition and tyranny are ignoring 20th century history. Don't be fooled by advertising or other false claims, even if they come from well-meaning people who repeat slogans.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

They Should be
Charged with
Murder!

Recently, there have been a plethora of commercials on television regarding monetary compensation for those who worked or went to school in lower Manhattan after the 9-11 Attack due to the toxic air. Many are suffering the after affects now and a great number have passed away. Due to the misinformation from Christine

Todd Whitman and Rudolph Giuliani, these poor souls thought it was safe to go about their lives. Both Whitman and Giuliani are culpable to this tragedy and it's a shame they cannot be personally sued. I'm sure when each of them meets their demise, flags will e lowered in their honor – they don't deserve such an honor! Too bad that duo can't be charged with murder!

Sincerely,
Michael J. Rusznak

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Speaker of The General Assembly
Craig J. Coughlin, Middlesex
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Metro Chamber Of Commerce To
Host 9th Annual Bowl For Hunger
Thursday, July 19th

Press Release
19th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT - Speaker of the General Assembly Craig J. Coughlin in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce, and Middlesex Water Company will host the 9th Annual "Bowl for Hunger" Thursday, July 19th between the hours of 5:30 and 10:00 PM at the Majestic Lanes, 525 State Route 9 North in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge Township. The venue will host two bowl sessions with over 550 pre-registered bowlers who, through their support and the support of local sponsors, are uniting to strike out hunger in the 19th Legislative District. The media is invited to join

in support of this community event. Organizers welcome the public to stop by to show their support for the area's food banks, cheer on participants, and purchase a Bowl for Hunger t-shirt. Last year's Bowl for Hunger raised over \$34,000 for the thirty-two one banks in the towns of Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy, and Woodbridge. Proceeds from this year's event will be divided evenly among the thirty-one food banks serving area residents.

Interested community members or businesses wishing to make a donation to the "Bowl for Hunger" should contact the Bowl for Hunger Committee at 732-925-8769

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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!

Proprietary House Open

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

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

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

THURS. Jul. 26 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Jul. 18 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Jul. 25 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
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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.

These events are 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.

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No Child Goes Hungry in Perth Amboy

Summer Parks Fitness, Wellness & Literacy Components Launched to Compliment Summer Food Program in Public Parks to Encourage Whole Wellness for All Children



*Photos submitted by the City of Perth Amboy

Press Release 7/13/18
PERTH AMBOY – Mayor Wilda Diaz announced the expansion of the City’s Summer Food Program with fitness, wellness and literacy initiatives yesterday at the Municipal Alliance Summer Day Camp (M.A.P.S.) held at James J. Flynn Elementary School, 850 Chamberlain Avenue.

There are a number of educationally based programs taking place in the City of Perth Amboy this summer. The Summer Food Program launched on Monday July 2nd and is set to draws thousands of children to public parks, camps and summer programs and partnering organizations.

“I want to make sure we invest in our resident’s health and wellness by improving and expanding our recreational and educational opportunities. In the recent past, we’ve invested over \$3 million in park improvements and I look forward to continue incorporating collaborative programming that reach families for whole wellness. Our partnership with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture allows for no child to go hungry in our community,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Wellness for all families and youth have been a main priority for the City’s administration, as no child should go hungry over the summer season. Last year, the City’s annual summer food program has fed over 97,000 breakfast and lunch meals to our children in many of our city parks and through other non-profits in 2017 alone. This year 38 sites are participating the Summer Food Program, made possible by the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture. Due to the growth experienced in 2017, it is anticipated that nearly 100,000 meals will be distributed to children.

In continuation with the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign, this year the City is joining efforts with two community partners to expand the services offered in public parks, including the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center and United Healthcare Community Health Plan.

Beginning July 16th, a Dental Mobile Unit from the JRMC provide dental screening and cleanings throughout the City. Every Tuesday from 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m. The van will be visiting locations including, Caledonia/Duarte/Rossler Park, Washington Park, Harbortown Club House and Patten Park.

The City is also working with United Healthcare Community Health Plan of New Jersey to bring fitness to these same locations by providing the Dr. Health E Hound exercise/stretching stations. United Healthcare Team members will be training City summer youth employees on how to conduct the program and conduct the exercises prior to the distribution of lunches.

Additionally, the program expansion will include a literacy component for group and open reading.

Riding For Warriors 4th Annual Motorcycle Ride Raises More Than \$30,000 Dollars For Hope For The Warriors

Air Force and Army Veterans Raises Money to Support A Warrior’s Wish Program for Wounded Veterans

Press Release 7/12/18
UNION – The fourth annual Riding For Warriors recently wrapped its 17-day motorcycle journey raising more than \$30,000 for Hope For The Warriors and its A Warrior’s Wish program.

Celebrating 11 years of service, Hope For The Warriors is a national nonprofit dedicated to restoring a sense of self, family, and hope for veterans, service members and military families.

Through its first established program, A Warrior’s Wish, Hope For The Warriors fulfills a desire for a better quality-of-life or supports a quest for gratifying endeavors for those who have sustained physical and psychological wounds in the line of duty.

For the fourth year, the ride was led by Air Force veteran Michael Nehlsen and sponsored by Union, New Jersey-based Hillmann Consulting. Joining Nehlsen again this year on the more than 4,500 mile trip was New Jersey-native and Army veteran, Jeff Molesko.

On Memorial day, the duo made a special stop in Fort Smith, Arkansas at the Fort Smith Cemetery to read the names of those killed in action submitted by ride supporters, Hope For The Warriors staff and prior A Warrior’s Wish recipients. For a video, visit: <https://bit.ly/2JYZ0vZ>.

While in North Carolina, the veterans visited Hope For The Warriors staff at Camp Lejeune and toured the Wounded Warrior Battalion East. In addition, they visited the No Man Left

Behind statue to honor those who have served and those that continue to do so by reading names submitted by ride supporters, Hope For The Warriors staff and prior A Warrior’s Wish recipients.

“Over the past four years, Riding For Warriors has been incredibly important to me both personally and professionally,” said Nehlsen. “It has given me, and Hillmann Consulting, the opportunity to be part of the Hope For The Warriors family while making a meaningful contribution to the A Warrior’s Wish program.

“This annual ride has become our way of us saying ‘thank you’ to veterans and honoring the price they have paid for our freedom. I often think of the No Man Left Behind statute and I

can only hope that the veterans we have helped through Riding For Warriors know that their service to our country has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated,” added Nehlsen.

In four years, Nehlsen’s annual ride has raised more than \$120,000 for A Warrior’s Wish providing wounded veterans with woodworking and farm equipment, family trips, a saw mill, a horse trailer, a bass boat, two road bicycles and more.

“You can always count on veterans continuing to serve their fellow veterans and that’s just what Mike and Jeff continue to do year-after-year,” said Robin Kelleher, co-founder and president of Hope For The Warriors. “They truly understand the sacrifice and service of those who serve in the United States military and believe in the A Warrior’s Wish program and its mission to fulfill wishes for those who have sustained physical and psychological wounds in the line of duty.”



(L to R): Michael Nehlsen and Jeff Molesko at No Man Left Behind statue at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.
*Photo Submitted

sense of self, family and hope for post 9/11 veterans, service members and military families. Since its inception, Hope For The Warriors has served more than 19,000 through a variety of support programs focused on transition services, clinical health and wellness, sports and recreation and community development and engagement. The nonprofit’s first program, A Warrior’s Wish, has granted more than 180 wishes to fulfill a desire for a better quality of life or support a quest for gratifying endeavors. In addition, Run For The Warriors has captured the hearts of more than 23,500 since 2010. For more information, visit hopeforthewarriors.org, Facebook or Twitter.

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

Bronx Zoo Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Wednesday, August 22nd from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fee: \$25.00 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

Key sponsors for the Ride For Warriors include: Sal DiLorenzo and Bill Nelson in memory of his fallen fellow Vietnam infantryman John F. Ward.

For more information on Hope For The Warriors or its A Warriors Wish program, visit hopeforthewarriors.org, Facebook or Twitter.

About Hope For The Warriors:
Founded in 2006, Hope For The Warriors is a national nonprofit dedicated to restoring a

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of those properties and it was under the direction of a former PARA Director. “The loan was paid off no later than 2014.” Fehrnach also said, “I have been to many municipal meetings in other towns and I can tell you the allegations made in this City against public employees are mostly unfounded. The allegations made against Ms. Goldy are unfounded.”

Resident David Caba came up to speak, “We don’t want to come up here to make allegations, but this our taxes. People have retired from (dangerous conditions) such as the Police and Public Works. Have they received a \$12,000 increase in less than two years? If that was your money, what would you do?” Caba then addressed Fehrenbach, “If you can prove me wrong (that other employees have gotten that great of an increase in a short period of time), please show me the proof. There is an internal investigation that is going to blow up soon.”

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak, “There were no negotiations with Adam Cruz. He could have been suspended without pay. Talk to us if as if we are in fourth grade and not in Kindergarten. A Fire Chief, a Police Chief, and a B.A. were all involved in scandals. Who’s doing Goldy’s job? That is moral turpitude. Cruz violated this. Somebody got a \$12,000 raise. Cruz and another person left within days of each other. He should have been suspended without pay until you got to the bottom of this.” Silber then made a reference to the former B.A. Pelissier. “There was a post-dated memo regarding his new title. An ordinance was contradicted.” He stated there was a resolution on a previous agenda that said Goldy’s \$36,000 will be prorated. “You (the Council) owe an explanation to the residents.”

Resident Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe spoke about the City not being friendly when it comes to people who use assisted devices. “I came up here to talk about two handicapped spaces per block. People like to campaign about Senior Citizen needs. I talked to many City Directors, but none I talk to use an assisted device. It’s great you’re looking at redevelopment, but the City is bad because it’s not friendly to people who use assisted devices. People with medical needs (using assisted devices) are confined to their homes.”

Resident Vince Mackiel had in hand a letter from NJ Transit that was sent to the Perth Amboy Police Department. NJ Transit responded to the inquiry regarding the status of one of the bridges in need of repair. This bridge has been blocked off for many months because of its poor condition, and people must walk on the street. Mackiel also asked, “Why are there no crosswalks at the intersection of Market and Elm Streets? The County is responsible for sidewalks, and they should re-

pair them. You (the Council) should communicate with the Governor. 8,000 students walk the streets to go to school. I was told the County can put in new sidewalks.” Mackiel concluded with a remark about ICE. “They have taken action from the President. Keep ICE out of our schools, jails, and families.”

When it came to Council Comments, Fernando Gonzalez spoke first, “I want the Council to table R-334 because I won’t be there on Wednesday (July 11, 2018) because my son is getting married. I don’t believe the excuses we were given. I trust Fehrenbach to do an investigation. I’m opposed to a person getting paid for doing two jobs at the same time. We fired someone at the Fire Department for doing the same thing.” To table R-334 was moved by Fernando Gonzalez and seconded by Helmin Caba. When it came time to vote, Irizarry was sole “No” vote. Motion passed.

Helmin Caba remarked he wasn’t satisfied with the explanations about Cruz leaving.

Councilman Irizarry wanted to know about the status on the elevated garbage truck the City was supposed to be getting.

DPW Director Frank Hoffman said they expected the delivery date anytime between September and October.

Joel Pabon had a question about the Thomas Mundy Peterson Plaque He said he heard there is an issue that the wall where the plaque is supposed to go is not strong enough to support it.

Hoffman explained, “A top and bottom rail will be placed to support the plaque where it will be hung.”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “I would like to reinstate the personnel ordinance regarding nepotism. Let’s go back to the original way it was written and put it on for the 7/11/18 agenda. Can the Council be brought up to speed about any personnel changes in a formal letter?” He also requested that the budget from the Administration be submitted to the Council by the end of January?”

Fehrenbach responded that once the Mayor’s budget is completed, and the Council does their budget, you have a 28-day time-frame to change any items. “The budget is not complete until we get the State Aid numbers.” Fehrenbach also told the Council in reference to Jill Goldy, “With her, there is a zero-learning time, because she already knows a lot.”

At the Wednesday, July 11, 2018 Council Meeting, the Public Comments on Agenda Items only, Stanley Sierakowski came up and asked, “Who is the boss? Fehrenbach or Goldy when it comes to the B.A. duties?”

Fehrenbach answered, “I’m the Administrator and the Assistant Administrator is Jill Goldy. I will make the final decisions.”

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak about Resolution R-318-7/18 A Contract with the Rodgers Group LLC for the purchase of the 2018 subscription of the Online In-Service Training

Module Program in an amount not to exceed \$14,848.00.

Balut stated, “This is a big scam. The guy who started this program came a Council Meeting and told you he started this program because he needed the money. How can we be accredited with discrimination lawsuits in the Police Department?” He also asked about R-330-7/18 Awarding a contract to USA Inc., Middlesex Water Company Affiliate for the operation and management of the City Water, Wastewater, and Storm water Systems. “What is this for?”

He then questioned R-328-7/18 Appointing Jill A. Goldy CFO of the City of Perth Amboy to serve as Acting B.A. in partnership with Government Management Advisors, LLC. “We are paying money to the former B.A. then additional money for Goldy and Fehrenbach. She is getting more money than the former B.A.”

Petrick responded, “If we can do something about paying the former B.A., we will.”

Balut continued his remarks, “We were told by Goldy we don’t have money to hire your own lawyer (regarding Pelissier). Now there’s money available.” Balut then told the Council to call the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office (he gave out the number) to see if there’s an investigation about ticket fixing under towers.”

Fehrenbach also addressed Balut, “There was a modification from the Caucus Meeting. There’s a tighter title for the hours put in for when I can’t be here. She (Goldy) will put on record her time (which the public can view). Regarding R-330, that’s for work that started in October 2017. The timelines were too short. We went to the Co-Operative. City Contracts can’t negotiate.”

David Caba came up next to negotiate R-328. “How are we paying Fehrenbach? Are paying him through his government management company? Who approved the \$12,000 increase for a short period time for the person who worked at the courthouse? How did the person at the Court get this job?”

Fehrenbach answered Caba’s questions regarding the person who worked at the Court. “They were a Deputy Municipal Court Clerk and it was a \$14,200 increase. It was authorized by Cruz. He authorized her appointment. It (the increase) should have been the minimum of the range. Ms. Goldy gets the information of the appointing authority. Goldy has to get the appropriate documents to do a salary increase.” Fehrenbach then talked about the increase Goldy would get as Assistant B.A. “Ms. Goldy has recommended salary elimination and will get a titled salary and it will not affect her pension.” He continued, “The minimum salary for a Court System entry-level is \$45,000 minimum. That matter is still under investigation.”

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up to speak, “Is the former B.A. getting paid?”

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “We tabled that Resolution.”

Law Director King responded, “Under the Ordinance, the former B.A. gets paid a three-month salary.”

Fehrenbach then spoke up and gave the salary of the Court Employee in question. In January 2017, the salary was \$40,800. By the end of March 2018, it was \$55,000.”

Alan Silber came up to speak, “We keep hearing the same answers to the same questions. His (Cruz) payment was done with your consent. From January 2017 until he resigned, he got paid. Who was responsible for this?”

Council President Petrick responded, “It was the Administration.”

Silber continued, “Someone put a letter in my mailbox stating that the Council got a letter stating that Cruz resigned.”

Petrick spoke up and said, “It was done by a phone call.”

Silber continued, “The letter also said that the Mayor refused Cruz’s resignation. Did Barrick (Another Former B.A.) get three-months’ salary when she resigned? We have a partnership with Fehrenbach. Why can’t Fehrenbach be here full time?”

Fehrenbach responded, “This is a Municipal responsibility. Goldy is an employee. I am not. Government Management Advisors has a contract with the City. Goldy and I want to help the City. I hold the same values as you do, Mr. Silber. I respect the criticism of the speakers. Goldy requested a change in the resolution to make it clearer. The governing body can adopt this Ordinance. In 2008, I suggested a 90-day contract. In Perth Amboy, it’s a failure to reappoint. I’m sorry about recommending this. I had other responsibilities before the Mayor called me (answering Silber’s question why he couldn’t come back full time).”

Councilman Helmin Caba made a few comments, “According to you, the former B.A. is entitled to three months.”

Fehrenbach responded, “Yes, he is, although I’m not happy about it.”

Law Director King said, “The way Cruz left does not give him the option of coming back (to the City) or suing. It was a settlement.”

Council President Bill Petrick commented when Blunda (former Law Director) left, he handed in a letter of resignation. Because we didn’t act, he (Cruz) will get paid. You (Law Director King) said in your files, you have a signed letter of resignation by Cruz which is in escrow. Would you hold up his 90 days of salary? If he goes for another position, he can show his letter of resignation.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke next, “The way I read the Ordinance, it doesn’t say he (Cruz) gets paid. Why was he not reappointed in January 2017? A year and three months later, we find he wasn’t reappointed. I don’t find anything

where he is entitled to three months pay.”

Petrick then asked, “Can the Council take action to delay pay?”

King responded, “You might violate the Ordinance. You don’t have to approve the Bill List involving payment of Cruz.”

Petrick made a comment, “There’s a possibility of a lawsuit or not?”

Sharon Hubberman talked about R-313-7/18 urging legislatures to expedite passage of bills to end Blacklisting.” (There was a presentation at the July 9, 2018 Caucus by the Citizen’s Campaign regarding this bill on what Blacklisting is involving Tenant vs. Landlord Rights.)

Hubberman stated, “There’s a section that she wants to highlight in the Senate Bill regarding a tenant suing a landlord. “This can be kept secret unless the tenant agrees to make it public. The bill has a loophole. The bill is questionable, and we should reach out to the sponsors of that bill.”

The Consent Agenda was R-308 thru R-317; R-320 thru R-329; R-331 thru R-333. It was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Pabon.

For R-318 all voted “Yes” except Petrick who voted “No.” For R-319, they all voted “Yes,” except Irizarry who abstained. For R-330, All voted “Yes.”

At the last public portion, a Residents from Amboy Avenue came up to talk about a large-scale food market due to open up that she is against. It is located at 459 Amboy Avenue. “It only has a two-space parking lot. The building has been abandoned and the owners did not get the proper paperwork to start construction.”

Council President Bill Petrick addressed the Resident’s concerns, “You have to see if it’s a C1 Zone. The building was not abandoned because taxes were paid on it.” He also suggested that she may have to contact a lawyer or other City Agencies with her concerns.

A woman who lives on Barclay Street came up to speak about the lack of parking in town, “I am a High School Teacher and my husband also teaches. I have driven around for fifteen minutes looking for a parking space on my street. There’s illegal housing. Look at what’s happening to people already here. We have a disenfranchised community.”

She then motioned to her son if he wanted to come up and say something about the situation. He said, “Sometimes we have to walk 3 blocks to our house because that’s the only place my mother can find to park.”

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak and spoke about illegal housing. He then talked about Code Enforcement taking pictures of his house, but he insisted the photo they gave him was not of his house. “The Court System needs to be investigat-

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ed. The Mayor hires political operatives for the Parking Utility. Judges misused handicap spaces. A judge was dismissed for posting something on YouTube. How do tickets get fixed? And when is nepotism going to stop?"

Jeremy Bartta came up to speak, "Balut talked about Judges and a Prosecutor. Who is the Prosecutor? The vote did not carry for (Billy) Delgado (when was on a previous agenda to be appointed as a Prosecutor). This is connected to the Court. His salary was also turned down."

Petrick responded, "The Assistant Prosecutor Position was passed."

Baratta continued, "The person you voted 'No' on is working in the Court."

Law Director King stated, "The Mayor appointed Delgado and she didn't need the Council's consent. The Ordinance was changed after the Mayor's appointment and Delgado was a holdover."

Baratta continued, "This holdover was held over for Cruz. This doesn't pass the smell test."

Sharon Hubberman came up to speak, "Parking is a severe issue, even with parking permits. We have cars parking on Cornell Street that have out-of-state plates with parking permits. The Parking Authority has looked at the parking situation. Other sections of town should be looked at." She then made statements about the appointment of employees, "If there wasn't a reappointment, then that person would be entitled to three months pay. The Council

can take action because of the Mayor's failure. Moving forward, take this as a life lesson. Why dig the hole when the hole is already there?"

Law Director King responded, "The only way that this will not be paid, is if it was for cause."

David Caba came up, "I respect that Fehrenbach corrected the amount of what the Court Employee got which was more than we thought. We were going to pay for her training because she didn't have experience. I remember when the Mayor said it was a waste of \$15,000 for the Council to hire Tarver (their own attorney to investigate Pellissier's salary, etc.). Was the Deputy Clerk related to someone in the Mayor's Office? Just keep sticking to the investigation."

Fehrenbach responded to Caba's earlier question regarding if anybody from the Police or Fire Departments had a big jump in salary. "In 2014, if the Police and Firefighter's salary was \$50,000, by the end of 5 years, there would be an increase to \$60,000. Now (2018), that would take 9 years to reach that range."

Alan Silber came up to speak. He said, "If a man doesn't get reappointed or appointed, but still gets paid, I will be bringing this up all the time. Who wrote this Ordinance? 18 months later, someone found out he wasn't qualified for the job? A letter was backdated for Pelissier. The Rodgers Group was an easy choice. Getting accredited means nothing and is a waste of money. They don't respect your vote. Why would it take a long time to change a nepotism policy?"

A Resident from Barclay

Street came forward and voiced complaints about the noise level on the streets, particularly on the weekends Friday thru Saturday. "The people are playing loud music all weekend."

Council Comments: Helmin Caba was first. He encouraged the Residents to come forward and they can contact the Council or Administrators.

Irizarry asked for an update on the Sayre Avenue lot where the out-of-town buses are parking.

King responded, "That bus company is going before the Zoning Board."

Irizarry continued, "We need to change the Non-Reappointment Ordinance."

King responded, "Tell me what you want. You can replace the word 'shall' with 'may.'"

Irizarry then questioned, "What other Department Heads have not been reappointed?"

Joel Pabon thanked Fehrenbach for coming back. "There are a lot of family members that came in when the nepotism policy was changed. We have to pay this guy (Cruz) due to a technicality."

Fehrenbach replied, "A lot has changed since I was here."

Council President Petrick spoke next, "This is an open Meeting to the public to participate and voice your opinion. We also need to get speed bumps (down on some of our streets)."

Fehrenbach said, "The Police have to do a study."

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke up, "We need speed bumps by the High School."

Petrick concluded the Meeting by stated, "Maybe a study needs to be done to see what would be the best form of government for the City."

Tom's Tax Tips

5 Finance Tips Everyone Wishes They Had Followed

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Sadly, it usually takes hard-won experience and costly mistakes to really internalize good financial advice. Here are some of the top five things we all wish we knew and followed earlier in life:

Pay yourself first

Paying yourself first means taking a percentage of everything you earn and saving it. Consider it as important as any other bill you pay each month. This is a fundamental rule of personal finance that when used properly can help build an emergency fund and save you from living paycheck to paycheck.

Calculate compound interest by using the Rule of 72

You can roughly calculate the number of years compound interest will take to double your money using the Rule of 72. Simply divide 72 by the rate of return to rough out how long it takes to double your money. For example, 10 percent compound interest will double a sum in 7.2 years; 8 percent in nine years. It's a concept that helps us understand the power of saving and investment.

Avoid debt

Unpaid debt is like compound interest, but in reverse. If left unaddressed, it grows exponentially over time as interest and fees add to the original balance due. The result is that you have to work harder and earn more to pay for the items you purchased. Why not save first, then purchase your dream item? When done this way, the purchase price is limited to what you paid for the item, rather than adding the burden of debt over time.

Understand amortization

When a bank loans you money, it gives you a certain interest rate and a set number of years to pay it back. Each payment you make contains interest as well as a reduction of the amount owed, called principal. Most of the interest payments are front-loaded, while the last few payments are virtually all principal. A smart consumer knows this and tries to make additional interest payments at the beginning of the term. This will dramatically reduce the number of payments required to pay back the loan.

Take advantage of tax deductions, credits and capital gains

Tax laws are complicated and made even more complex when the rules change. There are many tax deductions and credits to take advantage of, as well as strategies to minimize capital gains tax. Why leave money on the table just because you don't know the rules? Ask for help and ask for it early in the year. The power of getting the right tax plan in place every year is definitely something everyone should know about.

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E&C Republicans Reject Pallone Amendment Requesting a Hearing on Family Separation

Press Release 6/27/18

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *Energy and Commerce Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) delivered the following remarks during a Health Subcommittee markup on his amendment that urged the Committee to hold at least one hearing on the status and welfare of the children separated from their families as a result of the Trump Administration's "Zero Tolerance" policy. The Pallone amendment failed to pass after all Subcommittee Republicans voted against it unanimously:*

Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk

As this Committee is well aware, we are currently watching not only a moral crisis but also a public health crisis unfold along our southern border as families have been ripped apart as a result of President Trump's "zero tolerance" immigration policy.

I continue to have grave concerns about the well-being of the children currently in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement and the federal government's

ability to swiftly reunify each child separated from their parent or guardian as a result of this policy.

Congress must exercise its oversight function and this Committee should immediately hold a hearing on this issue so we can understand what the Administration is doing to care for these children and what steps they are taking to reunify them with their families.

This amendment expresses the sense of Congress that the Committee on Energy and Commerce should hold at least one hearing to examine the current status and welfare of those children who have been forcibly separated from their families as well as the long-term implications of this policy and this Administration's actions on the health of these children.

This amendment echoes the request that was sent to Chairman Walden and to Chairman Burgess from each Democratic member of this Committee last week that we hold a hearing on this matter immediately to examine both the current status of these children and their long-term health implications.

The American Academy of

Pediatrics has stated that the trauma from separating these children from their parents and guardians can cause, "irreparable harm" and can affect a child's short-term and long-term health.

I believe this could be a man-made public health emergency created by the Trump Administration that will have lasting impacts on the roughly two thousand children that were ripped away from their families for purely political reasons.

We have an obligation to conduct oversight and understand how these children are being cared for, how and if they can be reunited with their families, and how this dark chapter in their lives could impact them in the future.

Secretary Azar said yesterday that he believes there is, "no reason why any parent would not know where their child is located" and that he can personally locate any child in HHS's care within seconds.

But we have been given no indication on how this is feasibly possible or how long it will take to reunite each child with their parent or guardian.



Congressman Frank Pallone

These are the kinds of questions this Committee must get answers to and the most efficient way to do that is to call the key officials involved in front of our Committee to testify.

This should not be a partisan amendment, as I believe all members of this Committee care about the welfare of children in the custody of HHS and how we can ensure they are reunited with their families as quickly as possible.

For this reason, I urge my colleagues to support the amendment and I yield back.



Perth Amboy Public Library Events

PERTH AMBOY - Make Your Own Instruments - Tuesday, July 17th, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Ages 13-18, *Registration required*

Local Artist Isaiah Jay Performs - Friday, July 20th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. *Registration required*

Sound Wave Art - Tuesday, July 24th, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Ages 13-18, *Registration required*

Library Open Mic Night - Friday, July 27th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. *Registration required*

Rewritten by Music - Tuesday, July 31st, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. - Ages 13-18, *Registration required*

Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson Street, (732) 826-2600 www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

Estate Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Knights of Columbus San Salvador Council #299 in Perth Amboy will be holding an Estate Sale on Sunday, July 22, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at their Council Building at 228 High Street. For more info, call John at 732-925-3751.



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. Presently, we are not 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: Saturday: Jul. 14th & Jul 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. !!!!



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>

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WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Township will be 350 years old in 2019!!!! The 350th Sesquicentennial Anniversary will celebrate the traditions of our Township with events and activities that create civic pride and foster community partnerships that honor the past, celebrate the present, and anticipate the future in the days and months leading up to the Grand Community Celebration on June 1, 2019. The Woodbridge 350th Sesquicentennial Committee has been established to plan festivities and events for the Township’s 350th anniversary celebration.

Mayoral Citations for Participation in the Fire Safety Initiative, Perth Amboy City Council Meeting 6/27/18

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



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Fresh Veggies

PERTH AMBOY - You want fresh veggies or smoothies but whole foods is too far in this summer heat, starting July 19th catch the Emerging Leaders sell market fresh vegetables, fruits and smoothies at 500 Dobranski Drive, Perth Amboy every Thursday 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Parish Festival in the Gateway Neighborhood

PERTH AMBOY - Join us on Saturday, July 21st from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish located on 380 Smith Street. Selling all types of Spanish food. Bingo, water activities for children, music, and more. Pig Roast. Proceeds will go to rebuilding the Claret Center. Free entrance! Free Parking at the Richardson School. For more info contact 732-442-6634.

Mentors Wanted

MIDDLESEX COUNTY/FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - Catholic Charities is seeking volunteer mentors. Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. Do you:
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2. Like having fun?
3. Reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township?
4. Want to make a difference in a child’s life?
Contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org.
org, for more information.

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!

Ukrainian Cultural Festival, Ukrainian Assumption Church, Perth Amboy 6/23/18

**Photos by Katherine Massopust & Carolyn Maxwell*



Saint Stan's Carnival, Sayreville 6/21/18-6/24/18

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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.*

In Sicily, Canadian forces on July 16, 1943, take Caltagirone, 43 miles southwest of Catania. About 50 miles to the west, the Americans take Agrigento, then begin a drive northwestward toward Palermo. At Algiers, Algeria, the Norwegian freighter *D/M Bjørkhaug*, being loaded with some 1,800 Italian mines that had been “deactivated” by minesweepers, explodes suddenly, killing over 1,000 people.

In Sicily, the British Eighth Army on July 17 strikes northward toward the Axis stronghold at Catania but meets determined resistance from the Hermann Göring Division on the plain beneath Mount Etna. The British therefore decide to go around Catania toward Mount Etna, while the U.S. Seventh Army moves along the west coast toward Palermo. In Russia, the Battle of Kursk grinds on, but Hitler orders German *panzer* commanders to withdraw from the field, ending “Operation Citadel.” The decision is strongly protested by Gen. Erich von Manstein and other German commanders, who argue that the Soviets can be defeated. *Der Führer* is not swayed, however, and begins shifting troops to the West. In Germany, the RAF bombs the German rocket base at Peenemünde, on Usedom Island in the Baltic Sea.

German radio on July 18 reports that the city of Köln (Cologne) is in a state of chaos following Allied air raids. Off southeastern Florida, the war's only battle between a lighter-than-air airship and a submarine takes place. The U.S. Navy blimp *K-74* sights the surfaced German sub *U-134* stalking a pair of merchant vessels and attacks. Firing its .50-caliber machine gun and dropping depth charges, the blimp is brought down by shells fired by the sub's 20-mm deck cannon. Nine of the *K-74's* ten crew members survive and are rescued; the *U-134* suffers depth-charge damage below its waterline and withdraws.

On July 19, the Allies bomb Rome for the first time. Although the targets are airfields and railroad yards, the façade of the Papal Basilica of San Lorenzo Outside the Walls is wrecked. The raid damages many other buildings, kills 166 civilians and injures another 1,600. Pope Pius XII protests to President Roosevelt but receives no reply. Adolf Hitler summons Benito Mussolini to a meeting at Feltre in northern Italy, about 60 miles north of Venice, to discuss strategy for defending Italy from the Allies. Mussolini endorses a proposal for Germany to assume military control of Italy's defense, and both leaders agree to mount a fighting retreat while the Gustav Line — a defensive position across Italy roughly midway between Rome and Naples — is built. Mussolini, however, fails to inform Hitler of an important bit of information: his country is about to cease fighting.

The Australian light cruiser *HMAS Hobart* is damaged off the New Hebrides Islands on July 20 by a torpedo launched from a Japanese submarine. Seven officers and six sailors are killed. After repairs, the vessel returns to action in 1945. In the U.S., the Joint Chiefs of Staff decide that they will fight Japan by invading the Gilbert Islands and Nauru, followed by an invasion of the Marshall Islands.

German occupation authorities in Yugoslavia announce on July 21 that they will pay a bounty of 100,000 Reichsmarks for the capture of anti-Nazi Partisan leader Josip Broz Tito.

The U.S. Seventh Army enters Palermo, Sicily, on July 22, cutting off 22,000 Italian defenders.

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A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, August 2, 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 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 10:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Cost \$30; \$25 back in play and \$5 food voucher. Any question call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

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.



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.

Pet of the Week



Buster loves to pose for the camera with his friends.
Love, Amy

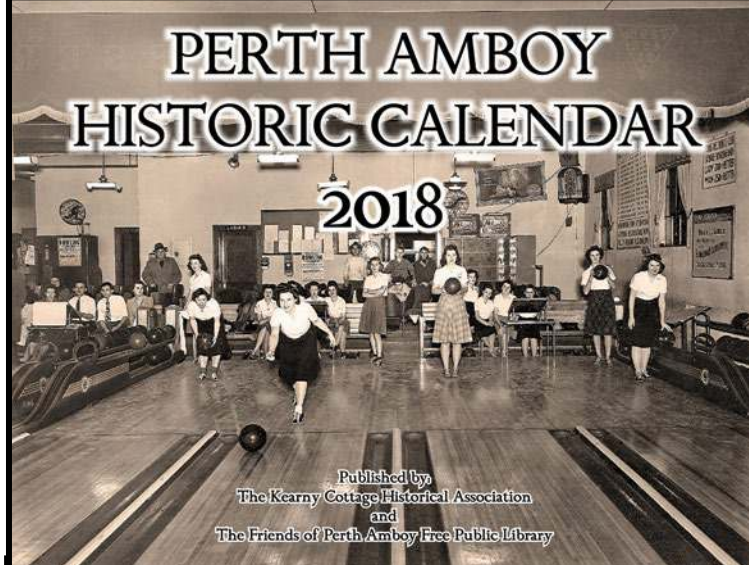
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Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. *(Mention your request.)*
Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.
Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.
Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

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.

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. J.M.P.

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!

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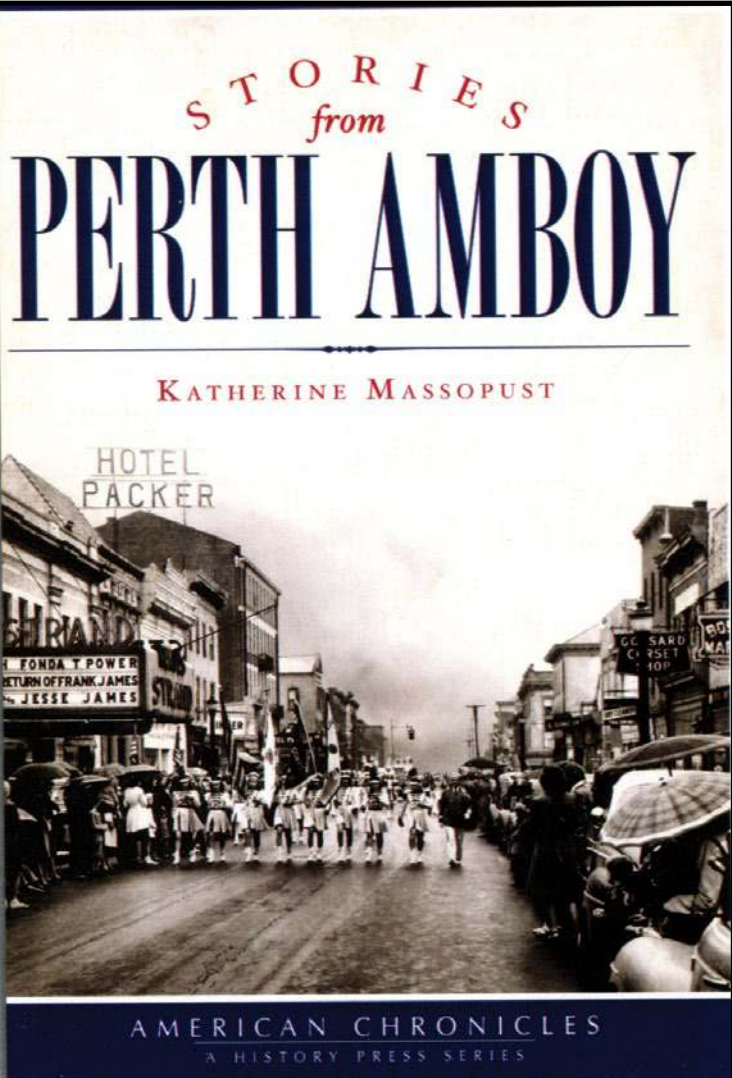


PERTH AMBOY - Firefighters honor the remembrance of Albert Muska, who died in WWII. Shown is the laying of a wreath and unveiling of a plaque at the Garfield Humane Firehouse on Amboy Avenue circa early 1990's. When the firehouse was sold, the plaque was given to the Fireman's Museum and is on display there. Every year, the Muska family donates a wreath to be presented at the Fireman's Memorial in Alpine Cemetery in honor of Albert Muska, Ernest M. Muska and Francis X. Muska, and John Muska who all served in WWII. The ceremony is held on the third Wednesday in May every year.
**Photo Courtesy of Gary Muska*
This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.

Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
TUES. 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. 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Jul. 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Jul. 24 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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WED. Jul. 25 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. 26 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.
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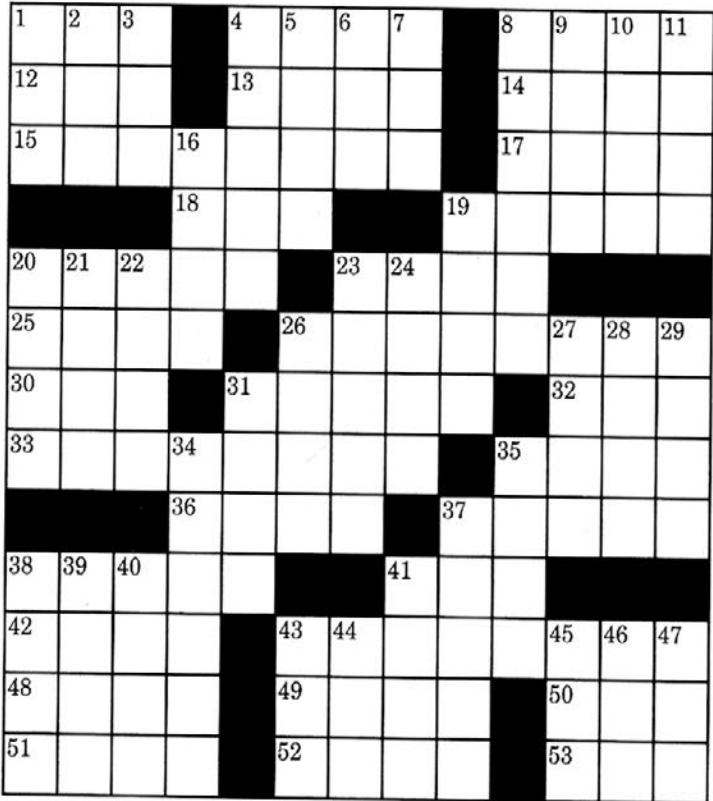
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Meetings, ECT.

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ACROSS

- At this moment
- Run away
- An Arnaz
- "____ You Lonesome Tonight?"
- Throw (dice)
- 365 days in a row
- 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
- Church pathway
- Sulked
- Accomplished
- Level
- They form a body
- Encounter
- Stride
- Flock female
- "____ You," song
- Clumsy boats
- Foot digit
- DOWN
- Seize suddenly
- Lode yield
- Tie the knot
- Sign of autumn
- Appear
- Shade tree
- Overhead trains
- Adding color to
- Sea serpents?
- Shopper's delight
- Tehran's land
- Sudden attack
- ____ and rave
- 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
- Cooking chamber
- Fruit rind
- Daffy, for one
- Health resort
- Paving goo
- Fishing mesh
- Half of four
- View



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PERTH AMBOY - Great potential starter home or investment. Double lot, 3 car garages with automatic doors, driveway, open layout, big kitchen with pantry, good size living room, loads of natural light, 1.5 bath, base board heat, furnace is about 6 years old. Walk up basement, walk up attic ready to be finished for more storage. Property needs updates and TLC. **\$229,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Great investment property, 4 family. 2 bedroom each apartment. **\$490,000**



PERTH AMBOY - WOW, HUGE PRICE REDUCTION, GREAT INVESTMENT, POSITIVE CASH FLOW. BEAUTY SALON PLUS 2 APARTMENTS. CORNER PROPERTY HIGH VISIBILITY/TRAFFIC AREA. ALL UNITS HAVE BEEN RENOVATED IN PAST 5 YEARS. **\$399,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Great money-making business monthly gross \$15,000, includes lottery machine, meat slicer, 4 freezers, many refrigerators, security systems, and much more. long term lease \$975 with \$25 increase per year, total monthly expenses \$1,590.00. **\$60,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Historic Corner building on a busy intersection, building includes a Restaurant on the 1st level, and two 3-bedroom apartments, total of 3 units, there is also another room with two rooms separate from the apartments that is similar in size to a small studio, however it is not a legal studio, owner uses the space as storage, along with many closets on the 2nd floor, 5 parking spots, sold as is. Buyer must conduct their own due diligence on use of property, current use is a Latin/Spanish Restaurant with 1 soda refrigerator, 1 double oven, 1 commercial grade refrigerator, 2 fryers, 1 grill, mobile warmer for catering, 2 freezers, dishwasher, slicing machine, triple sinks, 2 separate men's and women's bathroom, full bar, area with stools along with multiple tables and chairs, come see the property and let your future dreams become a reality with your own restaurant!, showing starts April 2nd 2018, both apart. unit rent for \$1400 ea., total. \$2800 monthly plus whatever you decide to rent out the restaurant for or keep it yourself and run your own business! **\$549,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Buyer is resp. for all due diligence, in this lot previously existed a two-family house. **\$60,000**



PERTH AMBOY - EXCELLENT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!!! Used to be a live poultry. It can be brought back or make it what your business desires. (BUYER MUST VERIFY USE WITH Perth Amboy City Code Enforcement). Total of 3 units plus an empty lot on this property. A Two-Family House; 3 BR's & 2 BR's; a Warehouse with high ceilings; and an Empty Lot in the rear that also faces the Thomas St. **\$549,000**



PERTH AMBOY - NOT A BAR, the Building up until recently was used as a bar/lounge, the building is now vacant, located in the downtown business district, many different possible business ideas! please bring your imagination, plenty of paid parking across the street, Trendy area with heavy foot and vehicle traffic. **\$449,000**



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