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## Residents Question Unfinished Projects

8/6/18 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – During the public portion of the 8/6/18 Caucus, Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak regarding Resolution R-366-8/18 - Extending the completion time of the contract with Helios Construction, Inc. for professional construction management services for the Waterfront Improvement Project for an additional six months to February 28, 2019.

Earlier in the meeting, Interim B.A. Greg Fehrenbach gave a more detailed explanation of this resolution stating that this would be for the tennis courts. "This was the amount of time that was recommended by the grant attorney. This project has to be done before the completion of this construction period. We're still working on change orders. The City, Maser Consultants (who were involved in the Waterfront recovery), and Helios are involved. A redesign had to be done after the bid was finished. One of the problems involved a neighbor's driveway on City property."

Mackiel stated, "The Council had approved another extension for this contractor before. What would be the total cost to complete the project? And what other problems are there?"



Vince Mackiel

Fehrenbach replied, "The figure will be about \$1 million more or less which includes the design."

Mackiel then asked, "Can we use other funds? And were any (Superstorm) Sandy funds used?"

Fehrenbach then stated, "These are Sandy funds. In 2013, there



Interim B.A.  
Greg Fehrenbach

were \$17 million issued for bonds in an ordinance for Waterfront repairs. Bayview Park (repairs) were held up. Some repairs were partially funded by FEMA and DEP funds."

Mackiel was frustrated and said, "This site should have been completed years ago. This has been going on for 3 years. There is nothing there (at the site of the old tennis courts) but

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## Mark Rasimowicz Updates Council On 'Hole In The Wall' 8/1/18 Business Meeting

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz provided the city council with an update on the 'Hole In The Wall' after meeting with Conrail last week.

Rasimowicz and Business Administrator Glen Skarzynski met with Conrail and the Middlesex County engineer to discuss the items of concern at the tunnel located at North Stevens Avenue and Pupek Road, including water leaks and cement falling from the ceiling.

"They acknowledged that there is a problem and they are talking about fixes coming up in their capital 2019 budget," Rasimowicz said. "We're going

to have a meeting on site with their engineer, the county engineer, and myself to look at the exact issues and pinpoint what they can do right now prior to going to the full capital improvement."

Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked if Conrail or the county would shut the tunnel down due to safety concerns. Rasimowicz noted that the city would have a follow-up meeting on site to evaluate the tunnel's infrastructure.

"They are insisting that their documentation indicates that there is no safety issue, we're

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## Hearing of Citizens Resident Alan Silber Speaks on Transparency and Good Government

PERTH AMBOY – Alan Silber began his presentation with a quote from Abraham Lincoln. "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

He then went through a timeline of events that took place in the City starting with 2009. "Mayor Diaz had said that she believes in term limits, and that she said she would not seek more than two terms. In 2013, she appoints Peter Pelissier as Business Administrator, then on January 5, 2016, Pelissier is given a new title. Diaz appoints him Assistant B.A., but the letter where it stated this title change was written January 16, 2016. There was a notice in the News Tribune in 2015 that states that this position would be at a salary of \$106,000. Pelissier's salary was \$157,000 instead. On June 21, 2018 upon the resignation of Adam Cruz, Diaz becomes the appointed authority. The letter of resignation by Cruz was not signed. We are now skeptical. Did Cruz resign? Or was he not reappointed? Cruz was the ap-



Alan Silber

pointed authority for Walensky (getting his position as Manager of the Parking Utility). Should he (Cruz) or shouldn't he be paid? The wording of the Ordinance was changed. The Mayor kept appointing Cruz as Acting Mayor (in her absence) even after showing on correspondence that he resigned. You (the Council) have to be independent in your thoughts. If something doesn't smell right, it probably isn't."

## Late Starter to Block Future Payments, Heated Discussions & Corrections

8/8/18 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – Before the public came up to speak regarding agenda items, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked Law Director Peter King if a late starter resolution can be put on the agenda. King replied that it could be done now.

Gonzalez made a motion to add a resolution that the former B.A. (Adam Cruz) not be paid because he resigned. Councilman Helmin Caba seconded that the late starter be added to the agenda.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski was the first one to speak. He had a question about R-357-8/18 – A five-year contract with Future Key LLC for the placement of vending machines (in various City offices) for commission of 16%. He wanted to know if this was an existing contract.

Council President Bill Petrick

answered, "Yes." Law Director Peter King added, "This contract was done through a bid process."

Sierakowski then questioned R-358 – 8/18 - A settlement agreement in the matter of a Stephen Petrosino vs. the City of Perth Amboy Police Department in the amount not to exceed \$125,000. Sierakowski asked for more details.

King explained it involved an ex-police officer.

Sierakowski then wanted details on R-359-8/18 – A settlement agreement regarding of the matter of Sonia Vargas vs. Omar Rivera in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.

King responded that it was a settlement of an accident involving a police car.

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak. He had concerns about the City having the same ac-

countant for years to do their auditing. "The Best Practices Guideline states we should change the auditor every three years." He also questioned R-358 stating that three years ago the Police Department was accredited. "It was supposed to save the Department money. We still have discrimination lawsuits for \$125,000 and \$130,000. Did Mr. Rodgers of the Rodgers Group, whose program we bought save us money? Did he (Rodgers) testify for us in these lawsuits? You allowed Arlene (Quinones Perez - Former Law Director) to say she's with the Mayor. Maybe the Mayor can explain the discrimination suits. An Auxiliary Officer was suspended for wearing his uniform at the State

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a desert.”

Fehrenbach continued, “In 2014, most of the work at the marina was completed. FEMA and the Department of Agriculture reimbursed us some of the funds. The property line for the tennis courts was wrong. There were also construction problems and problems with the construction code office. Other issues included grading, color coating, and there were differences between the Engineer and Contractor which we hope to resolve soon. We were asking for a timeline of September or October for completion. I agree that this project should have been completed years ago.”

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak. He talked about a title change for a previous Business Administrator. He also talked about Bryan Walensky who is the Manger of the Parking Utility. He had worked on the Mayor’s last reelection campaign. Balut wondered why no City Employee could get that Parking Utility job. “There’s also a lot of illegal parking by City Hall that Walensky ignored. City Employees park there illegally but were not towed or

ticketed. Is the Police Department doing an investigation on tickets that were being dismissed?”

Balut continued, “We are an accredited Police Department, but have discrimination charges that are being hidden. He then asked a question about R-359 -8/18 – regarding a settlement to exceed \$105,000 in the matter of Sonia Vargas vs. Omar Rivera. “What department does this involve?”

Law Director Peter King responded, “It was a motor vehicle accident involving a police vehicle.”

Resident Alan Silber came up next and questioned why the two meetings in July are not online.

Council President Bill Petrick asked Cameraman George Bonilla about this. Bonilla responded, “The tapes (of the July Meetings) were passed on to the Board of Education.”

Silber then asked, “Do we have a Board of Ethical Matters?”

Fehrenbach answered, “I haven’t read all of the City codes.”

Silber then continued and said, “You should have more details on closed session items

if there is a docket number assigned to it.”

Law Director King responded, “We will be doing this going forward.”

Silber then asked, “Who requested that the nepotism policy be changed?”

King responded, “The former B.A. asked that it be revised.”

Silber continued, “The highest level of the administration wanted this change. When the Council wanted it changed, it took forever. When the administration wanted it changed, it was done immediately. Who makes decisions as to who was qualified (for a position)?”

King said, “We looked at other towns nepotism laws.”

During the Council Comments, Councilman Joel Pabon asked that road conditions be looked at near the Outerbridge, Harrison Street, State Street, and Rector Street between Market and Gordon.”

DPW Director Frank Hoffman responded, “The last street (Rector Street between Market and Gordon) have been put on the DOT list.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry was absent.

Clearing the Air  
8/6/18 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – Interim B.A. Greg Fehrenbach told the Council that there will be a Resolution on the Agenda regarding bids for NJDOT Road Rehabilitation and Improvements (High and Fayette Streets Intersection) and Zambory Street. “We’re asking you to reject this in order for us to rebid on this contract.”

CFO/Comptroller/Interim Acting Business Administrator Jill Goldy answered a question posed by Council President William Petrick. He had asked if the reports for the month of June 2018 will reflect employee salaries. Goldy asked Petrick for more clarification. “Would you like a salary report?” She indicated that it would give more details.

Petrick then asked if the City had paid for some of the classes that would be required for certain positions in the City Clerk’s office?”

Recently appointed City Clerk Vicky Kupsch answered, “The City paid for my RMC classes (one of the classes to become a municipal clerk), but not Raquel’s (Roche).”

Fehrenbach then added the following remarks, “We had asked Ms. Rivera to postpone taking her classes until September.”

Petrick then stated, “I just don’t want to see people selectively chosen to take classes.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and stated, “If a class is needed for someone to take for their position, then I don’t have an objection.”

Fehrenbach had the last word on this and said that Former B.A. Adam Cruz had projected

vacancies and wanted someone ready in this case.

Councilman Joel Pabon had question regarding R-343-8/18 – A New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, Pedestrian Safety and Enforcement Fund Grant 2019 through 2020 in the amount of \$16,500 with no matching fund requirements. “Have we already been working on this grant? People cross the street wherever they want and it’s out of hand.”

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano responded, “This is an enforcement grant that is new, and I will do more research regarding the specifics.”

Interim B.A. Greg Fehrenbach gave a more detailed explanation of R-344-8/18 – Extending the contract with the Firm of McManimon, Scotland, and Baumann to seek proposals for the management and operations of the Water and Wastewater Utility following the expiration of the public private partnership in an amount not to exceed \$31,000.

Fehrenbach explained that this will bring the cost to \$71,000. “The actual bill was \$82,000. I talked to the attorney about cost control. Some of the questions were cut down and some of the answers had to be double-checked. They in turn charged us for half of the time after we had these discussions.”

Fehrenbach went on to give more details regarding R-345-8/18 – Authorizing a contract with Partner Engineering and Science Inc. for the right to know law compliance services in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.

“The City has to list all chemicals used and the locations of those chemicals in the City. This company will assist us with this.”

On Resolution R-347-8/18 – Involved the total of \$32,000 for the UEZ for a Comcast Spotlight for television production and advertising.

UEZ Manager Junel Hutchinson came forward to explain that this would be for television commercials to highlight our businesses. "It will start from August until after the holidays. They will have at least 3-4 new productions."

DPW Director Frank Hoffman came forward to talk about R-356-8/18 – Authorizing Change Order No. 2 to the contract with E.O. Habheger Company Inc. for the supply and installation of a new fuel management system in the amount of \$17,000.

Hoffman explained, “When the installation was started, the line was blocked and so was the conduit. If this doesn’t work, we may have to do an excavation.”

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EDITORIAL

"May" and "Shall"

Which Word has a Stronger Connotation?

In my opinion, "shall" means serious business. When a person says, "may," they're giving you an option as to whether or not you wish to do what they request.

The reason I am doing this editorial based on these two words is because these two words have been used recently regarding an ordinance in the City of Perth Amboy. This ordinance involves a payment or nonpayment of salary for a city employee.

If someone said to me, "You shall be paid this amount of money, I'm reading this as if I'm going to get this amount of money - and that money will be paid to me - no questions asked. If someone said to me "you may" be paid this money, it indicates to me that it's not a done deal.

So, of course I had to Google the difference between "may" and "shall." In some cases, the words are interchangeable, but honestly, it made it more confusing. **C.M.**

So, I'm going to leave it up to you. This is an article on the FAA website: FAA.gov (Federal Aviation Administration): **What's the only word that means mandatory? Here's what law and policy say about "shall, will, may and must."**

We call "must" and "must not" words of obligation. "Must" is the only word that imposes a legal obligation on your readers to tell them something is mandatory. Also, "must not" are the only words you can use to say something is prohibited. Who says so and why?

Nearly every jurisdiction has held that the word "shall" is confusing because it can also mean "may, will or must." Legal reference books like the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure no longer use the word "shall." Even the Supreme Court ruled that when the word "shall" appears in statutes, it means "may."

Bryan Garner, the legal writing scholar and editor of Black's Law Dictionary wrote that "In most legal instruments, shall violates the presumption of consistency...which is why shall is among the most heavily litigated words in the English language."

Those are some of the reasons why these documents compel us to use the word "must" when we mean "mandatory:"

The Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook (Sec-

tion 3) states "Use 'must' instead of 'shall' to impose a legal obligation on your reader."

The Federal Plain Language Guidelines (page 25) (PDF) referred to in the Federal Plain Writing Act of 2010, compel the FAA and every federal department to "use 'must,' not 'shall'" to indicate requirements.

FAA Plain Language Writing Order 1000.36, (page 4) (PDF) says avoid the word "shall" and use "must" to impose requirements, including contracts.

Until recently, law schools taught attorneys that "shall" means "must." That's why many attorneys and executives think "shall" means "must." It's not their fault. The Federal Plain Writing Act and the Federal Plain Language Guidelines only appeared in 2010. And the fact is, even though "must" has come to be the only clear, valid way to express "mandatory," most parts of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) that govern federal departments still use the word "shall" for that purpose.

With time, laws evolve to reflect new knowledge and standards. During this transition, "must" remains the safe, enlightened choice not only because it imposes clarity on the concept of obligation, but also because it does not contradict any instance of "shall" in the CFRs." Right now, federal departments go through their documents to replace all the "shalls" with "must." It's a big hassle. If you look at page A-2, section q (PDF) of this link, it shows a sample of how a typical federal order describes this shift from "shall" to "must." Don't go through this tedious process. If you mean mandatory, write "must." If you mean prohibited, write "must not."

What should you say if someone tells you "shall is a perfectly good word?" Always agree with them because they're correct! But in your next breath, be sure to say "yes, shall is a perfectly good word, but it's not a perfectly good word of obligation."

If you've got comments or questions about this, please contact:

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

More Plastic Guns?

A recent letter, critical of allowing plans for a "plastic gun" on the Internet, is wrong on many levels. Access to plans is not the same as making a plastic gun. Banning these is prior censorship and violates the First Amendment. It is wrong to say

you can't libel or slander anyone since that can only happen after publication.

Producing a gun at home is subject to applicable laws. A plastic 3D printer can't produce ammunition for a gun. On Tuesday 7-31-18 NBC TV news at 11 pm showed a blue plastic revolver that fired twice then disintegrated on the third shot, a

danger to the user.

Some writers can express their opinions even when they know little about the subject. Try searching "Plastic Guns" on the Internet to find information on this subject.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Greed

On Wednesday August 8, 2018 I attended a City Council Meeting to hear Mr. Alan Silber speak about transparency and good government. He told it like it should be: OPEN GOVERNMENT for the community. Now, I remember our Mayor Wilda saying "We need open government" when she

first became Mayor. Mr. Silber exposed many facts about play to pay and wheeling and dealing with those fat cats from campaign contribution. Yes, money talks and everything else walks in politics. But let me come down to the wire. There has been talks from the streets before election day in November 2018 that a certain political

party will be exposed and might divide the party. Remember this is just street talk from Washington DC and on down. Greed has become the Devil's way of life in politics with no end in sight. There's an old saying " Money leads to Greed, Greed leads to crime, Crime leads to jail."

Orlando Wildman Perez

Justice is Blind

I find it ironic that the very people who are entrusted to uphold the tenants of the constitution are the very game ones who stifle them! Try to exercise your first amendment right in a court of law and a judge will either toss you out of "their" (though funded by the taxpayers) courtroom or hold you in contempt and put you in jail! It only goes to show that even appointed dictators are hypocrites!

With all its wheeling and dealing and endless appealing, the judicial system is a farce anyway. If the accused doesn't like a verdict, he or she can appeal; the accuser has no such remedy. Victims and/or their families have to help pay to protect, house, feed, and provide medical care for those who committed crimes, even though the victims themselves may not be able to afford those very same things. In some instances, they

help pay for the criminals' lawyers! It's true what they say - justice is blind!

And finally, though judges and the rest of those in the judicial system receive periodic raises, jurors still get a measly five dollars - not even enough to buy a decent lunch!

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Rusznak

Family Time, Family Leave

By: Annette Quijano  
Bonding time between a parent and child is critical in the first year of a baby's life. New Jersey believes it. We are one of four states offering paid family leave for new parents. Here in the Garden State we understand that stronger families mean stronger communities. Stronger communities mean a stronger state as a whole. With over 300,000 infants and toddlers in New Jersey, now more than ever, working parents deserve greater support under the law to be able to provide without hesitation or job penalty the needs of their newborn.

Babies Count, a report recently released, by the Advocates for Children of New Jersey, highlights both the steps New Jersey has taken to ensure families can take family leave and the need to go further.

The report highlighted that, unfortunately, not enough parents partake in this program for primarily two reasons: the fear of losing their job and the fact that the weekly benefit doesn't cover their bills.

Less than 27,000 employees have filed claims for family leave in New Jersey since 2016, a number in stark contrast to the number workers that may be eligible for the program. And, cur-

rently, employees of companies with less than 50 employees receive six weeks and a maximum of \$633 a week, which is not long enough to cover the vital three months suggested for breastfeeding and an amount that may barely cover the average family's household expenses.

It is also important to note: Most parents who have participated in the state's family program are likely to be in the higher income bracket and have a college degree.

We must encourage more families --of all cultural and economic backgrounds-- to take part in the benefits of family leave. A child that is well-cared for in the first years of life is a child who has a greater chance of being academically successful and, therefore, helping to ensure them a brighter future. The current family leave program is a good start. However, we can go a little farther to help parents.

Legislation (A-3975) under consideration in the Assembly-- which has cleared the Assembly Labor Committee-- would do more for families.


Beyond providing for families whose primary caregivers include siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, parents-in-law, the bill extends family leave benefits to parents with adopted children, foster children or children conceived through surrogacy or similar agreements.

The bill also increases the maximum benefit, the duration of leave time a parent can take and extends the length of time a family can receive benefits. It would also put laws in place to ensure job protection and ward against retaliation. No parent should have to choose between raising their families and keeping their job.

Keeping families first is a priority in New Jersey. A strong family leave program is necessary to helping families at an important time in their lives. Having the option to be at home with your newborn is as priceless as the gift of life itself.

Annette Quijano is a member of the New Jersey General Assembly representing the 20th Legislative District, which encompasses parts of Union County. She is the primary sponsor of A-3975.

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## 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](mailto:info@proprietaryhouse.org). Follow us on our website, [www.theproprietaryhouse.org](http://www.theproprietaryhouse.org) and or/ Facebook.

## Community Calendar

### Perth Amboy

TUES. Aug. 14 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.  
Library, Jefferson St.

THURS. Aug. 23 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.

- McGinnis School, State St.  
Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

### South Amboy

WED. Aug. 15 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway

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Ice Cream Social, Perth Amboy Waterfront 8/3/18

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Senator Joe Vitale 19<sup>th</sup> District; Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, and Assemblyman Craig Coughlin enjoy ice cream at the Waterfront. The event was sponsored by all 3 Representatives.



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Lorraine McCartney paints faces

300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Perth Amboy's Incorporation, Proprietary House, Perth Amboy 8/4/18

\*Photos Submitted



The City's 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake



Mayor Diaz cut the City's 300th Birthday Cake



Chris Dyke and Anton Massopust in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Attire



John Dyke portrayed celebrity of the past, William Dunlap



Councilman Fernando Irizarry joined in the Festivities



Guests learned 18<sup>th</sup> Century Dance Steps

Press Release 8/18  
PERTH AMBOY - A series of activities celebrating the City of Perth Amboy's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary kicked off at Proprietary House on August 4<sup>th</sup>, with colonial dances and powdered wigs in the royal governor's drawing room. If you missed last Saturday's "Colonial Dance Block Party," there is still time to celebrate. The festivities continue through November, with a number of special events planned



21<sup>st</sup> Century met 18<sup>th</sup> Century on the Dance Floor



North River Historical Dancers and Musicians, Ridley & Anne Enslow performed on Aug 4<sup>th</sup>



Proprietary House Association's President Lisa Nanton and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez



Proprietary House's colonial Wine Cellar is the venue for upcoming "Coffee House" events

by Proprietary House to honor the 1718 royal charter that incorporated Perth Amboy as colonial New Jersey's first city.

On display at the Proprietary House Museum until August 22nd is Part One of "A Tercentennial Celebration," a three-part exhibit that takes an illustrated tour of Perth Amboy through the centuries. From August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>, Part One of the special exhibit will be on display at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Part Two will open at Proprietary House on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and Part Three opens on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Also on view through November at the Proprietary House Museum is a short video documentary that recounts the history of the royal charter.

Free horse-drawn wagon rides, organized by the City of Perth Amboy and the 1683 Society, are planned for several Sunday afternoons through November (weather permitting). The first of the horse-drawn wagon rides is scheduled for Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and will depart from the Proprietary House Museum for tours of the city's historic waterfront district. The horse-drawn wagon rides will run from 1 to 4 PM and will be accompanied by historical interpreters. Additional rides are scheduled to depart from the Proprietary House Museum from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Free horse-drawn wagon rides will also be on offer on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, departing from Bayview Park as part of the City's Harvest Festival.

Proprietary House and the 1683 Society are presenting two "Coffee House" afternoons featuring musical entertainment in the museum's atmospheric colonial brick and stone wine cellar. Admission is free, with refreshments available for purchase. On Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 PM, Central Jersey trio, "The eMKayS," will perform an eclectic mix of great music. On Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 3 PM, original songs on acoustic guitar will be performed by Jersey City recording artist, Kim Boyko, and by Perth Amboy's very own, Matt Telliho.

HOURS: Proprietary House is open from 1 to 4 PM every Sunday and Wednesday. LOCATION: Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861. FOR INFORMATION: Contact Proprietary House Association - Phone: 731-826-5527; Email: info@theproprietaryhouse.org.

Kick-off Rally for City Council Candidates: Alana Cueto, Vincent Makfinsky and Marilou Villacis: "Working For You" Team 8/9/18

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING CONSOLIDATED PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT PROGRAM YEAR 2017

City of Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Notice is hereby provided that the City of Perth Amboy, NJ has completed its draft of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2017 Program Year for the Community Development Block Grant CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership programs. This report contains information including: 1) summary of the resources and accomplishments, 2) status of actions taken during the year to implement the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan, and 3) evaluation of the progress made during the year in addressing identified priority needs and objectives.

This report is available to the public for review at the Office of Economic and Community Development located at 260 High St., Perth Amboy NJ 08861.

A fifteen (15) day public comment period will begin on Monday, August 13, 2018 during which the public is invited to address written comments to: Fatayi Saliu, Office of Economic and Community Development, 260 High St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

The City will also hold two (2) public hearings for citizens desiring to comment on the CAPER report on Friday, August 17, 2018 at 1:00 PM and on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Perth Amboy City Hall, Council Chambers, 260 High St., Perth Amboy NJ 08861. Perth Amboy intends to submit the final 2017 Comprehensive Annual Performance Evaluation Report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or about Monday, August 27, 2018.

Persons requiring special accommodations to facilitate participation in the public hearing may call the Office of Economic and Community Development at (732) 826-0290, Extensions 4860/4863.

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# Late Starter to Block Future Payments, Heated Discussions & Corrections

## 8/8/18 Council Meeting

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of the City. There was no over-time pay for the Honor Guards who were present at the State of the City.”

Council President Bill Petrick responded and said, “They work shifts.”

Acting Police Chief Roman McKeon came forward to clear up Balut’s last statement, “There was an Auxiliary Officer suspended, but it wasn’t for wearing his uniform at the State of the City. It was for another matter.” He stated that Officers often are compensated with time off when they work special events.

When it came time to vote on the Agenda Resolutions, R-337 thru R-340 and R-342 thru R-371 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon.

R-341 – Amending the CY 2018 Cash Management Plan of the City of Perth Amboy. Irizarry asked that Wells-Fargo Bank be removed from the list of banks that the City can have accounts with. Irizarry stated his concern due to the questionable practices Wells-Fargo Banks have been involved with nationwide.

Fehrenbach explained that all the banks in the City are listed, “But, we haven’t had any dealings with Wells-Fargo for years.” He indicated this was due to the fact that Wells-Fargo didn’t have the best offers for the City’s banking needs.

For R-372, the late-starter involving the non-payment of any future B.A. Adam Cruz because of his resigning. Everyone voted “Yes” except for Councilman Irizarry, who voted “No.”

During the last public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski asked Greg Fehrenbach to investigate the Kushner properties. Sierakowski also had questions about the Armory Restaurant repairs that the City paid for. “The City is losing money on this interest free loan.” Sierakowski then mentioned the property on High Street which was 6 acres. “There were no taxes paid for 25 years. This would be about \$800,000. The Tax Assessor said they knew nothing about this. When they looked at the record books, they agreed that the taxes were not paid for 25 years, but they didn’t know who the owner was.”

Greg Fehrenbach asked Sierakowski if he knew the lot and block number.

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “It was the Duane-Marine property.”

Resident Ken Balut spoke up. He mentioned that a clerk in the court system got a \$15,000 raise that was authorized by the former B.A. (Adam Cruz). “This is taxpayers money paying for this. You know what happened.” Balut continued, “Walensky (new Manager of the Parking Utility) was a political consultant (before becoming a City Employee). He only took an 8-hour course for the Parking

Utility job. Max Pizzaro, who worked for a political magazine now works for Fairview Insurance (that has a contract with the City).” Balut then addressed Irizarry, “And you are a Pastor.”

Irizarry responded, “Don’t go there. I am here as a Councilman.”

Balut then addressed Councilmen Irizarry and Caba, stating: “You know what’s going on.”

Fehrenbach then spoke up and said, “Fairview Insurance was the low quote. The action was justified.”

Council President Bill Petrick then commented, “Another company came in after Fairview and said they could save us a million dollars.”

Resident and Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman came up next. She questioned why she was turned down for a table to distribute material for the Republican Party on Family Day. “We were rejected for being a political party. I feel we were discriminated against because there will be politicians at these events.” She also voiced concerns about Elizabethtown Gas opening up some of the streets. She had reached out to some of the Councilmen about this. “Elizabethtown Gas is replacing gas meters at our homes. They said they’re going to do these replacements and turn off the gas whether we are home or not. Their permits do not give them permission to install meters.” She said she contacted Senator Joe Vitale’s office, and then read a statement that his office had sent her. This statement was regarding replacing the present meters with smart-meters.

Council President Bill Petrick responded to Hubberman’s concerns stating, “We’ve had radio readings for years. I don’t know what the difference will be when the smart-meters will be installed.”

Resident Alan Silber came up. He read an article that showed mayors from different towns attending a power meeting. Bryan Walensky (Parking Utility Manager) was also at that meeting and he went with the Mayor. We need to get the Ordinance changed so it reads the same as the State Ordinance. (When it comes to how administrative appointments are paid when those individuals leave their positions.)

Petrick then questioned Law Director King, “Can we (the Council) change the Ordinance?”

King replied that the word “May” will replace the word “Shall” in the Ordinance.

Silber then continued and asked, “Do you think they (some of the employees that left) were going to sue the City for nonpayment?”

Resident David Caba came up next, “Was Adam Cruz (former B.A.) reappointed or not? Or did he resign? Did the Council know about all the projects (that Cruz was involved in) going on? It’s been 9 years and Rector Street still hadn’t been done. The Mayor picks people to run (Council and Board of Education) who never come to meet-

ings. We do have some good people making bad decisions.”

Fehrenbach explained, “When I left the City, I had a punch list of what needed to be fixed at the Landings.”

Mr. Kaleta who lives at 614 Convery Blvd. came up to speak next. He asked if three walls with no roof would be considered a garage.

Council President Bill Petrick answered, “No.”

Kaleta then went on to talk about a property at 610 Convery Blvd. “An employee from Code Enforcement goes to this address to take aerial photos of my house. 610 Convery Blvd. has violations that are being ignored by Code Enforcement. I found crumpled pieces of paper on my front lawn that had violations for 610 Convery Blvd.” Kaleta then handed out pictures for the Council to see.”

Fehrenbach then requested to speak to Kaleta privately for more information.

During the Council Comments, Helmin Caba (who is also the Perth Amboy Democratic Committee Chair) asked why Hubberman’s (who is Perth Amboy Republican Committee Chair) application was rejected to set up a table to distribute literature on Family Day.

Law Director King responded, “All political groups would be prohibited from City events.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said he had requested from Mr. King to break the 10-year contract (regarding the Kushner Properties).

King responded, “Redevel-

opment could be interrupted. We have lost 10 years of monies. I’ve contacted Blunda (former Law Director) and he said he had no records (regarding Kushner).”

Council Petrick spoke up, “When Blunda left, the DeCotis Law Firm (who came in after him) took all of the Kushner records over.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke next, “Two weeks ago, the City had a Flag Raising at International Park and I wasn’t invited.”

Petrick spoke up, “None of us were invited.”

Irizarry then questioned, “Who paid for the flag?”

Fehrenbach said, “I will find out.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said that he was at the Flag Raising, but he was invited by a neighbor who was participating in the Flag Raising.

Pabon then mentioned the Police Department Accreditation. “The training protects the Police Department. Leadership has to follow up and they have to be held accountable. The Rodgers Group (whose program we are following) is not involved in follow-up. I would still vote for the training.”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “The Ordinance involving administrative employees (leaving City employment) does not speak about resignations. Is there anything in the Ordinance that states we have to pay him (former B.A. Cruz) after he resigned?”

Law Director King answered, “No.”

Pabon continued and still emphasized, “It’s the Rodgers Group (that’s at fault). It’s the leadership not following up.”

There was also a discussion regarding getting a replacement for the court clerk who recently resigned. Fehrenbach stated, “The Assignment Judge Alberto Rivas asked that the candidate for this position lives in South Plainfield and needs a Residential Waiver. There wasn’t a candidate qualified from Perth Amboy.”

Council President Bill Petrick suggested that this be discussed in closed session.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry asked, “Can this position be imposed upon us?”

Fehrenbach responded, “The Assignment Judge in another City made an appointment without the Mayor or Council’s consent. “You only have to approve the waiver.”

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke again, “It was disrespectful for us (the Council) not to be invited to a City event.”

Council President Bill Petrick wanted to clear up a response that he made to Resident Sharon Hubberman during the public portion. He stated, “We are surrounded by electrodes and radio waves. No matter what, we’re always being monitored in one way or another (electronically or wireless).I just want to apologize to Ms. Hubberman if I sounded sarcastic.”

In closing, Petrick said, "Comcast is not investing anymore money into improving the TV sound."

## Breast-Feeding is Best for Baby and Mom

By: Neeti Misra, M.D., FACOG

Breast milk is the perfect food for your baby; for the first six months of your baby’s life breast milk will be the only food that contains the perfect amount of nutrients while being gentle on your baby’s developing digestive system. Babies under six months should feed exclusively on breast milk, after this point you can introduce solids to your baby’s diet along with breast milk until at least 1 or 2 years old.

Breast milk is rich in nutrients that are easily absorbed and used by your baby’s body. Formula does not compare in its nutrient quality, as your baby does not absorb the synthetic nutrients in the same way. Breast milk nutrients include sugar (carbohydrate) and protein, providing your baby with a hearty meal at every feeding. The nutrients in breast milk are the best for your baby’s brain growth and nervous system development. Studies of breast-fed babies have found that they do better on intelligence tests when they grow older. Additionally, due to certain types of fat in breastmilk, breast-fed babies’ eyes also work better.

A baby that is a breast-fed is also a healthier and stronger baby. The nutrient rich milk will provide babies with an extra layer of protection against infection and disease and they’re better equipped to fight anything from mild infections to more severe

ones that might have otherwise led to hospitalization. Studies show breastfed babies also have far fewer digestive, lung, and ear infections. If your baby gets an infection when breastfeeding, the infection is likely to be less severe. Breastfeeding is also beneficial for babies born early or prematurely, as they less likely to get a serious infection of the intestines called NEC (necrotizing enterocolitis).

Breast-feeding helps protects babies from many serious health problems; breast-fed babies have a lower risk for SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome) as well as a lower risk of getting asthma and skin problems related to allergies. Formula-fed babies are more likely to have milk allergies, furthermore, breastfed babies have less diarrhea and a lowered chance of getting some digestive conditions as formula can actually change healthy bacteria in a baby’s intestines that helps with digestion and fighting disease.

Breast-feeding is also beneficial for the mother, breast-feeding mothers can restore their pre-pregnancy weight easier and are less likely to get breast and ovarian cancer later in life.

Breast milk is the best option when it comes to feeding your baby, unless a doctor recommends otherwise, you should not give your baby water, sugar water, formula, or solids during their first six months. In addition

to your breast-milk a health care provider may also direct you to feed your baby vitamins, most often vitamin D, it is important to give your baby the exact type and amount of vitamins your doctor has recommended.

For all these reasons, breast-feeding only is almost always recommended, however if there are any issues that arise making breast-feeding unviable, consult your health care provider to know what options are best for you and your baby.

*Board certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist Neeti Misra, M.D., is director of the Women’s Health Center at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center. Dr. Misra provides comprehensive health care services for women of all ages and accepts all insurances. The center is located at 466 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ.*

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## Mark Rasimowicz Updates Council On 'Hole In The Wall'

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contending there is or there is a concern with some of that debris or chips of concrete falling," Rasimowicz said. "That's what we're going out to look at first hand with both parties on site."

Rasimowicz also mentioned that shutting down the tunnel would be problematic for traffic flow in the city, especially with the potential road repairs at Lower Main Street pending. Shutting down both areas at the same time would ultimately split the city in half.

Rasimowicz and Skarzynski both seemed pleased with the support they were receiving from Middlesex County and seemed hopeful that something

would be done soon.

"It's very clear that [Middlesex County] Freeholder Director [Ronald] Rios has brought everything that the county has to bare to deal with this," Skarzynski said. "We're being more than amply supported in that regard."

"I would say the sum is for Conrail to fix it or the county is going to fix and Conrail is going to flip the bill," Rasimowicz said.

The meeting began with a nearly 1 ½ hour closed session regarding the Manhattan Beach Project. All council members were in attendance for the business meeting.

The next city council meeting will be held on August 15th at 7:00 p.m.

## Leg Pain? It Might Be Sciatica

By: Sripad Dhawlikar, M.D.

Sciatica, also called lumbar radiculopathy, is a pain that originates along your sciatic nerve. This main nerve in your leg extends from the back of your pelvis down the back of your thigh, and is the largest nerve in your entire body.

Sciatica is typically caused by a herniated (or bulging) disk in the spine that is putting pressure on the sciatic nerve. Other reasons for this pressure may include obesity, poor posture, tumors or abscesses, blood clots, or nerve disorders. Even an awkward sitting position may cause pressure on your sciatic nerve, and sometimes the cause of your sciatica cannot be clearly identified.

The most common symptoms of sciatica include lower back pain that radiates or spreads down your buttock and the back of one thigh, pain that extends from your buttock down to your foot, numbness, and weakness. The symptoms of sciatica may look like other conditions or medical problems, make an appointment with your health care provider to receive a proper diagnosis.

There are several methods for diagnosing sciatica; along with a complete medical history and physical exam, tests for sciatica may include an x-ray, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), Electromyography and nerve conduction study (EMG and NCS). Electromyography and nerve conduction study (EMG and NCS) are procedures done together to record and analyze electrical impulses in your muscles. During the EMG, thin needles are placed in your muscle to record electrical activity. The NCS is often done along with the EMG to determine if a nerve is working normally. Electrodes are then placed in various locations on your skin along the nerve pathway. When stimulating the nerve at various places, your health care provider can then determine the specific site

of your injury.

Sciatica usually heals on its own with rest and time. To help relieve the pain, sciatica treatment may include nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAIDs) medicines such as ibuprofen, or heat or cold applied to the sore muscles. It is also important to keep your body in motion, as movement minimizes inflammation. For severe cases, surgery may be recommended to repair herniated disks if the condition persists.

Since sciatica is caused by pressure on a nerve in your spine, complications may develop if the pressure is not relieved. Possible complications of unrelieved nerve compression include increased pain, a slipped or herniated disc, loss of feeling or weakness in your affected leg, loss of bowel or bladder function, and even permanent nerve damage. Though sciatica usually heals on its own with rest and time, call your health care provider if your pain worsens, you lose feeling in your affected leg, or notice weakness in your leg, you develop problems with your bowels or bladder, or your pain returns after successful treatment of your sciatica.

*Board certified orthopedic surgeon and spine specialist Sripad Dhawlikar, M.D., is part of the Human Motion Institute at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center. The Institute's Neck and Back Center uses a multifaceted approach to accurately diagnose and treat back and neck pain. Treatment options include physical therapy, medication, alternative therapies, lifestyle changes, non-surgical, and minimally invasive surgical procedures, with help from a nurse navigator who guides patients and their families through treatment and surgical care. Dr. Dhawlikar has an office located in Suite 310, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. For a referral, call 1-855-5-MOTION.*

## Rep. Pallone Speaks Out About 3D Guns, Immigration, Facebook



Congressman Frank Pallone heads a roundtable discussion at the IHOP in Keyport on 8/6/18

*\*Photos by Ron Miskoff*

By: Ron Miskoff

KEYPORT - Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr., is worried.

He is distressed because he believes the Trump administration and the Republican majority in Congress do not see the danger in the proliferation of plastic guns — weapons that can easily be brought through airline security to make their way onto commercial airliners.

Referring to the guns as "3D guns," Pallone, at a news conference held Aug. 6 in a restaurant in Keyport, discussed the new type of guns. They can be "printed" on 3D printers, offering a unique way to endanger the public.

The session was attended by seven members of the news media in Pallone's 6th District. It contains 20 municipalities in Monmouth County and 12 municipalities in Middlesex County, including Perth Amboy, South Amboy and Sayreville.

3D printers have been around for years. They carve out items and can reproduce almost any shape from blocks of plastic or metal. They can be used to make simple items like key holders, whistles, toys, combs and toothpaste squeezers.

But, recently, a gun rights group blocked downloads of 3D gun plans from its website after a federal judge sided with states arguing that the postings could help criminals and terrorists manufacture the items as weapons. While a federal judge did not actually block the placement of gun plans on the internet, Pallone is worried that "the cat is out of the bag," and that people who want to make plastic guns from printers that sell for as little as \$500 will present a new and unique danger to the public. He said the guns don't show up on airport security cameras.

"We have universal background checks already," said Pallone. "We will now need limits on ammunition... the technology is such that if [Congress] doesn't have a consensus, we can't do stuff we've done for years."

He was referring to the coalitions that Congress has been

able to build over the years, even with opposing parties in power. The ability for members of Congress to "reach across the aisle" that separates political parties and make deals with opponents has dried up, he said.

He declared that the technology on gun safety has raced ahead so fast that Congress needs to act. But with the current leadership in power, it is unlikely that any action to stop plastic gun plans from proliferating — or many other ways that weapons can be a danger to the public — is likely in the near future.

"You can make it at home," Pallone said of the plastic guns, "and it's easier to kill people without tracing the weapons."

He blamed the Trump administration for creating the strategy of not negotiating across the aisle.

"The president is a divisive figure," said Pallone. "Even Republicans are afraid that the right wing will turn on them. The right wing is strident and aggressive. They don't believe in government — that it has a role in health care and so on."

Pallone not only blames the fractured leadership in Congress; he puts most of the blame on President Donald Trump personally. Pallone has been a leading critic of the president and opened his news conference criticizing him on key issues of importance to New Jersey and the nation, including:

- lack of actions on the Gateway Tunnel;
- help to poor families;
- the de facto repeal of the Affordable Care Act; and,
- immigration issues, sanctuary cities, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Pallone said that Trump effectively repealed DACA, which had allowed children brought into the United States from other countries to stay in the U.S. It allows these children to work and go to school. Trump, said Pallone, put these young people in danger. Now they may be deported or detained, he said. He believes the issue will eventually go to the U.S. Supreme

Court, and, considering the make-up of the court, DACA will be repealed.

In fact, Pallone was upset about many immigration policies of the current administration, including the issue of separating children from their parents at the border of the United States and Mexico.

"Trump is saying essentially there will be no more legal immigration," said Pallone.

Pallone also was riled about the Trump administration's treatment of the environment.

Agency rulings, the rejection of the Paris agreement to reduce greenhouse gases and the scrapping of fuel emission standards are only the beginning of the problem, he said. By allowing more "gas guzzlers" on the road, he added, Trump will be surprised that Americans will not want to buy these cars in big numbers.

Pallone is also angered about Trump's treatment of foreign nationals who are trying to gain entry into the U.S.

To compound his sense of apprehension about the current administration of the majority in Congress, Pallone thinks that Facebook, the online social network, can pose many dangers to the American political system. In a hearing on April 11 in Congress, Pallone personally lambasted Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and chair of Facebook, in part, for not stopping Cambridge Analytica from obtaining information on 87 million Facebook users.

"You vacuum up data but fail to keep it safe," he told Zuckerberg, speaking as the ranking member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

He heard Zuckerberg reply that his industry needs to be regulated, but Pallone asked "How?"

He did not get a definitive answer.

"We need baseline protection that stretches from internet service providers to data brokers to app developers," Pallone told Zuckerberg, "to anyone else who makes a living off of our data."



**Bronx Zoo Trip**  
PERTH AMBOY - Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us)

**Classic Car  
Cruise Night**

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual fall Classic Car Cruise Night on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the K of C parking lot 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Food, refreshments, oldies music will be provided. A 50-50 drawing will be held. Trophies will be presented to the best entries. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry. For more information call 732-553-9060 or 732-721-2025.

**Open Mic**  
SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 resume their monthly Open Mic musical evening Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. There is no cover charge. Anyone who belongs to a group or is a soloist is invited to perform. Drums and amplifiers will be provided. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

**Vendor Night**  
SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Columbiettes hold a Fall Vendor Night on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Columbian Club at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Vendors are wanted. Please contact Cheryl at 732-404-3295 or [sa426ladies@yahoo.com](mailto:sa426ladies@yahoo.com)

**Summer  
Wine-Down**  
SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart Church in South Amboy will have their first ever wine tasting fundraiser Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Sacred Heart's Memorial Hall. Tickets are now on sale and are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. You must be 21 or over to attend. Children will not be admitted. Tickets include food, dessert, and over 150 wine, beer, and spirits to sample. For more information call the Sacred Heart parish office at 732-721-0040.

**Remembering  
Patti Page**  
SOUTH AMBOY – The Sacred Heart Seniors are sponsoring an outing Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> to Lakeside Manor Route 36 Hazlet to see the musical tribute to legendary singer Patti Page. Cost of \$70 includes the show plus lunch. Transportation will be on your own. For more information call Judy at 732-727-0154.

**Pallone Announces Federal  
Research Grants for Rutgers**

Press Release 8/8/18  
WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) announced that Rutgers University has been awarded two National Science Foundation (NSF) grants totaling more than \$2,400,000.  
“Rutgers University is both a world renowned research university and an outstanding teaching institution,” said Pallone. “These grants will support these strengths in education and research and make a real difference in learning about climate change and how to save lives.”  
The projects are:

"Integrating Computational Thinking in Mathematics and Science High School Teacher Professional Development" - \$2,276,369.00.  
<http://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward.do?AwardNumber=1763523>  
"EAGER: Understanding the Dynamics of Past, Present, and Future Climates on Subseasonal to Multidecadal Timescales Based on Operator-Theoretic Techniques for Dynamical Systems," - \$164,162.00.  
<http://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward.do?AwardNumber=1842543>

**Vitale, Gopal Bill to Address  
Unemployment  
Compensation in Labor  
Disputes Signed into Law**

Press Release 8/10/18  
TRENTON – A bill sponsored by Senate Labor Committee Vice Chair Joseph F. Vitale and Senator Vin Gopal to permit individuals who are unemployed due to a labor dispute to collect unemployment compensation under certain circumstances is now law after being signed by the governor.  
The new law, S-1046, will allow unemployment compensation during a labor dispute if it was caused by the failure of an employer to comply with an agreement or existing labor laws and specifies that if a dispute is caused by any other reason, unemployment compensation would not be available for the first 30 days of unemployment. The bill outlines that a waiting period would not apply if the employer hires a permanent replacement worker and that any hired replacement workers would be presumed to be permanent unless the employer certifies in writing that the unemployed individual would be able to return to their position when the labor dispute ends.  
“It’s been long recognized that workers’ rights are human rights and that it is just and fair to uphold workers as they struggle to better their working conditions, compensation and benefits,” said Senator Vitale

(D-Middlesex). “This bill provides the framework needed to protect New Jersey’s workers from financial hardship while they exercise their right to fight for safe and fair working conditions.”  
“Workers’ rights is a strong thread woven through the fabric of our national values. But there are gaps in our handling of unemployment during labor disputes that leave workers vulnerable to mistreatment and lost wages,” said Senator Gopal (D-Monmouth). “This bill provides clear protections in the event of a major disagreement over payments, benefits and other issues.”  
The bill requires that if the employer does not permit the individual to return to work, he or she would be entitled to recover back pay for any benefits lost as a result of the 30-day waiting period. The Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development would be permitted to impose a penalty on the employer of up to \$750 per week in which the employee would otherwise have been eligible to receive benefits. The collected funds would be paid into the unemployment compensation auxiliary fund.  
The law will take effect immediately.

**Speaker Coughlin Commends  
NJ Supreme Court Decision  
on Job Banding Rule**

Press Release 8/8/18  
TRENTON – Assembly Speaker Coughlin (D-Middlesex) on Wednesday commended today’s decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court on the Christie-era job banding rule:  
“This is a win for public workers and New Jersey.  
“All three branches of government play a critical role in upholding our democracy.  
“The attempt by the former Christie administration to sidestep the Legislature when pro-

moting employees went against the intent of the Legislature as expressed in the Civil Service Act, and was brazenly unconstitutional. I’m glad that the NJ Supreme Court agreed. If the original rule had continued it would be a good way to show favoritism to certain employees over qualified employees. This makes it inherently clear that promotions must follow the process established by the Legislature.”

**Tom's Tax Tips**

### Is It Worth It to Amend Your Return?

*Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.*

Whether it makes sense to amend your return depends on which of these situations you're in:

**If you owe the IRS**  
If you discover an omission on your tax return that results in you owing additional tax, you need to correct it with an amendment and provide the tax due.  
Don't delay if this is your situation. If the IRS discovers the omission before you do, they may add interest and penalties to your bill.

**If you are due a refund**  
If you find a mistake that should result in getting a larger refund check, you can claim it by filing an amended return. But there are several reasons it may not be worth it.

- **It may open a can of worms.** In many cases, amending your federal return means also amending your state returns. Multiply the hassle if the error spans across two or more years.
- **It puts a spotlight on you.** While your original return may have passed through the IRS's automated system without a hitch, now that it's amended you can virtually guarantee it will get a closer look. If you have anything else in your return that can trigger an audit, like business deductions, charitable donations, or other credits, this can be a concern.
- **It may take a long time to get a refund.** The IRS tries to process your original return within three weeks. No such luck for an amended return. It can take several months to get an amended return processed and see that extra refund, even as long as 1 1/2 years in rare cases.
- **It stretches out the audit window.** The IRS generally has a three-year window to audit returns and request changes. When you file an amendment, you extend the audit time frame.
- **It may be too late.** Depending on when you notice an error and how far it goes back, it may be too late. The deadline to file an amendment is generally the later of three years after the original return was filed, or two years after the tax for that year was paid.

Ultimately you have to weigh the extra money you could get from amending against the potential problems it could cause. If it's worth it, get an amendment filed.

Call to get help with an amendment or if you have other tax questions.

### Summer Activities Continue Through August at the Dowdell Library

Press Release 8/13/18  
SOUTH AMBOY - Summer fun continues through August at the Dowdell Library with 3D Magic @ Your Library, Culinary Workshops, 3D Pen & U, End of Summer Party, MIY Fondue, and K-Nex Mini Golf.

Take part in the Summer Clubs for kids, teens and adults and have a chance at fun prizes throughout the summer! Kids and teens have a chance to win free meals from Texas Roadhouse, South Amboy Arena tickets and much more! Adults have a chance to win a spa basket or an Italian dinner gift basket.

Learn how to make 3D printed objects on Fridays August 17, 24 and 31 during 3D Printer Magic at 3-4 pm. A new project will be printed each week including Charizard, Dragons, Full Metal Alchemist Helmet and DBZ Future Trunks Figurine.

Party with Dowdell Library and Andy the Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse for stories and fun on Monday, August 20 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. There will also be a drawing for the adult gift baskets!

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

The Dowdell Library is located off O’Leary Blvd. – adjacent to the South Amboy H.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](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).

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



# Movie Review: Christopher Robin

By: Anton Massopust III  
“I do nothing every day, but it always leads to something”

Winnie the Pooh, from the live action version of “The Loveable Adventures of Christopher Robin” which were his stuffed animals comes to us for a sweet gentle story about growing up and knowing what’s important in life. This film tells the tale of what happened to Christopher Robin (Ewan McGregor) once he left the 100-acre woods he grew up in after going to school and serving his country in the army during World War II. Chris meets a beautiful woman, Evelyn (Hayley Atwell) and marries her, and has a daughter, Madeline (Bronte Carmichael). He puts his adventures of Winnie the Pooh and friends behind him. Now, he’s an efficiency expert at a luggage company. The higher-ups want to make cutbacks because business is slow, and they think that is the only way to save their business. Christopher Robin’s wife, Eve-

lyn decides to take their daughter, Madeline to the country without Christopher because he has to work.

Meanwhile, Winnie the Pooh can’t find his friends on a foggy day, so he journeys to London through a magical door and finds Christopher Robin all grown up. Pooh asks Christopher to find his friends. Christopher Robin and Winnie the Pooh go to Sussex, then to the Hundred Acre Woods and find everyone and reunites them.

Christopher Robin returns to London, but Tigger had lost Christopher Robin’s important efficiency papers, so Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, and Piglet journey back to Sussex with Madeline in order to find Christopher Robin and return his papers.

“Christopher Robin” is absolutely a wonderful fun adventure which is sweet and gentle and captures the magic of the Hundred Acre Woods. Ewan McGregor plays Christopher Robin perfectly and is really



suited to his part. He’s a great actor and can play just about anything. There is an outstanding voice cast. The film has life lessons for all ages.

It should be noted that the stuffed animals look so realistic and like they’ve been played with, along with the Post-World War II setting in England. Kudos to the CGI team as well as the actors who voiced the

characters, including Jim Cummings who voiced Winnie-the-Pooh and Tigger and Peter Capaldi who voiced Rabbit.

For those interested, there’s another film: “Goodbye Christopher Robin” about A.A. Milne who wrote Winnie-the-Pooh and based the character Christopher Robin after his son, Christopher Robin Milne.

## Family Day Rescheduled

PERTH AMBOY – Due to the inclement weather, the Family Day event is postponed until Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## Fresh Veggies

PERTH AMBOY - You want fresh veggies or smoothies but whole foods is too far in this summer heat, starting July 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Feast Day Celebration

SOUTH AMBOY – A celebration for peace will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Ave., on Sunday, August 26, 2018 in honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The Altar Rosary Society and Holy Name Societies welcome everyone to an afternoon of prayer and song to our Blessed Mother, ornately pictured on the altar as Our Lady of Czestochowa. The 12 noon Mass will be followed at 1 p.m. by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction, Litany for Peace and Meditation on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Refreshments afterward in Memorial Hall. For further information, call Virginia: 732-721-1521 or Michael: 732-40-8966.

## Art Show

### Jacqueline Baker

PERTH AMBOY – Art Show of Jacqueline Baker, in honor of Patricia Baker, August 25-29, 2018. Opening Reception: Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., at The Gallery for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Guest Artist Henry Osaretin. Entertainment: Ernest Baker, Bass & Noel Beers, Trombone.

## Back to School Supplies Drive

PERTH AMBOY - The Kiwanis Club of Perth Amboy in partnership with P.A.R.T.N.E.R., the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's Bayside Family Success Center, JJ Elek Realty Co., of Woodbridge, and the Raritan Bay Area YMCA will be collecting backpack with school supplies to benefit the students of Perth Amboy. Drop off locations are: JJ Elek, 117 Main St., Woodbridge -732-634-9100; P.A.R.T.N.E.R., 415 Fayette St., Perth Amboy – 732-442-0384; Raritan Bay YMCA, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy – 732-442-3632; Jewish Renaissance Foundation's Bayside Family Success Center, 500 Dobranski Ave., Perth Amboy – 732-638-5063. Drop off on or before Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at one of the locations.

Specials thanks to Bob Durso of JJ Elek Realty Co of Woodbridge for donating backpacks at BID's Block Party with a Purpose held on Saturday, August 19th. Today, may we give our children roots to grow and wings to fly.





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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.*

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King on August 13, 1943, kick off the week-long First Quebec Conference, in Canada. Agreement is reached on several points. Britain reaffirms U.S. control over the Pacific theater, where operations are intensifying. Further Chindit operations are proposed for Burma, and aid to Chiang Kai-shek in China will continue. British Vice Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten will take charge of the Southeast Asia Command. Fighting in Italy will be intensified to capitalize on Mussolini's downfall. Churchill, Roosevelt and King also adopt British Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan's plan for a cross-Channel invasion, to be called "Operation Overlord," scheduled for May 1, 1944. Floating artificial ports (Mulberry Harbours) will be built in Great Britain and towed to the French beaches, to be used until French ports are taken. The supreme commander for the invasion will be a senior U.S. general. Elsewhere, in the first Allied air raid over Austria, American planes bomb Wiener Neustadt, 38 miles south of Vienna.

The Italian government declares Rome an open city on August 14, meaning it will not be defended against an invading army, to protect its populace and prevent further destruction. In Asia, U.S. B-24 Liberator heavy bombers fly from Australia to execute a raid over Borneo, striking Japanese oil reserves at Balikpapan.

On August 15, 34,000 American and Canadian troops invade Kiska Island in the Aleutians — and encounter no resistance whatsoever. Having lost nearby Attu Island to the Americans and the Canadians on May 30, the Japanese had surreptitiously withdrawn all 5,200 of their troops from Kiska during several severely foggy days at the end of July. Despite finding the island abandoned, four soldiers are killed by Japanese landmines, and another 24 are killed by "friendly fire" on heavily fog-blanketed Kiska. In the Pacific, the Land Battle of Vella Lavella Island, Solomons Group, begins. It is part of "Operation Cartwheel," the move against Japan through the Central Pacific. Landings are also made on New Georgia and Arundel Islands.

U.S. forces on August 16 enter Messina in northeastern Sicily in a final push to clear the island. The evacuation of 100,000 Italian and German troops from Sicily is completed. In Occupied Poland, units of the *Waffen-SS* surround the Jewish ghetto in Bialystok, intending to deport Jews living there to concentration camps. As was the case in Warsaw in April, they are met by Jewish resistance fighters, who battle the Nazis for five days before being overwhelmed.

In Sicily, on August 17, the two Allied commanders, Montgomery and Patton, enter Messina. The island is now wholly in Allied hands. The shelling of the Italian mainland from Messina begins. Over Germany, 597 RAF bombers attack Peenemünde on the Baltic coast. The raid kills 792 people and delays V-2 rocket testing. Simultaneously, 376 B-17s and B-24s of the U.S. Eighth Air Force carry out double raids, against the ball-bearing plants at Schweinfurt and the Messerschmitt fighter works at Regensburg. Over the course of the mission, 80 aircraft are lost. In the Solomon Islands, the Japanese successfully evacuate 9,000 soldiers from New Georgia to Kolombangara.

The U.S. Fifth Army Air Force makes heavy air attacks on the Japanese airfields at Wewak, on the north coast of Papua-New Guinea on August 18, with 215 Japanese planes destroyed against the loss of just six American aircraft. President Roosevelt issues an executive order that cancels draft deferments of any workers striking at a defense plant who do not comply with an order of the War Labor Board to return to work. The last of 48,500 Jews deported from Thessaloniki, Greece, arrives at Auschwitz.

Allied forces take the Japanese strongpoint of Mount Tambu, near Salamaua on Papua-New Guinea on August 19. The Japanese are now wedged into a small area. The First Quebec Conference generates an agreement among the U.S., the United Kingdom and Canada regarding "tube alloys" (a code name for atomic weapons). The three nations agree to combine the work and findings of their researchers and scientists towards development of an atomic weapon and agree that the weapon will not be used without the joint consent of the three. In Lisbon, neutral Portugal, secret negotiations begin between the Allies and the Italians over Italy's surrender.

**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, Sept. 6, 2018. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.



**A.C. Bus Trip**  
**St. John Paul II Seniors**  
PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Wed. Aug. 22, 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**  
**Ukrainian Assumption Seniors**  
PERTH AMBOY – The Ukrainian Assumption Seniors are having a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday, September 16, 2018. For more information, call Eleanor: 732-874-5291.

**Atlantic City Bus Trip**  
**Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church**  
PERTH AMBOY – AC Bus Trip to the Tropicana Casino on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 pm - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$30 pp (\$25 slot play). Bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726. Payment due ASAP. NO REFUND FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS!

**St. Mary's High School Class of 1958 Reunion**  
PERTH AMBOY – Friday, Sept. 28. 2018 from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. The Grand Marquis, Old Bridge. All Graduates from St. Mary's or Perth Amboy High School invited. Call Betty Pappas: 732-236-4479 or Joan Dias: 732-634-0239.

**Farmers Market**  
WOODBIDGE – Every Wednesday from June 27<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Pets of the Week



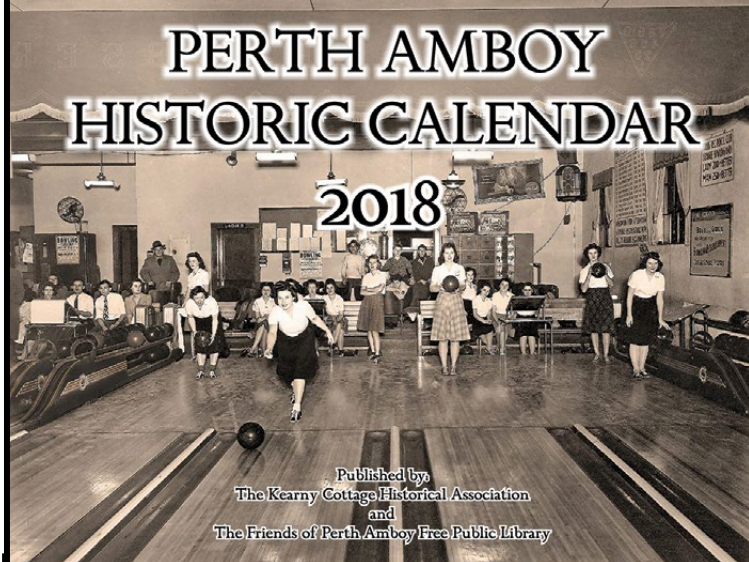
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**Mentors Wanted**  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY/FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - Catholic Charities is seeking volunteer mentors. Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. Do you:  
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**All 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.

## 2018 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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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.*

### 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.**

### Bayside FCS Open House

PERTH AMBOY – You're invited! Families come join us for a fun summer night at the courtyard along with fun activities for the whole family. Wednesday, August 15, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., 500 Dobranski Dr. Features: food, games, face painting, prizes, family movie (bring your lawn chairs) & popcorn and tours of our center. For more info: contact us at 732-638-5063.

### 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: Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com) Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

### Bunco Night

PARLIN - Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 7 p.m. \$10 donation. Presented by the Friends of the Sayreville Public Library to benefit the Museum Pass Program. Location: Knights of Columbus, 775 Washington Rd, Parlin.

### Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk

SOUTH AMBOY - Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club's 41<sup>st</sup> annual 5K Run and Health Walk will be held Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 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>

### Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers  
From Puzzle  
On Page 15



## LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Fire Department participates in the Perth Amboy Fire Department's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade down Smith Street. 1981

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## Senior Scene Happenings

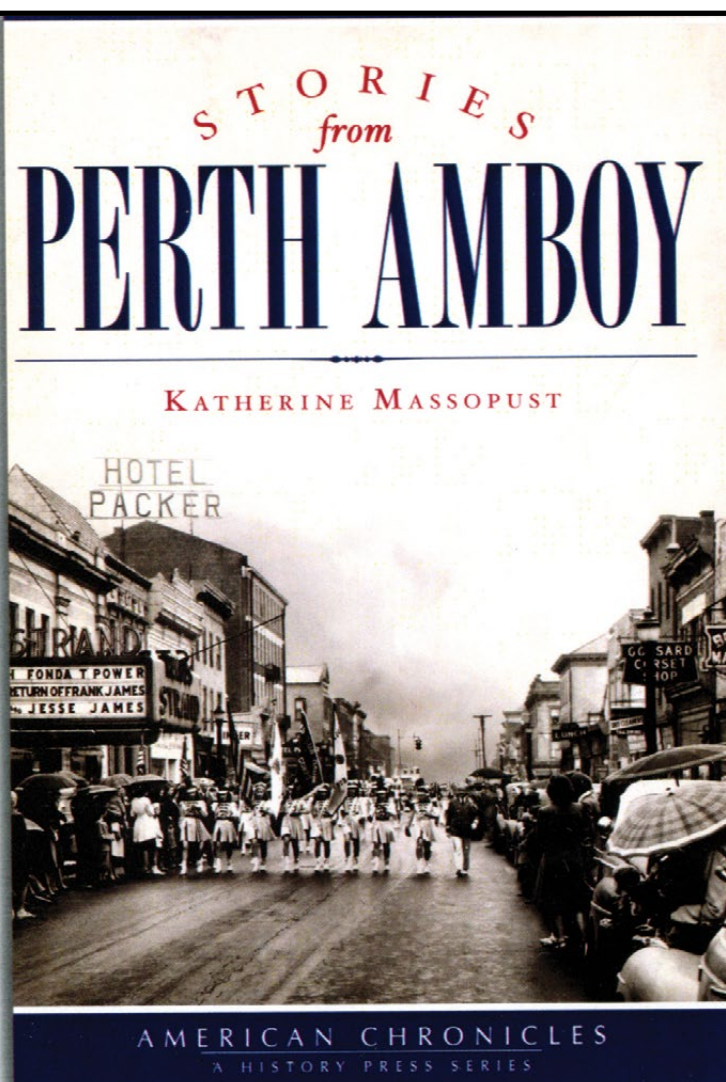
### Perth Amboy

- TUES. Aug. 14 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. Aug. 15 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. Aug. 16 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Aug. 20 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Aug. 21 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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- WED. Aug. 22 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. Aug. 23 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

### South Amboy

- MON. Aug. 27 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- WED. Sept. 5 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Sept. 10 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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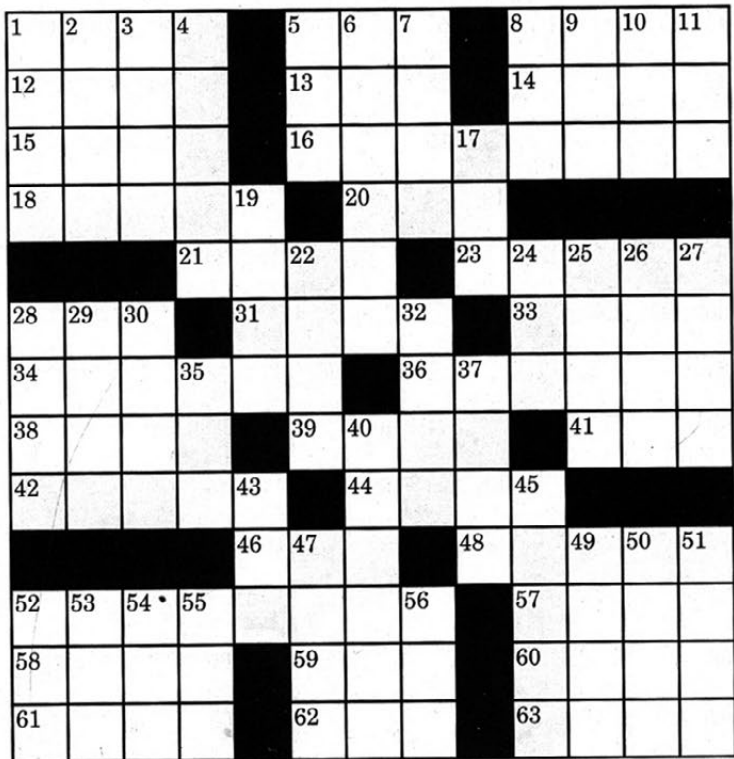
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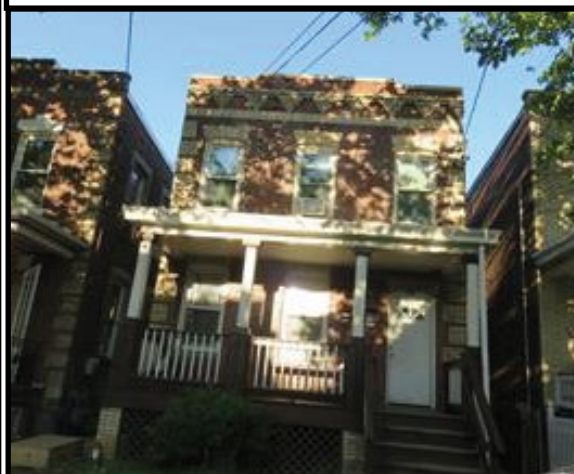
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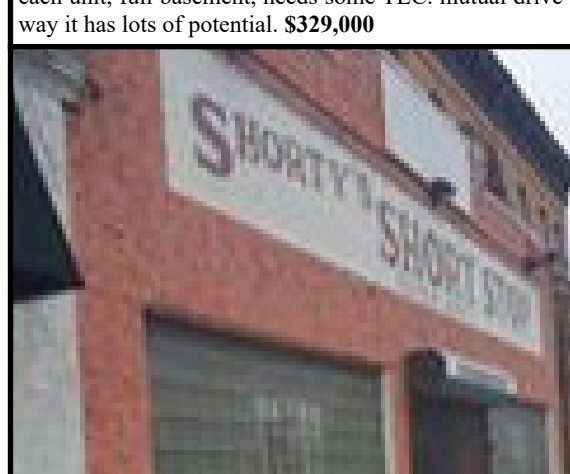
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