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Mayor Diaz Holds Press Conference Condemning Petrick's Facebook Posts; Calls for Petrick's Resignation *10/3/18 Press Conference*

By: Katherine Massopust and Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz called for a press conference on 10/3/18 at City Hall Circle to condemn Council President William Petrick for Facebook posts that she found offensive. She called for Petrick's resignation as a Councilman.

Diaz began speaking, "As the City of Perth Amboy, we are addressing negative comments against the City of Perth Amboy. It's not social media in the most negative way. Many Latinos have made a home in New Jersey. It's why we are so outraged. We as a community cannot be portrayed in such a negative way.

Patricia Campos Medina, President of Latinas United for Political Empowerment (LUPE) PAC of NJ came up to speak at the podium, "Thank you, Wilda Diaz for having the courage to come out. When women run for office, it's to make for the common good, for children, for the community. We have actively opposed Donald Trump. We have been constant that kind of language does not belong in Perth Amboy. It's bad enough Donald Trump does not behave appropriately. It's important for women not to be devalued. We at this moment are proud to be Democrats. Although my organization is bipartisan, I'm a Democrat. As a progressive Democrat, I'm appalled to see this language. If you sit at the computer, you have to at some moment believe what you are displaying on the computer. Trump and Right-Wing Republican blame women and immigrants for the problems in our country. Bill Petrick has to be held responsible and he should resign immediately. He objectively has disparaged women and it's disgraceful. A misogynist and a racist can be nice to you, but hide their true beliefs. What Petrick did hurt the community and children. William Petrick needs to know we will not stand quiet until he resigns!"

Former Mayor's Aide to Wilda Diaz, Hector Bonilla came up to speak, "In 1923, the KKK came here (Perth Amboy). They were



Resident Maria Peralta speaks at the Press Conference

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Listening to the Speakers



A group photo of the participants

enemies of Perth Amboy. The people of Perth Amboy stood up to them and kicked them out. In 1966 there was a lot of unrest, and many Puerto Ricans and Dominicans fought in the army to defend the United States. There were riots (in Perth Amboy) in 1988 when comments were made about Mexicans that were obscene. We have to say something. We cannot tolerate that kind of rhetoric in Perth Amboy. Comments made by the White House against Mexicans were terrible. In Chicago, there were some people attacked or raising the American Flag. This opens up floodgates for you to

be attacked. Comments were shameful and hurtful. This is not new – it's continuous. The picture shown was of the Dominican Republic. We are residents of the City and Country and we cannot tolerate these comments. This is not new. It continues. Last night (10/2/18), President Trump – he belittled her (Dr. Christine Blasey Ford). The President used the same rhetoric against Ford as he did to the African-Americans falsely accused of rape. We cannot tolerate him (Trump) anymore."

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South Amboy Meeting Focuses on City Improvements & Master Plan *10/3/18 Business Meeting*

By: Carolyn Maxwell
SOUTH AMBOY – During the Council Comments, Councilman Tom Reilly spoke and was concerned about the results of a survey (by Beacon Planning) that was given to the Fire, First Aid, Police Department and the School Superintendent regarding their concerns for the City.

Reilly asked if this report is for public knowledge. "I would like to get full feedback from the Departments (above). I didn't get any reports back from the OEM (Office of Emergency Management)."

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski spoke up and said, "I was at these meetings, but there was no records or recordings of the interviews."

City Attorney John Lanza was asked to give his thoughts about the survey. He responded that he wasn't familiar with this survey at all and it was the first time he even saw it.

Mayor Fred Henry spoke up, "This survey was conducted by an outside group."

Lanza then stated, "If this report is not confidential, it could be made public, but it's the first time I'm seeing it. I need to know who sponsored it."

Reilly spoke up again and stated, "I'm hearing from people who were interviewed in different departments that the report was not wholly inclusive. School Superintendent Diaz said what was in the report was not exactly what he said."

B.A. Skarzynski explained, "Everything was not verbatim that was in the report."

Reilly continued, "I'm not getting accurate information."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato suggested that the report be given back to those departments who participated so they could clarify the statements that they made.

Reilly continued, "This report will have a huge impact on the town. I talked to the Fire Chiefs and they said the statements in this report are not reflective of what they said."

B.A. Skarzynski made addi-

tional comments, "Additional (residential) units will have an impact on the town, but they have built in sprinkler systems."

Reilly's also mentioned that the Woodmont Properties are adding 13 students to the school system.

Mayor Henry added, "Just have all the people who were involved in the study get the report and make any changes necessary."

Law Director Lanza said, "The report was requested by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann and I will call them."

Reilly ended the discussion by stating, "I have a lot of questions and concerns and would like to have McManimon & Scotland go over this report. Maybe we can then come to a special meeting."

Towards the end of the Meeting, McKinley Mertz from the Heyer Gruel & Associates came in to talk about the Master Plan and the new zoning ordinance. She stated, "The City's Master Plan is prepared by your Planning Board. Many of your City Departments plus the public had input. Several Zones no longer exist. You'll be bringing in more residential units in Zone #1 which will include single family detached units and open spaces for parks. In your R2 Zones will include single and two-family (which could be stacked) homes and private schools. This is the Roswell Street Area. Some homes in both zones may be nonconforming. The R3 Zone which includes Gordon Street will have medium density for example such as Woodmont and Ryan Homes. We're looking at medium density for the Waterfront. The R3 Zone will be very discreet. Multifamily (16 units per acre) and Townhouses will be 12 units per acre. The M1 Zone (Light Industrial) will not change. The B1 Business Zone is very small (Broadway). It will have to be reevaluated for permitted uses.

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Joel Pabon



Council Candidate
Milady Tejada

Press Release 10/4/18
PERTH AMBOY – Three ‘Perth Amboy First’ candidates today challenged their City Council opponents to stop hiding behind Mayor Wilda Diaz and finally focus on relevant city issues of greater concern to people and families.

“Personal attacks must end. They do not benefit city residents who, I am sure, would rather hear about our records of service and our visions for Perth Amboy’s future,” said Councilman Joel Pabon, a ‘Perth Amboy First’ candidate.

“Today, we are challenging our three opponents – actually on the Nov. 6th ballot – to raise the level of campaign discussion. Let’s focus on important city issues that people truly care about,” said Pabon, a two-term

incumbent seeking re-election on Nov. 6th with Council President Bill Petrick and school board member Milady Tejada.

Petrick agreed. “Our opponents have, so far, hidden behind Mayor (Wilda) Diaz. They let her speak for them and make unjustified attacks. This is a disservice to both campaigns and, worse, to voters,” Petrick said. “Let’s stop distracting people from what’s really important in their lives.”

“Residents and potential voters would rather hear how the Mayor’s slate has worked for them over the past few years,” Petrick said. “I urge them – as my running mates are doing – to campaign on their individual merits and achievements. Then, allow voters decide. That is a fair request.”

Tejada, a three-term school board member, added that she is running for Council to end City Hall’s hostility toward the Board of Education. “Ongoing antagonism does not benefit our families and certainly not our children,” Tejada said.

“People would be better served by a cooperative, respectful partnership between City Hall and our school district,” said Tejada. “Once elected, that’s what I hope to achieve.”

The three ‘Perth Amboy First’ candidates have years of city government experience and long-term, personal commitments to community service. Learn more about the “Perth Amboy First” team at www.perthamboyfirst.com or www.facebook.com/PerthAmboy-First/

10/3/18 Press Conference

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Mayor Janice Kovach of Clinton, NJ spoke next, “Here we are in 2018 and still dealing with sexist remarks. This concerns me. I’m a survivor of Domestic Violence. You must talk to your family about racist remarks. You must call them out because if happened to you, you would want the support from your family and community. I’ve been friends with Wilda for years and she’s never been part of the “Good Old Boys” club. There has been an opposition to hold everyone accountable. We may not be able to fix Washington’s sexist, racist behavior – we have no room for that. The only way change will happen is up to all of you!”

Mayor Diaz came back up to speak, “I’m glad to work with these statewide leaders. I was chastised for being the one bringing forth these comments that were made from 2016-2018 which degraded Haiti and the Dominican Republic. There’s lots of families here in Perth Amboy from the Dominican Republic. They come here to work and are part of the community. One post was from 1/14/18 and is a new post. Petrick completely abused his position! I’m a woman and a mother and a now a grandmother. I’m going to fight for the women now and of the future. We have a lot of women who built this country. I will not tolerate this. It disconnects the community. I

gave Petrick time to think about this and I’m asking for Petrick to resign. They’re not going to use us, discard us and disrespect our community. It will spread to other communities. The President is spreading this and it’s not okay. We work hard and contribute to this country. If we allow them to get away with this – just because the President says this, doesn’t mean it’s right. Our families work hard and that’s the American Dream. As Americans, everyone should be treated equally! We cannot stay silent! Had it been a Republican, you’d see a crowd from all over New Jersey here in City Hall Circle. Thank you for coming out.”

One woman at the press conference came up to speak, “I’ve had a business here for 23 years. Many people have come here (Perth Amboy) to do business here. What is their (the Council’s) duty? They’re only looking for problems by not doing anything in this town. I want to tell you about this. They earn a salary in that role. I ask them to fix problems – not create problems. We can take care of that in November! They like to take credit for what Wilda Diaz does. We need to be open and everyone to know we are equal.”

One question was asked of Mayor Diaz during the Q&A period by a reporter, “Do you feel that all Republicans are racists?”

Diaz answered, “Not all Republicans are misogynists and racists, but the far right are.”

South Amboy
Business
Meeting

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No residential units will be permitted on the ground floor. You want to embed in an ordinance that the style of storefronts be kept. You can increase the maximum height of the structures (to 3 stories). The B2 (Route 35 Corridor) is an impervious lot coverage and you’ll have to develop parking standards. Broadway/Main Street should be broken into certain districts. The M2 Zones will be eliminated. A solar ordinance can be put in place for appropriate locations. You can use provisions for a farmer’s market. Parking spaces for bicycle infrastructures can be placed in the redevelopment areas, but not bike lanes. Our contract with the City expires June 2019.”

At the end of the Meeting, it was explained that Beacon Planning was asked by the Redevelopment Agency to do the survey mentioned at the beginning of the Meeting.

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A MESSAGE FROM WILDA DIAZ

Two weeks ago, as Mayor, I released a letter to the residents of Perth Amboy with regards to the improper conduct of Council President William Petrick, notifying the community of his non-democratic views and actions as a member of the governing body.

I want to be clear, I have supported all of the sitting councilman at one time or another. They ran for election and re-election touting my Administration's accomplishments, while committing to continue pursuing a vision of growth and development for the City. I have always been a team player and by supporting them, I sought to build a team that believed in a common vision and inclusion of all our residents' diversity.

However, in addition to expressing his non-democratic views on Facebook in **2016, 2017 and in 2018**, Council President Petrick has a record of obstruction and of official abuse of power that I feel is important to bring to light given his current attacks against my administration and our employees:

Abuse of Power, Council President Petrick has:

- Most recently, inquired about a medical procedure of a female employee of the City.
- Improperly questioned employees of city business by directly messaging and contacting employees via Facebook and other means.
- Knowingly appointing a man to a public board with a questionable background involving moral turpitude, after I suspended him from one of the boards, based on qualifications.
- Attempting to run a shadow government, violating State Statue and the City's form of government under the Faulkner Act.
 - o Usurping my (Mayoral) appointment rights
 - o Hiring their own attorney, while the law allows for the retention of a city attorney who is responsible for advising both mayor and council.
 - o Requesting to have their own dedicated server and a private IT employee, in order to prohibit access to their emails.
- Circumventing OPRA and sharing government documents with selected political allies.
 - o Sharing a draft city budget prior to its formal and proper introduction to the general public.
- Undermining the administration:
 - o Council President had privately met with a developer (Kushner Companies) and could have potentially compromised contract negotiations, as he still has not disclosed what was discussed.

Last year, a Superior Court Judge stated on two separate occasions that the council had completely violated our form of government, costing the residents thousands of tax dollars.

Disagreements between the Legislative body and the Executive body of any city are part of governing in a Democratic process, and I welcome that. However, his record of obstruction and abuse of power outlined above are targeted at City Employees and residents and cannot be ignored. I will speak out against it.

This is about an elected official and his inability to serve our community because of his non-democratic views and constant violation of state statues, as a member of the governing body. As elected officials, our duty is to serve the people.

For 10 years now, as Mayor, as a mother and as a woman of color, I am committed to fostering an environment that is safe and secure and free from ethnic, sexual and gender-based discrimination and harassment, sexual violence, and other related misconduct.

History has shown that Perth Amboy has always been resilient, we have overcome much together. I want to remind the council that my years as Mayor have been transformative.

My administration has kept its promise to be fiscally responsible, grow our economy, create future jobs, enhance our quality of life and expand services for our residents.

Friends, I am proud of what we have achieved together. We have put our hands to the plow. As residents, you can trust that my administration and our employees will make every effort to serve you.

I call on all the members of the Council to do the same.

Sincerely,
Wilda Diaz

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Time is Running Short

To all the local candidates running for office in the Municipal Election of 2018: it's time to state your platform and what's best for the community. Smokescreens are not working and people becoming weary of personnel attacks.

My suggestion is to get up early in the morning and walk around the business district. As we stated in a previous editorial, see how many temp agencies have people waiting for job assignments. You need to go to those agencies and see what types of jobs and where those residents are going to work.

That should be your first assignment.

I would like to see the percentage of residents who are employed by large corporations that have opened up in Perth Amboy over the past ten years. If any new units are being built, I'd like to know how much parking will be given for each unit. Will the developers help in the cost of road repairs as the developers did when the Federal Hill were built?

When will the dog park be completed? What are your thoughts on the Kushner Projects? Those existing and may be

built down the road? What are your thoughts on illegal housing and how can this problem be curbed? The same thing goes with dumping?

Here's the bottom line: if you just walk down the street and ask any resident about personal attacks being battered around, they are more likely to be concerned with issues that affect them directly. (See statements above.)

I remember in past years when different community organizations would proudly say how many dinners they served to the homeless. Unfortunately, I don't think having a high number should be a goal. That just means there are more people who are not able to meet their basic needs which shouldn't be happening. Those numbers should be going down.

This is just a short list that the candidates should be concentrating on.

All candidates running for office in Perth Amboy and South Amboy should submit a short bio, their ballot positions, and platforms to the Amboy Guardian by Friday, October 19, 2018. *C.M. & K.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Politics is a Dirty Game

First, I don't choose sides with this letter that Mayor Wilda Diaz wrote on Oct. 3, 2018 to the Amboy Guardian (A Message from Wilda Diaz) about Council President William Petrick. But, let me guess: our

Mayor is an angel, you know. "What? Me do wrong?" Come on Wilda? Politics is a dirty game. We all know it, and I'll bet there's some dirt here and there. I laugh when these politicians put their hand on the Bible and take an oath to uphold our Constitution. I rather see them put their hand on a comic book.

We all know Perth Amboy hasn't change over the years - just the same results with "Play to Pay and Political Contribution," and city employees looking for promotions. Now, Mayor Wilda Diaz: tell us something we don't know.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Focus on Where You Are Now!

I'd like to remind Milady Tejada and all the citizens of Perth Amboy that her flag and their flag is the American Flag! Focus on where you are now, not

where you and/or your ancestors came from!

Sincerely,
Michael J. Rusznak

Mayor Wilda Diaz, You Owe Everybody an Apology

September 2018, Mayor Wilda Diaz of Perth Amboy, NJ and her inner circle started a smear campaign against Council President William Petrick with false accusations. I wrote a letter detailing how Mayor Diaz and her campaign staff knew about Council President Petrick's right wing facebook reposting's back in 2016 and saved it to manufacture a smear campaign.

After that, they still sought his support, endorsement, and made him Council President, so why the outrage now and not back in 2016 or 2017?

I believe Mayor Diaz and her inner circle will do anything to win an election even if they have to smear a person's reputation with orchestrated misreporting and false allegations. I did not believe their accusations about Mr. Petrick back in 2016, 2017 or now in 2018.

Originally, I too fell for their deceitful tactics in 2016 when I was first presented with Mr. Petrick's facebook reposting by the Diaz team. I have known Mr. Petrick for several years and for me it was out of character. I did my own research regarding Mr. Petrick's facebook page. This is what I discovered:

He was reposting all different types of political views: for and against: Republicans and Democrats, right wing,

left wing, conservative, liberal, moderate, for Trump, for Hillary, for Bernie, for Obama, for guns, against guns, for women, against slavery, for civil rights, for “take a knee”, against “take a knee”, against discrimination, for immigrants, against illegal immigrants, for Latinas, for Dominicans, for Puerto Ricans, for Mexicans, for Latinos.

This is why I believe Mr. Petrick when he stated; "I am fairly unfamiliar with Facebook and I'm not making excuses for my naiveté, but my intent was just to inform, and stimulate conversation which is evident by all the other posts on my page including support for local causes and events and lots of posts on food."

I invite each of you to do your own research, view Mr. Petrick's facebook page and you be the judge on whether he is a racist and sexist. Attached are some of over 400 facebook postings – the rest are on a flash drive - from Mr. Petrick that Mayor Diaz and her inner circle intentionally ignored and did not provide to the public and the media.

Mayor Wilda Diaz, you and several people in your inner circle owe Council President William Petrick, his family, the residents of Perth Amboy, the media, the me too movement, Latino groups, statewide leaders and the entire public an apology for your premeditated character assassination and intentional deceitful misreporting of Mr. Petrick.

I have female family mem-

bers and close friends that unfortunately have been victims of real abuse, discrimination and misogyny. Through your disgraceful actions you have watered down real movements and group's effort to expose abusers and hold them accountable. You have also intentionally divided our beautiful diverse city with your orchestrated misreporting to ruin an innocent person's life.

We deserve better! Perth Amboy deserve better!

Council President William Petrick, this is my advice for you and other victims:

“When a toxic person can no longer control you, they will try to control how others see you. The misinformation will feel unfair, but stay above it, trusting that other people will eventually see the truth, just like you did.”

– Jill Blakeway

Mayor Wilda Diaz, my offer still stands to prove everything I have witnessed and stated in regards to this matter. I am still willing to take a polygraph test and start an investigation. What about you?

Sincerely,
Helmin J. Caba

Councilman and Democratic Chair
City of Perth Amboy

To hear Councilman Caba's statement condemning the Mayor at the September 26 council meeting go to <https://www.facebook.com/PerthAmboyFirst>

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PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430.

Kearny
Cottage Open

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

WED. Oct. 10 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
• City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
THURS. Oct. 11 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.

South Amboy

WED. Oct. 17 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

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Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz
Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ

We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, emphasize that it is important:

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Office on Aging 1980's Theme Party, Sadowksi Parkway, Perth Amboy

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Tom's Tax Tips

Education: Tax Changes You Need to Know

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

WHAT IS GONE

Continuing Education as an itemized deduction: In previous years, you could deduct expenses paid for job-related continuing education as a miscellaneous itemized deduction. This deduction has been eliminated. However, if your employer will pay for the education, they can cover up to \$5,250 tax-free.

Home equity line of credit (HELOC) interest for education expenses: A popular method of generating cash to pay for school expenses is taking out a HELOC. Beginning in 2018, you can only deduct HELOC interest if you use the loan proceeds to buy, build or substantially improve your home. This means that if you plan to obtain HELOC for purposes of paying for education expenses, the interest will not be deductible.

WHAT'S NEW

529 plans cover K-12 tuition: Funds from Section 529 savings plans can now be used tax-free to pay for up to \$10,000 in K-12 private school tuition per year. Books, supplies or other K-12 expenses are not included in this change, but they are still eligible as legitimate college expenses. Be careful - not all states have adopted the K-12 inclusion, so they might still be taxable at the state level.

Endowment tax of 1.4 percent on certain private colleges: Congress added an investment income tax on private colleges that have large endowments. The tax is expected to impact roughly 30 schools, including Stanford, Harvard and Notre Dame. The effects of the new tax are yet to be determined. However, tuition may increase or reduced financial aid award amounts may be implemented to offset the cost.

WHAT STAYS THE SAME

Student loan interest deduction: You may deduct up to \$2,500 in student loan interest in 2018 as an adjustment to income. To qualify, your adjusted gross income must be below \$80,000 (\$165,000 for married couples). Phaseouts start to apply at \$65,000 (\$135,000 for married couples).

American Opportunity Credit, Lifetime Learning Credit and tuition and fees deduction: All three of these educational tax benefits are available once again. A chart with basic information on these three options is below:

	American Opportunity Credit (AOPC)	Lifetime Learning Credit (LLC)	Tuition & Fees Adjustment
Max Amount	\$2,500 credit	\$2,000 credit	\$4,000 reduction in income (adjustment)
Refundable?	Yes - \$1,000	No	No
Max Years	4	Unlimited	Unlimited
Eligible Education	Undergraduate	Undergraduate & graduate	Undergraduate & graduate

As a reminder, when you make payments for any education expenses, make sure to keep your receipts and retain any Forms 1098T sent to you from qualifying schools.

Helping Veterans Find a Place to Call Home

PERTH AMBOY – Are you or know a veteran with DD 214? Are you or they interested in being a first-time home owner? The Perth Amboy Housing Authority is looking for a Veteran to help realize the dream of home ownership. The first step is to attend the First Time Homebuyer Class to obtain information on how you can be eligible for our upcoming lottery. You fought for our country, now let us fight for you! Register Today! Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy, 881 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Call to reserve your seat today: 732-826-3110 ext. 647 or email homeowners@perthamboyha.org We are a HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency. Free for all Veterans with a DD 214.

Pokémon Club to meet at Library

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY --Perth Amboy Free Public Library's Pokémon Club will meet on the second Saturday of every month the library, 196 Jefferson Street.

This club is open to anyone ages 4 to 14 interested in battling Pokémon cards with other trainers, just stopping in to talk Pokémon, or hunting Pokémon in the Library via the Pokémon-GO App.

Bring your own cards and collections, play and share knowledge. We have Pokémon mats too. No trading allowed. So, tell your friends and join us!

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information, please call the library at 732.826.2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

School of Rock Clark's House Band

Press Release 9/20/18

WOODBIDGE - Join us for a special acoustic set @ the Woodbridge Main Library with the School of Rock - Clark's House Band on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7 p.m.

The School of Rock – Clark's House Band consists of the school's top student ambassadors. Touring on stages across the nation from Nashville, Memphis, Philly and NYC, these players represent their most dedicated and experienced musicians. Not only do they tour each summer, but they also perform for local music festivals, charity events and street fairs. To learn more about their house band, follow them on Facebook @ facebook.com/schoolofrockclark and on Instagram @[schoolofrockclark](https://instagram.com/schoolofrockclark).

This program is free and open to all. Come out and support these awesome young performers!

The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ. For more information please call the Library @ 732-634-4450 or visit us online @ <http://woodbridgelibrary.org/>

Museum Pass Program

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have generously provided FREE passes to some of the area's most popular museums! Museum passes offer a great way for family and friends to experience educational and cultural fun.

Picking Up and Returning Passes: Passes can be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Patron must present the library card under whose name the pass was reserved. Only Adult patrons whose cards are in good standing will be able to check out Museum Passes. Passes are good for a total of three days and are **NOT** renewable. Passes can be returned at the Circulation Desk or at the Book Drop after hours.

Late, Lost or Unreturned Passes: There will be a \$5 amount late fee each day the pass is past due. The maximum fine will not exceed \$25.00. Passes not returned within 14 days after the due date, will be presumed lost and borrowers charged the full replacement cost.

Replacement costs for items are as follows: **Lost museum pass:** Full cost of the pass. Replacement costs vary according to the museum and listed on the catalog record for each museum. **Pass Case:** \$1

Museum Passes available:

- **American Museum of Natural History**, New York, NY | free admission and 1 free exhibit or show

- **Grounds for Sculpture**, Hamilton NJ | pass admits 4 people

- **Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum**, New York, NY | pass admits 6 people

Sponsored by the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. www.folperthamboy.com For more information, please call the Perth Amboy Free Public Library: 732-826-2600.

Honoring Officer Kyle L. Savoia, City Hall Council Chambers *Photos Courtesy of the City of Perth Amboy



PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Diaz and the Perth Amboy Police Department honor Police Officer Kyle Savoia who saved a man who was just moments away from being struck by a moving train on Thursday, July 19, 2018. This rescue was aided by PST Janet Torres and PST Brian Donnelly, who notified NJ Transit Police immediately upon receipt of the call, allowing NJ Transit to slow down the incoming train.

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Fall into Business, Cooking, Photography, Reading, Halloween, And More at the Dowdell Library

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — Autumn is a season of returns: students go back to school, leaves flutter to earth, and South Amboy citizens flock to the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library. From aspiring entrepreneurs and photographers to creatively costumed kids and, of course, avid readers, the Dowdell has something for everybody!

Teen Read Week runs October 9 through October 15, and patrons ages 13 through 19 are encouraged to enter the Dowdell's annual Ruined Book Contest! Simply take a book title—say, The Hunger Games—and add a word to “ruin” it—say, The Hunger Games Diet. At the end of the contest period, the library's elementary and middle school students will vote for their favorite, and the winner will take home a spectacular prize! One entry per patron per day

Cook up something new scrumptious at the library's bi-monthly Culinary Workshops! Bring in your kids on October 18 or 25 between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm and watch them make their very own chocolate spider doughnuts. It's sure to be an arachnid good time!

Halloween only comes once a year, but your friends at the Dowdell are celebrating twice! First, get into spooktacular

spirits at our Annual Halloween Costume Party. This year's event, which runs from 3:45 pm to 5 pm on October 22, will also feature a special Celebrity Storytime with South Amboy City Councilman Mickey Gross! Just one week later, on October 31, steer clear of goblins and ghouls (and food allergies!) by trick-or-treating at your local library!

We encourage all local shutterbugs to enter the library's ongoing Local Business Photo Contest, which is accepting entries through November 15. Amateur photographers are encouraged to submit up to five high-resolution digital images featuring a clearly identifiable South Amboy business via email to comments@dowdell.com. (Be sure to specify the location of your photo, the date it was taken, and your name and contact information in your message.) Awards for Best Photograph, Runner-Up, and Best Architectural Photograph will be announced at the library's Holiday Open House on Monday, December 3 at 7:30pm.

Comments, queries, compliments, concerns? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

Perth Amboy Presents Mix & Mingle Networking Event, Plus a 5-K Walk to Recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Wilda Diaz, the City's BID and Recreation Department Hosting Activities on October 19 & 20

Press Release 10/5/18
PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy is presenting back-to-back events on October 19th and 20th to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The festivities begin with **Perth Amboy Business Improvement District's (BID) Mix & Mingle** networking event at the Portuguese Manor (310 Elm Street) that starts at 5:30 PM. Attendees can enjoy music by *DJ Shade*, take home giveaway items and sample light snacks and refreshments.

The BID recommends pre-registering for the **Mix & Mingle** networking event for business professionals because space is limited. Simply visit the **Eventbrite** website and click to <https://bcamixandmingle.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact BID Executive Manager Junel Hutchinson at 732-442-6421 or by email: JHutchinson@perthamboynj.org.

On the next day, October 20th, the **Perth Amboy's Recreation Department** is presenting its **5K Think Pink, Walk Proud** stroll from Second Street to Bayview Park. Check-in is at 10 AM and the walk starts at 11 AM. Registration for this event is required, and participants can sign up at <https://parecreation.recodesk.com> by selecting the **Breast Cancer Walk**.

The City, Mayor Wilda Diaz, the BID and Recreation Department are presenting these activities to focus attention on the breast cancer, patients fighting the disease and new treatments. These community-based events can help reinforce the message that local resources are avail-



Meet professionals from local companies during the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District's Mix & Mingle networking evening that is supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Everyone is invited to the Portuguese Manor on October 19 beginning at 5:30 pm. Admission is free, light refreshments will be served and there will be a cash bar available. Advance, online registration is requested. **Photo by Bob Rinklin for Business Improvement District*

able to women who are seeking information about breast wellness, self-monitoring techniques and annual screening for early detection.

"These programs are examples that show how its take a village to effectively fight breast cancer," said Mayor Diaz. "Our goal is to keep women informed about the affordable options for breast cancer screening and wellness programs. We also want to connect women, who may be battling the disease or are in remission, and they are seeking supportive groups."

Ms. Hutchinson said, "I'm inviting everyone to come out to the *Mix and Mingle*. "As a cancer survivor, I know firsthand that annual mammograms and regular self-examinations are vital to breast health. Many

women, and even some men, are diagnosed with breast cancer every day. Thankfully, with all the current advances in medicine, there are effective treatments available."

For more details about the **5K Walk**, call Perth Amboy's Recreation Department at 732-826-1690, ext. 4305. The first 100 registered walkers will receive a tee shirt and water bottle. Walkers are gathering at Second Street (near the Robert N. Wilentz School) and ending at Perth Amboy's Bayview Park (250 Water Street).

The *Mix & Mingle* business networking and **5K Think Pink, Walk Proud** event are sponsored by the City of Perth Amboy, Mayor Diaz, the BID, Recreation Department and Horizon Blue Shield of New Jersey.

Town Hall Business Meeting with Lt. Gov. Oliver, Raritan Yacht Club 9/20/18

**Photo by Bob Rinklin for the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District*



Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - An overflow group of Latina and minority women entrepreneurs, business owners and corporate executives attended the Town Hall Business Meeting on September 20. New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver (center of photo in pink dress) answered questions from business owners who asked about the State's plans to raise the minimum wage, assist parents with their childcare expenses and protect undocumented workers from exploitation. Held at the Raritan Yacht Club, the meeting was presented by the City of Perth Amboy, and Mayor Wilda Diaz along with the Latinas in Business organization. The Honorable Ms. Oliver shared the Administration's vision to actively support urban communities in the Garden State and downtown business districts. For example, the Lt. Governor explained that Perth Amboy is one of N.J.'s Opportunity Zones, which were created to encourage innovation by providing resources to assist Latina, Latino, minority women and all entrepreneurs who want start and grow companies. The evening was sponsored by Comcast Spotlight, Investors Bank and the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (BID).

Amboy Bank Celebrates Sayreville Branch Renovation **Photo Submitted*



News Release

SAYREVILLE - Sayreville Mayor, Kennedy O'Brien, assists Gregory Scharpf, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Amboy Bank, in cutting the ribbon to celebrate Amboy Bank's newly renovated Sayreville Branch located at 412 Washington Road. From left to right are Greg Scharpf; Kennedy O'Brien; Anne Szatkowski, Amboy Bank client; Burton Wilkins, Sayreville Branch Manager; John Krenzel, South River Mayor; Theadora DeTullio, Amboy Bank client; and Anthony DeToro, Vice President and Deposit Officer of Amboy Bank.

"For over forty years, we have served the people of Sayreville and have been a staple in the ever changing community. This renovation allows us to better serve our current clients, as well as accommodate new clients. The celebration was our way of giving back to the community- they were supportive during the renovation and had no complaints. We will continue to bring our innovative products and quality service to the residents of Sayreville," said Scharpf.

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Attend Public Meetings Have Your Voice Heard!

Town Hall Business Meeting with Lt. Gov. Oliver, Raritan Yacht Club 9/20/18

**Photo by Bob Rinklin for the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District*



Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz (L) welcomed New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver (C) to the City during the Town Hall Business Meeting that was held at Raritan Yacht Club on September 20. Lt. Governor Oliver met with more than 100 Latina and minority women business owners, entrepreneurs and corporate executives. Mayor Diaz and the City hosted the event along with the nonprofit Latinas in Business organization. Before taking a series of questions from the audience, the Lt. Governor encouraged the entrepreneurs and business people to continually cultivate new contacts, communicate with elected representatives about their needs and make use of the many free resources available from the New Jersey Small Business Development Centers. Shown in the photo (L to R) are Mayor Wilda Diaz, N.J. Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver and Latinas in Business President & CEO Susana G Baumann. The town hall meeting was sponsored by Comcast Spotlight, Investors Bank and the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (BID).

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Story Time with Ms. Mel

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY --Parents with children of all ages are invited to the Perth Amboy Free Public Library for an especially exciting story time with Ms. Mel. Story time consists of age-appropriate picture books, songs, fingerplays, poetry, and crafts.

Join In on the following dates:
October: Tues, 23 & Thurs, 25; 1:00 p.m.; November: Tues, 13 & Thurs, 15; 1:00 p.m.; December: Tues, 18 & Thurs, 20; 1:00 p.m.

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information, please call the library at 732.826.2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

Baby & Me Story Time

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY -- It is never too soon to share the wonderful world of literature with children! The new Baby and Me Storytime Series at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library invites very young children (ages birth through 24 months) and their enthusiastic adult caretakers to explore language and literature through rhythm and rhyme, finger plays and very simple stories. Each story time will last about 45 minutes, with time for parents and children to enjoy one another's company and the library's resources afterwards. The series will run alternating Wednesdays at 11:00 am from September 5th through December 19th.

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information, please call the library at 732.826.2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

Edison AARP Ch#3446

EDIOSN - The next meeting of the Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will be held at its new location: THE ELKS #2487, 375 Old Post Road, Edison, NJ on Monday, October 15th at 1:00 p.m. Subsequent meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Our meetings are lively and interesting. October's meeting will include a speaker from Rutgers Zimmerli Art Museum who will discuss the museum's fall programs and exhibits.

We are a proactive chapter whose members continue to do good works in the community. For example, each month we ask our members to bring non-perishable food items which we donate to the Food Bank of Middlesex County. Our food donations average about \$400 a month. Other programs for seniors include health care, legislation, community service, theater, day trips, tours and so much more. We have an active group of members and look forward to expanding our ranks.

Please visit our website at WWW.EDISONAARP.ORG for more information.

The Haunting of Kearny Cottage

PERTH AMBOY - An exclusive reading of an original short story The Haunting of Kearny Cottage (and a few more if time allows) by Donald Gavron from his new collection Turn on The Dark. Light refreshments will be served. All ages welcome. Gavron's books will be available for sale and signing after the reading! Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave.

Match Game: Elks Edition

SOUTH AMBOY -- Saturday, October 13, 2018 starting at 6 p.m. at South Amboy Elks Lodge #784, 601 Washington Rd., South Amboy. Entry Fee is \$10. Includes sandwiches and salads. Cash bar.

Perth Amboy Free Public Library Sets up for A Spooktacular Halloween

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY --The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is ready to scare up some Halloween fun this October! Drop in every week for a new make and take craft and to play our Children's Room Monthly Game! Registration is required for the activities below, to register call the library or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

Escape the Library: Friday October 19th 5:30 pm (ages 13+) Search the library for clues and other items that will help you unlock the locks on the box. Using all your knowledge solve the puzzles using other items in the room. In the box you will find the key to breaking out of the library and maybe a prize! You better start fast as you only have 30 minutes!

No Sew Halloween Costumes: Monday October 22 6:00 p.m. Put together your own costume or accessories no thread or needle required!

Carve Your Own Pumpkin: Tuesday October 23 5:30 pm A Halloween staple, stop by the library and create your own masterpiece!

Teen Craft Night: Oct 30th 6:00pm Stop in the Library to create a chilling craft.

Careers from the Crypt: October 25th 6:00pm Learn about nonmainstream professions from those in the field.

The Ghost Train Visits Perth Amboy: October 26th 7:00pm. Local Horror author, Donald Garvon reads his latest scary tales.

Trick or Treat at the Library: October 31st Stop by the Library to show us your creepy costume!

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information, please call the library at 732.826.2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

Vendors Sought for Craft Fair

SOUTH AMBOY -- Crafters, vendors and shoppers are needed for Sacred Heart Rosary Society's upcoming Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall across from Sacred Hart Church, 531 Washington Ave., South Amboy. No admission charge for shoppers or browsers. Food will be available. Helpers will offer assistance in carrying out your purchases. To reserve a table or for more information, call Janice: 732-309-8405 or Virginia: 732-721-1521.

Indoor Flea Market & Yard Sale

PERTH AMBOY - October 13, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Rain or Shine) Hungarian Reformed Church Center Corner of Kirkland Pl & Fayette St., Perth Amboy. Tables are 1 for \$20 or 2 for \$30. "Many tables with many treasures" New and Used items!! Food Available. For more info call 732-521-1017 or call the church directly at 732-442-7799.

Paint and Sip

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic School is hosting a Paint and Sip Party on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018 This is an **adult only** event sponsored by Investors Bank. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to benefit Assumption Catholic School. The event starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. and wine, cheese, and crackers will be served. \$25pp. Please call the office to purchase tickets: 732-826-0767.

Medicare Workshop

Press Release 9/20/18

WOODBIDGE - On Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 pm, the Woodbridge Main Library will welcome Justin Lubenow and Michael Salum of Senior Advisors. At this free workshop you will learn:

- What's Changed?
- 5 Biggest Mistakes Made by Most Medicare Beneficiaries.
- Original Medicare versus Medicare Advantage Plans.
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- How do Medicare Prescription Drug programs work?
- When must you sign-up for Medicare to avoid late enrollment penalties and coverage gaps?

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This program is free and open to all. Registration is required. Please call 732-634-4450 to register or register online @ <http://woodbridgelibrary.org/>

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Vendor Night

SOUTH AMBOY -- The South Amboy Columbiettes hold a Fall Vendor Night on Friday, November 9th 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 732-407-3295 or sa426ladies@yahoo.com

Tricky Tray

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Parish at Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Rd. in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge, NJ will be hosting a Tricky Tray Auction in Msgr. Gambino Hall on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Admission is \$15, which includes 25 Level 1 tickets, coffee and dessert. Adults only. Hall is handicapped accessible. Doors open at 12 noon and drawing will begin at 2 p.m. There are 5 levels of prizes plus grand prizes including Broadway Show tickets and Vacation Accommodations. Advanced ticket sale special available before 10/2/18. Currently taking reservations for tables of 6 or more. For more information and tickets, please contact Marie at 732-442-6916 (before 10/2) or the Parish Office at 732-826-4859 or by email at gstricky-tray@gmail.com.

Movies @ Main: True Stories

WOODBIDGE - On September 7 the Woodbridge Main Library will begin a new film series scheduled Friday afternoons at 2 p.m. that will feature films based on true stories.

On October 12 we will present *Chappaquiddick*, a dramatic film about the 1969 fatal car accident in Massachusetts. The following week we will show the war drama, *The Darkest Hour* on October 19. This film, with Gary Oldman in his a Best Actor performance, depicts Winston Churchill during the early days of World War II. Our series concludes on October 26 with *Adrift*, the true story of Tami Oldham and Richard Sharp's heartbreaking adventure at sea.

Our films are sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township.

Light refreshments are provided by the Woodbridge Library Foundation. Films are free and open to all.

The Woodbridge Public Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ.

Barbecue to Show Appreciation to Emergency Services, Alameda, Elm Street, Perth Amboy
*Photos Courtesy of Alameda



Library Hosts
Teen Anime
Club

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY -- The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is looking for teens to participate in its newly formed Teen Anime Club. The Anime Club is aimed at teens that enjoy Manga (Japanese comic books) and Japanese style cartoons and for fans of “J-pop” and “K-Pop”. The club will meet Monday October 29th at 6:00pm in the Library’s main reading room at 6pm. Discuss your favorite characters, learn about Japanese culture, make arts and crafts and new friends who share your obsessions. Participants will vote on what Anime to watch at the next meeting. Snacks will be provided, registration IS required. This club is for teens in grades 6-12 only. To register, please call the library, or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org
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- Fall I October 7 - November 17
- Fall II November 18 - December 29

Maximizing Social Security Benefits

Press Release 9/17/18
WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - Join us at the Woodbridge Main Library, October 15 at 7 p.m.; for an information session which will help attendees learn the ins and outs of Social Security. The session will explain—the history of Social Security, how the system is funded, how to become eligible for benefits, what ages you can start receiving benefits, how payment amounts are calculated, and steps you can take to maximize benefits for you and your family. In addition to this, our speaker Andy Panko, will cover relevant current events as it relates to Social Security and offer his thoughts on the future of the system.

Our speaker, Andy Panko has 18 years of professional experience at multiple large insurance companies, brokerages, and investment banking organizations. Andrew holds the Retirement Income Certified Professional (“RICP®”) designation and is nearing completion of the requirements to earn the (Certified Financial Planner (“CFP®”) designation. He has an undergraduate degree in finance from the University of Delaware and a Masters of Business Administration from Rutgers University. Furthermore, Andy had previously taught graduate-level finance courses as an adjunct lecturer for the Business School of Rutgers University.

All are welcomed to attend this free event! Registration is required to attend this event. Please call 732-634-4450 or visit www.woodbridgelibrary.org to register and to find out more information about the event.

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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.*

Great Britain on October 8, 1943 — under terms of a treaty signed 570 years earlier, in 1373 — establishes military bases on the Azores, neutral Portugal's islands about 850 miles west of the Iberian Peninsula. In Greece, the first vestiges of guerrilla warfare give indications of the possibility of a civil war there. In the Atlantic, Polish destroyer *ORP Orkan*, escorting a convoy between Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Liverpool, England, is torpedoed and sunk by German sub U-378. Only one officer and 43 sailors of its crew of 190 survive.

In Italy, the U.S. Fifth Army's move northward is stopped at the Volturno River on October 9; all the bridges have been destroyed by the retreating Germans. In the Solomon Islands, the seven-week-long Land Battle of Vella Lavella ends in an Allied victory. Following the island's capture, the Allies build an airbase there that is used against the major Japanese base at Rabaul, on New Britain Island.

Sensing that the war's tide is beginning to turn, Spain's government on October 10 orders its 250th "Blue" Division (of volunteers) home from the Eastern Front, where it had been fighting alongside the *Wehrmacht*. A few thousand Spaniards, however, refuse to abandon their "struggle against communism" and enlist in a so-called "Blue Legion" that is attached to the German 121st Infantry Division in northern Europe. The German city of Münster is heavily bombed in the first daytime raid by bombers of the U.S. Eighth Air Force. The raid comes at a cost: of the 236 planes sent out, 30 are shot down and 105 are badly damaged, with the loss of 308 aircrewmembers.

The Red Army reaches the Kerch Strait on October 11, completing the liberation of the northern Caucasus. In the Soya Strait, near the Sea of Japan, the American submarine USS Wahoo is attacked by Japanese air and sea forces. Depth charges sink the sub with the loss of its entire 60-man crew.

The Allies, as part of "Operation Cartwheel," begin a bombing campaign on October 12 against the Japanese Pacific Headquarters at Rabaul. 87 B-24 bombers hit the base, sinking a transport ship, damaging two destroyers, destroying or heavily damaging nine planes, and leaving the base's fuel-storage area in flames. In New York City, the National Broadcasting Company sells its Blue Radio Network for \$8 million to the newly organized American Broadcasting Company. NBC continues to operate its Red Radio Network.

Italy declares war against Germany on October 13. In the Pacific, the whole of the New Georgia group of islands in the Solomons is now held by the Allies.

The U.S. Eighth Air Force delivers a heavy attack against German ball-bearing plants at Schweinfurt on October 14, but damage is limited. However, of the original force of 291 B-17s, 198 are either shot down or damaged beyond repair, while the *Luftwaffe* loses only about 40 fighter planes. In Poland, Jewish prisoners at the *Sobibór* extermination camp launch an uprising. Several Ukrainian guards are killed, as are 11 SS officers, and 300 of the 700 camp inmates escape (all but 50 or so are killed or recaptured outside the camp). Afterward, inmates who did not escape are ordered to raze the camp and obliterate all traces of it. When finished, they are executed.

Family Game Night at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY --Join us for board games, puzzles, trivia and more. Play an old favorite or learn a new game. The library will supply games for all ages or bring your own favorite to share. Light refreshments will be provided. Family Game Night takes place the second Friday of every month at 5:30pm.

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information, please call the library at 732.826.2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

Sphero Code Club to Meet at the Library

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY -- Are you interested in learning about basic robotics and coding using Sphero robots? Then come see how we roll! Join the Perth Amboy Free Public Library's Sphero Code Club and each month explore Spheros and learn how to code by completing different challenges.

Draw coding and drag and drop coding will start you off before we venture into more difficult projects for the more experienced. Registration for this event is required. To register, please call the library, or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ.

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. Oct. 24, 2018. Cost \$35 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:30 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.



A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, Nov. 8, 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.

Sands Casino Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN – Holy Rosary Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Pennsylvania Thursday 11/29/2018. Cost is \$30 - \$20 back in play and \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. For any questions please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

Calendar Dinner Dance

PERTH AMBOY – The St. Ann Society of Ukrainian Assumption Church will sponsor its annual Calendar Dinner Dance on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, in the Assumption Catholic School auditorium, Meredith & Jacques Sts. Enjoy a night of dining and dancing: appetizers and a lavish buffet by Palms Plaza and DJ music by Supreme Sound and Entertainment. Doors open at 6 p.m., buffet at 7 p.m. As always, BYOB. Tickets are \$40 pp and can be purchased by calling the church office at 732-826-0767 or after liturgies from members. Get your tickets soon!

National Friends of the Library Week

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are celebrating National Friends of the Library Week on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. After a brief meeting at 5:30 p.m. p.m. at the library (adult library upstairs), 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy, the PAFOL will be offering a live reading of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven," and other spooky stories. Light Refreshments will be available. Come out and support your local library! Everyone is invited to attend. For more information call 732-261-2610.

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Every Woman Counts

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is sponsoring a "Every Woman Counts" panel discussion Wednesday, October 10, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy. The panel includes Oncologists Denise Johnson Miller, M.D., Leonard Resnikoff, M.D., and Nandini Ignatius, M.D. This informative program, provided as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, will prepare attendees to make informed choices about cancer prevention and breast health, and provide information on currently available treatment options. Refreshments will be provided. The event will be held in Centennial Hall, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call 1-800-560-9990 or visit hackensackmeridianhealth.org.



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: Oct. 13th & 27th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboypubliclibrary@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

Haunted Lantern Walk from the Proprietary House

PERTH AMBOY – The Proprietary House, the Royal Governor's Mansion, has scheduled "A Haunted Lantern Walk" for Friday & Saturday, October 26th & 27th, with guided walks to be offered at 7:00 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. each evening. Take a ghostly journey through centuries of history from Proprietary House to St. Peter's Graveyard. Hear creepy tales & meet spirits from Perth Amboy's past. Hot cider & sweets. DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM. ADMISSION: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door (Members \$20) THERE IS LIMITED SPACE, SO RESERVE IN ADVANCE. All funds raised will benefit ongoing restoration and operation of Proprietary House's Museum.

CONTACT THE PROPRIETARY HOUSE ASSOCIATION - Phone: (732) 826-5527; E-mail: info@theproprietary-house.org; Address: 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861.



Saturday Storytime

SEWAREN – The Sewaren Public Library warmly presents: Saturday Storytime with special assistance from Kara & Elizabeth. Stories, crafts, snacks, and more! 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 1st & 3rd Saturday of every month! (Starting Oct. 6th). Bring only imagination. Interested? Contact us at : 732-634-7571 or email us at sewarenlibrary@gmail.com The Sewaren Library is located at 546 West Ave.

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.

Remember to
Say Your Novenas!

Answers
From Puzzle
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Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can achieve my goal. You who give me a divine gift to forgive & forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life are with me. I want to this short prayer to thank you for all things you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal joy and thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.
The person must say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the favor requested will be granted even if it seems difficult. The prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted without mention of the favor, only your initials should appear at the bottom. J.M.P.

Fish & Chicken Fry

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, October 19, 2018. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5:00 and dining room seating will be from 5:45-7:00pm. For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail: churchoffice172@optimum.net.

Novena to St. Joseph

Glorious St. Joseph, foster-father and protector of Jesus Christ! To you do I raise my heart and hands to implore your powerful intercession. Please obtain for me from the kind Heart of Jesus the help and graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I ask particularly for the grace of a happy death, and the special favor I now implore *(name it)*. Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel animated with confidence that your prayers in my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.
O glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name.
Hear my prayers and obtain my petitions. **L.D.H.**

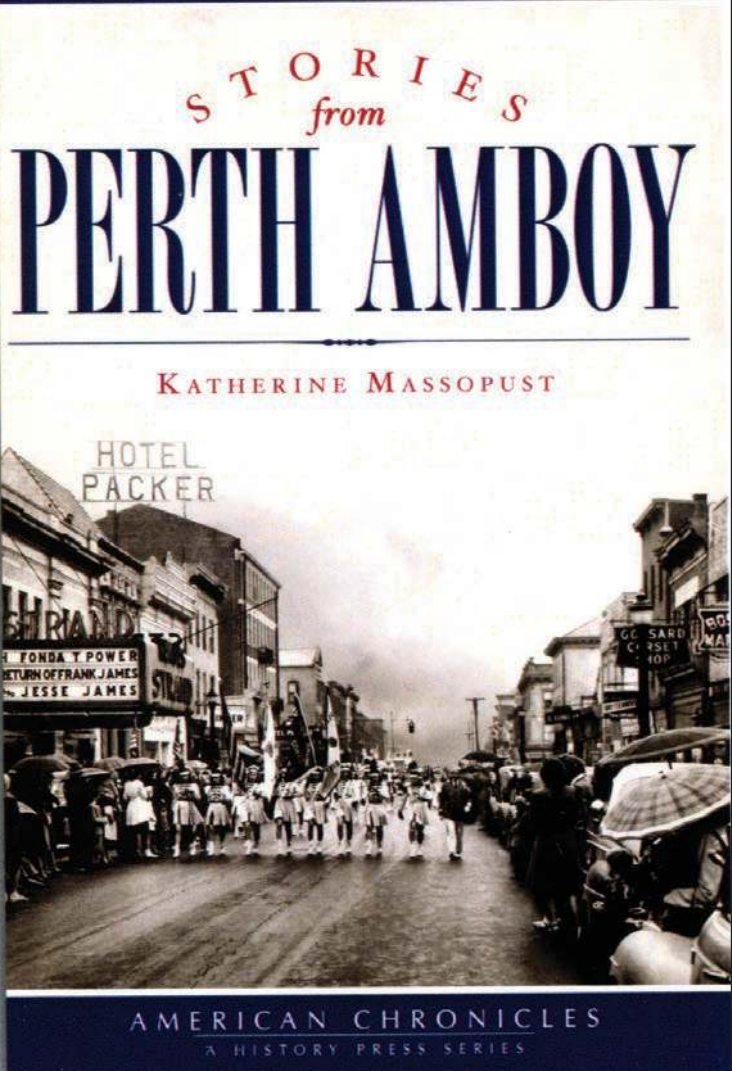
Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(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.

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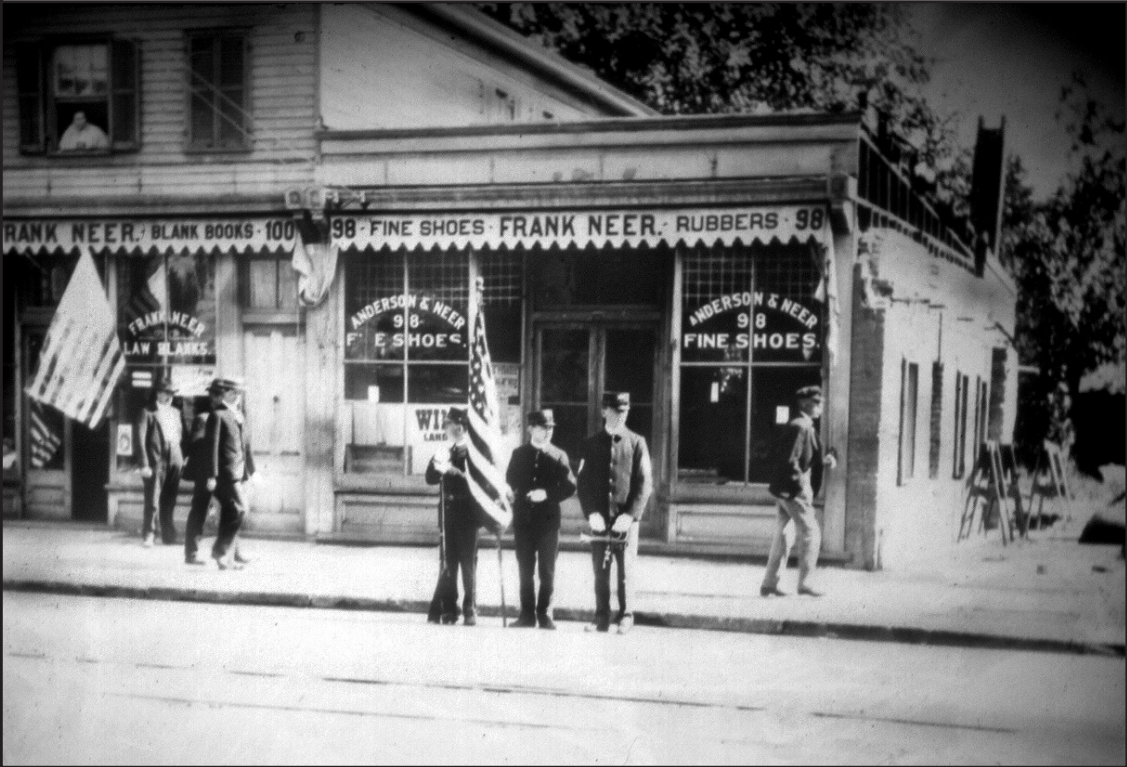
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WED. Oct. 10	Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
	• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
	• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
THURS. Oct. 11	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
	• Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.
MON. Oct. 15	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Oct. 16	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. Oct. 17	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. Oct. 18	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
South Amboy	
MON. Oct. 22	Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
WED. Nov. 7	South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Nov. 12	St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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PERTH AMBOY - Smith Street after the Civil War
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A Petition to
St. Joseph

Dear St. Joseph, head of the most perfect household, foster father of Jesus and guardian of His mother Mary, I confidently place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. I ask that, through your powerful intercession with God, you obtain for me all the help and graces that I need for my spiritual and temporal welfare and in particular, the special favor I now ask there mention or think of your home sale or any other petition, especially family needs. Good St. Joseph, I know with confidence, that your prayers on my behalf will be heard by God and that He will grant my request, if it be for His glory and my greater good. Thank you St. Joseph, for having responded to my call. Amen. **G.T.A.**

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