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Addressing Pertinent Issues

10/10/18 Caucus & Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – During the public portion of the 10/10/18 Caucus Meeting, Resident Ken Balut who is also a former Councilman and a retired Police Officer handed the City Council information regarding on an OPRA Request which supplied information on legal bills involving some lawsuits that were brought against the City. He asked why the Mayor had signed the vouchers instead of the Business Administrator. “Who is supposed to sign these vouchers regarding these lawsuits? If you look at each (of the lawsuits) that I gave to you, it’s over our insurance liability. This is out of control. There is a sexual harassment bill that is being proposed by the Senate and Assembly. I’m urging you to support them.” Balut then turned his attention to an ordinance No. 4 (Caucus) which was to amend an Ordinance entitled: Administration of Government regarding background checks. “There should be two background checks including any expungement records.”

One of the OPRA requests that Balut had given to the Council Members to look at was a lawsuit filed by Resident and Businesswoman Susan Batista against the Mayor, Business Administrator, and some departments and over a hundred John Does. “Susan did a lot of her own investigation. I just started to look at some of these suits myself. You (the Council) should file a complaint.”

Acting Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach answered, “The Mayor can sign off on certain paperwork if it includes Government Management Advisors. Other bills should be signed by the Department Heads or the Business Administrator.”

CFO Jill Goldy then added some comments. She stated that if a bill comes from G.I.F. (General Insurance Funds) and the Business Administrator is not available, the Mayor may sign off.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke next and stated, “That’s why we need a full-time attorney to review all of these bills (attorney fees). I need to get the bills submitted by the law firm working on the Batista Case.”

Law Director Peter King then spoke up and addressed Ken Balut’s remarks about revealing expunged records, “They can only be presented for certain positions

and only certain agencies such as law enforcement can view them.”

Resident and Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman came up to speak, “The legal cost has gone up 20% each year. There’s a lot of litigation (in our town) compared to other towns. Look at other towns who have the Faulkner form of government to see how they present their bill list to the public which is another layer of transparency. Background checks are necessary. But who collects information and who is it submitted to?”

City Resident Linda Ferreira had a question regarding her recent water bill. She wanted to know if the water company had changed, and if so, who are they? “My water bill doubled.”

CFO Jill Goldy responded, “Middlesex Water will manage our water system. Right now, they are doing the billing and collection of fees. This will change, and they will not do the billing and collection in the future, but they will still manage the water system.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak regarding the Batista lawsuit. “There was a cover-up by the Police and the Administration. The attorney should look into this.”

Resident David Caba came up to speak next, “It’s always the Council’s fault. The Mayor is the Police Director. The Mayor is always making statements that are hypocritical. I’ve been here for over 35 years. Wilda will go down as the worst Mayor in the City and this is the worst Administration we’ve had in years. We the people should take over our City. She has been lying for over 10 years. She never puts down the positive things about Petrick (Councilman/Council President). It’s a shame what she’s doing.”

Councilman Helmin Caba asked a question about an article that was written about a sexual harassment lawsuit settled by the City of Perth Amboy in August. Caba questioned, “Who contacted that newspaper? The Administration is trying to cover themselves. We followed the advice of the City’s attorney.”

Fehrenbach responded, “A reporter from a (daily) newspaper contacted us about this (lawsuit) and our response was: ‘Yes.’ The Council authorized the resolution authorizing the payment.

This City (Perth Amboy) is a corporation (Mayor/Council). Under the statute, the Mayor has some authority and so does the Council. I read through all of these depositions (involving this lawsuit). There were no discriminatory acts. After all of the choices, this (settlement) was the best decision, and a resolution was adopted to authorize settlement. There was no fault of the City. It was based on the interpretation of the law.”

Rector Street Resident John Katz came up to speak, “You guys (the Council) take a lot of criticism. Fake news is going on. The Mayor is talking about everything but our City’s problems such as our garbage situation and uneven sidewalks which is a problem with bricks (pavers) coming up. I appreciate you guys. I’ve been here when Flynn was the Mayor. Joe Vas was a good Mayor until he went over to the dark side.”

Resident Alan Silber came up and stated, “We are running the City on diversions and distractions.” Silber then proceeded to read an article regarding one of Governor Phil Murphy’s Aides by the name of Noemi Velazquez. Silber explained that she is a founding member of LUPEPAC (Latinas United for Political Empowerment). Velazquez made very derogatory and bigotry remarks towards evangelicals and other groups of people. She (Velazquez) was suspended for 10 days and must go to sensitivity training. Silber then questioned the Mayor’s press conference at City Hall Circle on 10/3/18. “She had the Police Chief there directing traffic and a sound system hooked up. The Mayor blamed the Council for putting a certain individual on some of the City Boards. He was also on the Mayor’s task force. Some other people that were on her task force were criminals. She once called one of her political rivals a misogynist, then she appointed him to be a City Prosecutor.”


Vince Mackiel came up to speak. He said that he appreciated it that the bill list for July and August were put online, but wanted to know what projects were Centra-State Engineer involved in.

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South Amboy Honors Gerald "Bear" Celecki Street Named After Late Firefighter

10/13/18 *Photos by Ray Kawka, Jr.






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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Focus Your Energy
Where it's Needed Most

We keep looking at protests from people of both sides of the political spectrum, and those in between. What is the common bond of all these protesters? They are very organized with buses to transport them to their intended destination.

We always hear rumors that some of these protestors are being paid, and that is why they are so organized. If this is so, I wish whoever is paying the expense would supply bus loads of people who have protested to instead go to the affected areas of people who are suffering from catastrophic weather. Imagine losing everything you own in a blink of an eye.

First Responders would so much appreciate you relieving them because of the long, hard hours they work to help those in need. I know it will take time because when you go to these areas, you have to wait until the water recedes. In the meantime, cleaning supplies can be gathered. Sign up sheets can be made up so people who want to volunteer can tell what skills they have that can be utilized.

I'm sure Habitat for Humanity would welcome you all with open arms. Many well-to-do celebrities give large sums of money to help people who are victims of natural disasters. But manpower is very much needed because you can have supplies, but if you don't have enough people to distribute those supplies, there's going to be a problem.

We recently spoke with someone who is living in Puerto Rico. They verified that many of the donated supplies are rotting in port because no one is paying to get them out of port. There are even supplies that have maggots on them. They also mentioned that local churches paid to get the supplies sent directly to them out of port while other organizations did not.

Many celebrities and business owners own vast amounts of undeveloped land. My suggestion is that perhaps they would want to build hospitals or re-

search centers to help eradicate devastating diseases. Just think how it would make you feel to have your name on that building that helped some of the people who may have otherwise lost their lives. There are still many young children dying from cancer.

It seems these protestors are exerting so much energy on negativity. When I look at all of these disasters happening around the world. Every week it seems like mother nature is striking back and telling people to wake up.

The United States is being divided. Our belief is for some reason there is an agenda to divide the people. But, we believe there are a lot of people waking up to this.

One of my favorite songs is by a group called Crowded House called, "Don't Dream, It's Over." The lyric that I love is: *Hey now, hey now
Don't dream it's over
Hey now, hey now
When the world comes in
They come, they come
To build a wall between us
We know they won't win*

Another song is: "United We Stand," by the Brotherhood of Man. Part of the lyrics are: *For united we stand. Divided we fall
And if our backs should ever be against the wall
We'll be together, Together, you and I*

In our estimation, Mother Nature says to us: pay attention to what's important.

There has been a lot of controversy over Kanye West meeting with President Donald Trump at the White House. I was not too happy with West's language, but his message to Trump regarding needing jobs in the poorer part of the country resonated loud and clear. People are always talking about prison reform because some people are there for minor crimes. So, you have to filter what West said, because, you know what: somebody had to point it out. For that, I give them both credit. *C.M. & K.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

John Kerry's
Treason

I have heard nothing from the mainstream news media, radio, tv, and of course, the usual left-wing press about what I personally believe is John Kerry's latest treasonous caper. Only the New York Post reported negatively on Kerry's wanton violation of the Logan Act; his unauthorized negotiations with the Ayatollahs of Iran, a country that sponsors terrorists and wishes to destroy America.

In 1970, Kerry was a very vocal anti-war Veteran activist. I do believe he was still a US Navy Reserve Officer when he appeared at the Paris Peace talks. He openly met with communist North Vietnamese envoys to denounce America. He called US G.I.'s war criminals! American POW's were being held in brutal, inhumane conditions beaten and tortured. If still a reserve officer, why was he not subject to the Uniform Code

of Military Justice? Or was he? For decades, I and many other Veterans have been curious if Kerry does or does not have an honorable discharge.

In 1968, I was a 19-year-old US Marine in Vietnam. During the infamous Tet Offensive Battle to retake Hue City, 2500 US Marines were up against 11,000 well-trained and equipped soldiers of the North Vietnamese Army and an unknown number of Viet Cong regiments. On February 6, 1968, in the midst of battle and under intense enemy fire, I, Frank Thomas, and Alan McDonald struck the enemy colors flying in the courtyard of the Capital building and raised the Stars and Stripes. This report and photos were carried by every news media in the free world. On February 11, I was seriously wounded and medevacked from the combat zone. By February 14, after 12 days in Hue, not even a single Marine in my platoon was still standing. On May 3, 1968, I

received a near fatal wound. I know the cruel brutality of war and what it means to serve my country and preserve our way of life.

In 1985, Kerry and another freshman US Senator, Tom Harkin of Iowa, whom I personally consider equally loathsome, went to Nicaragua. They met with Marxist dictator Daniel Ortega and returned with a shameful cease fire agreement which was a slap in the face to all Americans.

As Obama's Secretary of State, Kerry made serious attempts to sign over our nation's sovereignty to the United Nations!

It seems to me that no matter how vile and despicable the words and deeds of Democrats appear, with un-American rhetoric, they get a free pass from the media. Time to open your eyes and ears America!

An American Patriot,
Walter Kaczmarek

The Emperor's
New Clothes

I am sure that if you are over the age of 40 you are familiar with Hans Christian Andersen's "The Emperor's New Clothes." If you haven't read it, please do. It is an allegory that can apply to many of our political leaders of all political parties.

When I first read the original "Open Letter to Perth Amboy Residents" I was alarmed, appalled and disgusted by what Mayor Wilda Diaz was alleging Mr. William Petrick had done. I was stunned. I do not personally know Mr. Petrick. However, I had contact with him as well as his father at their family business on several occasions through the years. Mr. William Petrick and his father were always professional, courteous and gentlemanly. What was the "behavior?" "What did he do? Much like a passerby of a highway crash, I did not want to see it but, I had to look. So, I searched around for the attachment as directed by Mayor Wilda Diaz's letter. I was afraid it was pornographic, or rife with obscenities and vulgarities about women. I thought there would be derogatory terms referring to individuals in vile racial epitaphs.

Instead, what I found were three pretty lame, sophomoric, posts not created by Mr. Petrick, but by others. There was no vulgarity, no obscenities, no racial epitaphs, nothing that could rise to the level of what the open letter described. I did not feel that what I saw violated or disparaged me as a woman nor as an American of Puerto Rican descent. Nor did I feel that it

disparaged my American grandchildren or any of my American family members of Jamaican, Dominican, Asian, Irish, Greek, Scottish, German, Swiss or Lebanese descent. If Mayor Diaz found it inappropriate, a simple private conversation with Mr. Petrick asking him to remove it would have sufficed. Hysteria need not ensue. Unfortunately, it did.

I found it difficult to believe that Mayor Wilda Diaz, who I voted for twice, could besmirch not only Mr. Petrick but also his family, friends, and supporters (because Mr. Petrick does not live in a vacuum) in such a way. Why? For what? Political gain? Ambition? These types of political tactics are what disgusts me about politics. I'm sure I'm not alone.

Then, this week I read that Mayor Diaz had summoned, out of towners and political activists to come into town to further "alarm" the citizens of this town with insane talk of KKK, racists, riots, unrests, and misogynists lurking around every corner. Then, there was some disjointed talk by a Latina woman's empowerment group leader that left me confused as to how this empowers me as a Latina. It went something like.. We actively oppose Donald Trump.. my organization is bipartisan but, I'm proud to be a Democrat but, more about Donald Trump being bad then I'm a Progressive Democrat(=Socialist), then, right-wing Republicans are blaming women and immigrants for problems in this country, and therefore "Bill Petrick has to be held responsible and he should resign."

What? Wow! Six degrees of

Kevin Bacon! What's next, accusing Mr. Petrick of being a Republican and photoshopping pictures of him with President Trump? The sad thing is I've seen this before. For no apparent reason, 2 years ago Mayor Wilda Diaz marched down the streets of Perth Amboy with several dozen people claiming that no one was going to chase the illegal immigrants in Perth Amboy out of town (when no one had said they would) and she declared Perth Amboy a sanctuary city causing fear and hysteria amongst illegal aliens and their relatives who believed ICE would now find them..

Many years ago those of us who were lucky to be born and raised in Perth Amboy, would fall asleep lulled by the billowing curtains on our childhood bedrooms' open window on a hot summer night. We felt safe. We were safe. We had neighbors (of every ethnicity and race) who cared for us and we for them. They watched us grow. We had each other's backs. Today, we live in a transient community where we are unsure of who our neighbors are. We are regularly cautioned in The Amboy Guardian with Mayor Wilda Diaz's Safety Announcement to "Be Vigilant-STAY ALERT!"

Family members, longtime neighbors, and friends are leaving Perth Amboy. The steady decline in the quality of life, the increase in criminal activity, a downtown overrun by urine smelling indigents aggressively panhandling are a threat to our safety. MS-13 sliced up and murdered a young person in our

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The Community Voice

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town. A terrorist lived amongst us and plotted a successful terror attack while receiving bomb-making materials in our city and also attempted murder on cops in Linden. There is much more. This is what I find repulsive and disgusting. This administration doesn't want to see or speak of it. Instead, it's hey...., look over there! There goes a Republican! The good citizens of Perth Amboy are not fools.

Perth Amboy has been predominantly Hispanic for over 40 years. The Democrat vote has always been above an 80% margin for decades. Perth Am-

boy is in no danger of being taken over by white male Republicans.

I read Mr. Helmin Caba's letter. I have never met him, do not know who he is. In "The Emperor's New Clothes," Mr. Caba is the youngster who points to the Emperor and says, "Look, the Emperor has no clothes on!" Indeed. With God as your witness, you need no polygraph. The truth sets us all free. Amen. Mr. Caba, keep speaking truth to power. Be a Hero.

Mirian Montalvo,
Perth Amboy Citizen

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- B. Stopped waterfront zoning changes opposed by residents.
- C. Opposed continuing to pay the former BA thousands of dollars, even after he resigned.
- D. All of the above

Check below to see how you did.

If you chose D, you're right!

The city council knows that residents of Perth Amboy already pay too much in property taxes. Any raise, no matter how small, is unacceptable. That is why the council took the property tax increase out of the mayor's budget—resulting in no municipal tax increase this year. That is also why the council has fought against the administration's insistence on giving away your tax dollars to a BA who resigned.

Elect an *independent* council that will listen to you, and will be on your side.

Vote **LINE O** - 1-O Joel Pabon • 2-O William A. Petrick • 3-O Milady Tejeda

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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

MON. Oct. 22 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
(Special Presentation on Rezoning at beginning of Caucus Meeting)
WED. Oct. 24 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
THURS. Oct. 25 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

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WED. Oct. 17 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
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Addressing Pertinent Issues

10/10/18 Caucus & Council Meeting

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Law Director King said, “They may have been involved in doing inspections.”

Vince Mackiel then had a couple of comments about Buckeye, “With their latest project, there’s no community access (walkways or greenspace) regarding the pipeline. Buckeye has received tax breaks in every state they are in.”

Councilman Helmin Caba then asked a question regarding a restoration bond of \$2000 that the City requested from a religious group who wants to use Rudyk Park. Caba said, “This group cannot afford to pay \$2000.”

Fehrenbach responded, “That is not unusual. A payment is requested for use of City parks. Other groups have paid more.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke next, “There is a chain of command in the Police Department and why was the sexual harassment charge not looked into? Why didn’t the structure not work? Balut is usually right when it comes to these suits (sexual harassment). That’s why we have supervisors.” Gonzalez then went on to talk about redevelopment projects. “Why are we (the Council) responsible for the redevelopment of the church property on Lewis Street? I would like a First Reading Resolution on how to get rid of the Redevelopment Agency and the steps on how to do this.”

Law Director King said, “I will look at this and also go through the DCA (Department of Community Affairs).”

Councilman Helmin Caba addressed Councilman Gonzalez’s last statement. He suggested: “Instead of dissolving the Redevelopment Agency, we should not have the Mayor sit on the Board. Have two Council Members sit on the Board for one year, then rotate them. It would be much harder for the Board to be corrupted.”

Law Director King suggested, “Maybe you can meet with the Mayor to discuss this.”

The Caucus portion of the Meeting ended around 6:25 p.m. The was an executive session and the regular portion of the Council Meeting resumed around 7:15 p.m. Councilman Joel Pabon was not present for the Caucus but was present for the Regular Council Meeting.

Balut was the first speaker during public comments on agenda items only. He referenced Communication No. 12 NJ Department of Community Affairs advising of the NJ Opioid Litigation Municipal and County Survey. He asked, “When will the survey be put out? I heard a girl died in the area of the Cornucopia (under the Victory Bridge). There should be a public notice when people die and in the neighborhood and under what circumstances. The Police and the Mayor hide this. When I was on the Police Force, I would collect the crime stats Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. I also talked to a reporter who said it’s been a long time since they received crime stats (from the City).”

Balut then talked about R-444 regarding a \$20,000 CDBG

Grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Raritan Bay Area YMCA-Center for Support, Success and Prosperity located at 392 Smith Street. Balut did not think that location was a great place for a homeless shelter. He suggested if they looked into a church on Cortlandt Street. “That would be perfect. They have the resources there. The Mayor put her head in the sand (regarding the homeless shelter).”

Sharon Hubberman had questions involving tax liens on City property referencing Resolution R-431-10/18 through R-435-10/18. “It may cost the City money because the amount on these specific properties are very small compared to developer’s properties. The bigger violators or entities are not being held accountable.”

Council President Petrick responded, “Some of these properties listed may be bank owned loans.”

Fehrenbach requested that Hubberman give him a list of the properties in question.

Resident David Caba came up to speak regarding the same resolution that Hubberman spoke about. “Where is Rector Street (on the list)? We only go after poor people. I don’t have a problem going after the banks. How many fines did the Rector Street developer get who neglected his property for 10 years? We have to do everything Kushner wants, and he is suing everyone.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry responded to Caba, “Kushner sued us before he sued Jersey City. Go to Code Enforcement to see how many fines Kushner has received or any liens in the past 10 years. Let the taxpayers know.”

Fehrenbach also responded regarding Kushner properties, “In 2006, Michael Carr, who at the time was City Engineer gave a release of a bond on the property of a 50% value. Between the years 2011 thru 2013 we worked with the Landings and the City still holds a bond on the property. Some of the improvements that Kushner made dealt with the storm sewers and lighting. When Kushner came back with changes from the original plans, they were denied, and they sued us.”

Stanley Sierakowski had a question regarding R-426 going into a closed session at the end of the Caucus Meeting. “The way it is worded is in violation of the Sunshine Law and the explanation is vague.”

Law Director King explained, “When it comes to litigation, it can throw off your (the Council’s) strategy (if it’s worded incorrectly).”

When it came to vote on the resolutions, R-427 thru R-443 and R-445 thru R-446 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba. R-444 was asked to be pulled for further discussion by Councilman Fernando Irizarry. Irizarry explained that he did not object to this resolution, but he didn’t like the idea of the location being in the heart of the business district (close to schools and churches). “It was first proposed that it was supposed to be a support center. I have nothing against provid-

ing for the homeless. R-444 was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Joel Pabon. All the Council Members voted “yes” except for Irizarry who voted, “no.”

During the last public portion, Balut came up to speak. "The Mayor spent taxpayers dollars to squash a subpoena to testify against Kushner. She won't testify for the citizens and she was caught lying on tape. This Administration is doing nothing regarding the Kushner property. The Mayor hollers at those who want to do investigations. \$113,000 (in attorney fees) was spent on one of the lawsuits that was filed for \$5,000. When lawsuits are filed, you (the Council) should get copies. I get more information than you do."

Rector Street Resident John Katz came up again, "There are two issues I would like to discuss: the pavers in the City need to be fixed, and we need more police presence from Maple Street to the Five Corners. I agree with Irizarry. Find another place for the homeless. I love you guys, but you can't act on things you don't know about."

Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak about the 4.4 acres of property on Washington Street which is fenced in. And what is it zoned for? The new Council should be brought up to date on any pending lawsuits."

Sharon Hubberman came up to speak, "As Chair of the Perth Amboy Republican Party, we were denied participation in Family Day." She continued, "I asked a Pastor what is an Evangelical Baptist Pentecostal, then she went on to explain about an individual on Governor Murphy's staff and who is also on an educational committee in Perth Amboy. She made derogatory remarks (on a social media post). We don't need this. The Mayor called me a misogynist and a rapist at a debate." She then addressed the Council, "You and the lawyer are supposed to support all of us. Remove this antagonism. We are all created equal. As a Republican, we do not engage in this discourse."

Budapest Resident Linda Ferreira asked, "I have a question about the woman (the one on Murphy's staff who made the disparaging remarks) who is on a lot of boards and the Mayor has taken many pictures with her. Why has she (that woman) not been asked to step down? The Mayor pits Democrats against Democrats. She dictates what she wants to do. She went after me and I told her she can take my committee seat. Another point is: why aren't we getting new garbage cans (Budapest Section)? Our streets are wider than the Mayor's street, but she gets new garbage cans."

Alan Silber came up to speak, "I want to see if Wilda Diaz put out a press release telling Velasquez (the woman on Murphy's staff) to resign. They cherry pick from Petrick's social media posts. The Mayor did not put the positive posts of Petrick's requests." Silber gave an example of a post where two boys: one black; one white stating "There's only one race: the human race." Another one was the American Flag and the Puerto Rican Flag crossing each other stating "Puerto Ricans



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Lawsuit Costs on OPRA Request by Ken Balut

are Americans."

Silber then stated, "I demand that the Mayor resign. Wilda Diaz campaigned at Alameda (in 2014) where one of her supporters worked."

David Caba came up to speak, "I've been here since 1991. I have no more respect for her (Diaz). People say they are not voting for her. People come to me when they have problems. The Mayor has no vision. What are the terms of his (Kushner's) contract? I'm not just talking about street. Look at the properties. They are disgusting."

YMCA CEO Steve Jobin came up to speak about R-444 (the property at 392 Smith St. which is the Raritan Bay Area YMCA-Center for Support, Success & Prosperity). He addressed the concerns about the location, "So far we've had 3000 case management. Folks need help today." He then proceeded to read e-mails that he sent to the Diocese of Metuchen inquiring about the use of some of the City churches mentioned as a possibility for use for the center. "There were e-mails back and forth, and each time we were denied the use of any of those church facilities."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke next, "We need to see how this is affecting the City in general We seem to be the center for the County to receive this needed population (the homeless)."

Jobin spoke again, “We are starting to see less people, but 90% of the people we service are from Perth Amboy. We’re trying to move them into a more positive position.”

Irizarry was concerned, “When people from other towns learn about this place, they will come here. Those towns where the people are coming from will not do their part.”

Pastor Berny, the Site Director for the Center for Support, Success, and Prosperity came up to speak, “East Brunswick has over 10 homeless people and they (East Brunswick) will be a Code Blue Town and will be taking care of their own homeless population. There are 500 homeless people registered in Middlesex County.”

Resident and Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton came up to speak, “That was an excellent conversation about the homeless. When I first served on a local assistance board, the hours of the office were very brief.” She then asked, “What is the guideline between political talk vs. defending someone?”

Law Director Peter King answered, “I would not do political attacks at a public meeting. I would do it on the outside.”

Council President Bill Petrick then asked, “What about having rallies on City property and using the city seal?”

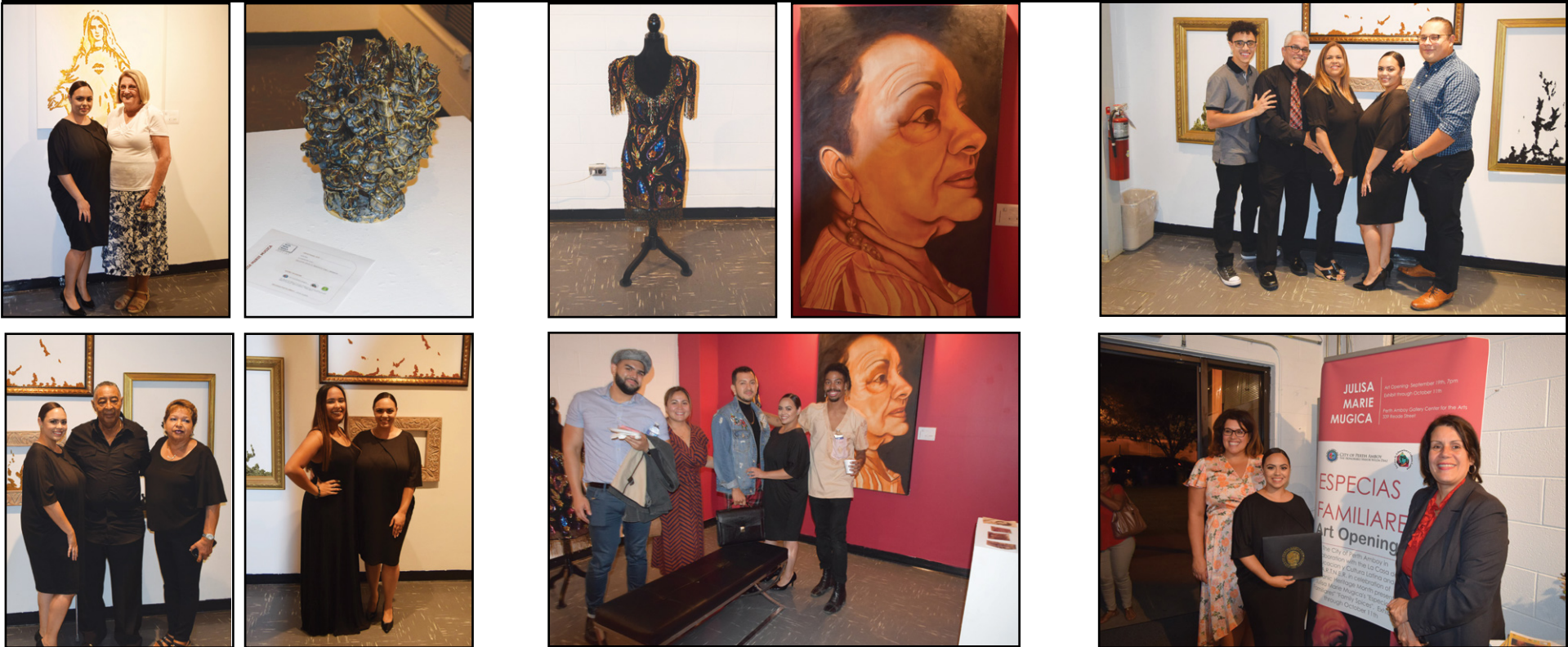
Fehrenbach answered, “To use the city seal at a political rally is not a permitted use.”

Councilman Helmin Caba asked, “Can a special meeting be scheduled to talk about the rezoning?”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez questioned, “Why have a special meeting about rezoning without having a specific topic?”

Irizarry talked about the new law to legalize recreational marijuana, “I’m not in favor of recreational marijuana legalization. The local excise tax is 2%, but it should be increased, and we should send a letter to our legislatures that cities should be required to opt in. We should draft a letter that we don’t want to have marijuana sold here.”

La La Casa de Educacion y Cultura Latina Inc. & P.A.R.T.N.E.R. Julisa Mugica Art Show, Perth Amboy Gallery 9/19/18
*Photos by Katherine Massopust



Hispanic Heritage Spices Up the Month with Art in Perth Amboy: Julisa Marie Mujica Debuts Her Art in First Solo Show Exhibiting through October 11th
Press Release 9/20/18
PERTH AMBOY - La Casa de Educación y Cultura Latina, Inc. (La Casa) and the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.) in partnership with the City of Perth Amboy, hosted an art opening featuring a local Perth Amboy artist, Julisa Marie Mugica, with her first art exhibition, “Especies Familiares” or “Family Spices” on September 19th at the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts, located at 339 Reade Street. The opening reception was part of Perth Amboy’s Hispanic Heritage Month celebration taking place from September 15th through October 15th.
“Julisa Marie Mugica is one more promising artist that we’ve worked with,” stated Reinaldo Aviles, Board Chair of La Casa. “We will continue to support and promote Latino artists and educational initiatives that have a positive impact on our communities. We believe she will go far.”
The exhibition included a combination of oil paintings, ceramics, murals and silhouette images on canvas created with latin herbs and spices as a form of pigmentation. “Identity is the essence from which my pieces arise,” stated Julisa. “My oil paintings emphasize the models’ character and persona by exaggerating their features (wrinkles, eyes, beauty marks, scars)”
Julisa’s influences are both Caravaggio and Georgia O’Keeffe. Caravaggio was an Italian painter whose paintings combine a realistic observation of the human state, both physical and emotional, with a dramatic use of lighting. O’Keeffe was an American painter known for her paintings of enlarged flowers and her blown up images of nature. Julisa’s spice and herb paintings require the viewer to live in the experience and study the image and all its intricate details.
This is PARTNER’s second endeavor in promoting an artist through the Gateway Neighborhood Collaborative (GNC), a growing group of community-based partners and residents working together to shape and form the Gateway Neighborhood. “We are fortunate to work with Wells Fargo Regional Foundation, who support us with a long-term, resident-driven neighborhood revitalization plan,” stated Lisett Lebron, GNC’s Program Manager. It is the strength of our collaboration with the City and art organizations like La Casa, that we are able to showcase an artist and their work at the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts, a neighborhood asset, and celebrate diversity during Hispanic Heritage Month.”
“My overarching goal as Mayor of this City is to bring unity and improve quality of life.’ said Wilda Diaz, Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy. “Art has a way of achieving that goal and allows for public expression, involvement, and mobilizes creativity for all ages that speaks to the entire community. By the same token, we see the benefits reflected through the celebration of its rich history and culture.”
Additional sponsors included Eddie Trujillo, for the catering. The exhibition will run through October 11th. To visit the Perth Amboy Gallery Center of the Arts, please call (732) 826-1690 Ext 4305

Butterfly Presentation by Noelle Zaleski, Kearny Cottage, Perth Amboy 9/29/18
*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Katherine Massopust



PERTH AMBOY - Noelle Zaleski who raises Monarch Butterflies gave a lecture on butterflies at the Kearny Cottage. The presentation included each cycle of their life from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to an adult butterfly, the dangers certain pesticides pose to butterflies, and different flowers that attract butterflies. After the presentation, Noelle released butterflies in Cottage Garden.

History Tours at the Proprietary House, Perth Amboy *Photos Submitted by John K. Dyke



Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - Last week, the annual McGinnis School history tours commenced with the entire 5th grade class attending. The site was the historic Proprietary House on Kearny Avenue, also known as the Royal Governor's Mansion. "We typically educate around 250 students each & every Fall", advised John Kerry Dyke, organizer of these history tours. "All of us involved believe it is important to teach our kids about local history, and of course Perth Amboy enjoys a very rich past."
Anton Massopust III portrayed an 18th Century British Army Captain, while Ed Glidden reenacted a role as a member of the historic New Jersey 3rd Regiment. Well-known colonial weapons expert, Gary Beauregard explained the activities of a Naval Captain during the American Revolutionary War "We'll conduct tours for the Shull School & Dual Language School in April, so that's about 300 more young students to look forward to", stated Mr. Dyke. "Perth Amboy kids are always great to work with!" All involved are volunteers and work in partnership with the Proprietary House Association, the 1683 Society and the Perth Amboy Board of Education.

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Movie Review: Venom



By: Anton Massopust III
"Don't give up on her - neither one of you!" - Stan Lee

The lethal protector Venom makes his way to the big screen debut in his own self-titled movie "Venom." An industrial spaceship crash lands along with a group of symbionts (alien creatures that need other creatures in order to survive). Carlton Drake (Riz Ahmed) wants to bond them with human hosts so that a new life-form can be created. Eddie Brock (Tom Hardy) is a network TV reporter who is asked to do a profile piece on Drake. When he starts to ask hardball questions, his network fires him. His fiancé leaves him, and he loses everything. He feels that the company, Lifetech has ruined his life. Another scientist, Dr. Dora Skirth (Jenny Slate) who was working for the company,

finds out about their unscrupulous nature and their unauthorized experiments on homeless people. She turns to Eddie Brock in order to expose the company.

He decides to investigate the company on his own. He's accidentally bonded with a creature known as Venom. Venom and Eddie form an uneasy alliance. Lifetech sends in a group of mercenaries to capture him. Riot (the leader symbiont who bonded with Drake) is making his way to Lifetech who has a spaceship which will bring a symbiotic invasion to take over the earth.

It's up to Eddie and Venom to stop Riot before the alien invasion. Can these two unlikely heroes (or anti-heroes) stop them?

The story is pretty generic, but it moves really fast. The movie was a bit too loud for

me between the soundtrack and loud sound effects. Once Eddie becomes Venom, the movie moves very quickly. I feel the action was well done and the special effects are really good. Any comic book fan will not like that Spider-Man has nothing to do with this movie. This is because Venom is connected to Spider-Man in many ways, but this character has nothing to do with the long comic book history. There is some inspiration from two series: "Planet of the Apes" and "Lethal Protector." Definitely stay to the end for the after-credit scenes and a look at some of extended scenes from "Enter the Spider Verse." "Venom" is a good movie, but not great. If you love action and want to be introduced to this character you will enjoy "Venom."

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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.*

On October 15, 1943, German troops surround Rome's Jewish Quarter, and begin rounding up residents for deportation to Auschwitz. The Germans capture over a thousand people, but some 4,000 Jews find shelter in homes, convents and monasteries, and another 477 are taken in by the Vatican.

In Ukraine on October 16, Red Army units continue to strengthen and expand their Dniepr River bridgeheads and attack fiercely defended German positions. At Mormugao, Goa, (neutral) Portuguese India, the Swedish ocean liner *MS Gripsholm*, carrying 1,500 Japanese citizens trapped in the U.S. at the outbreak of the war, docks next to the Japanese liner *Teia Maru*, carrying 1,503 American, British and French citizens who had been similarly trapped in Japan. The ships exchange passengers for repatriation to their respective homelands.

Two Royal Air Force B-24 Liberator heavy bombers on marine patrol on October 17 sink two German submarines (*U-540* and *U-631*) off the coast of Cape Farewell, Greenland. Off the coast of Japan east of Yokohama, the German auxiliary cruiser *Michel* — *the Kriegsmarine's* last operating merchant raider — is torpedoed and sunk by the submarine *USS Tarpon*. *Michel* had sunk 17 Allied ships during its 19-month cruise.

Chiang Kai-shek takes the oath of office as President of China on October 18. The first trainload of Italian Jews is sent off to Auschwitz. Four provinces of Japanese-occupied British Malaya are transferred by the Japanese to the Kingdom of Thailand. (They are returned to British Malaya after the war.)

The German War Office on October 19 issues an order for the manufacture of 12,000 V-2 rockets. In the U.S., streptomycin, the first antibiotic remedy for tuberculosis and other infectious bacterial diseases, is isolated by Albert Schatz, a Ph.D. candidate at Rutgers University in New Jersey. The first British-German exchange of POWs takes place at Göteborg, Sweden, under the supervision of the Swedish Red Cross.

Beginning on October 20, representatives of the main Allied nations attend the Second Moscow Conference, in the Soviet Union. The conferees agree on security for post-war China, punishment for war criminals, and the establishment of advisory councils to consider the fate of Italy and Europe as a whole. In London, representatives of 17 Allied nations establish the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

From London, Adm. John Cunningham on October 21 is appointed Commander, British Naval Forces in the Mediterranean replacing Adm. Andrew Cunningham (no relation), who becomes First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff of the Royal Navy. Britain's Royal Air Force conducts a major air raid on the German industrial and population center of Kassel. From Singapore, the Provisional Government of Azad Hind ("Free India") is declared. Azad Hind will exist in Japanese-held areas of India, with pro-Axis activist Subhas Chandra Bose as president.

***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

**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. 1, 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.

**A.C. Bus Trip
Fellowship Circle of
the Hungarian
Reformed Church**
PERTH AMBOY - Atlantic City Bus Trip to the Golden Nugget on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018.

Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 Noon - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$30.00 per person (\$25 slot play & \$5 food voucher). Bagged lunch provided -To reserve a seat: call: 732-261-8726. Payment due ASAP
NO REFUND FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS.

**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.

**K of C
Spaghetti &
Sausage Dinner**

EDISON - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring a Spaghetti & Sausage Dinner on Sunday, Oct 28, 2018 from 1PM to 6PM at the OLP Parish Center. The Parish Center is on Franklin St, Edison. All proceeds will benefit the annual Right To Life Bus trip to Washington, DC.

The menu includes linguini & sausage (sweet or hot) with Marinara sauce, salad, bread, coffee, tea & desserts. Cost is \$10 for adults, children under 12 are \$5 and children under 5 are free. There is a special Family Price of \$20 (eat in only). A family is 2 adults and any children under 12. Soda & bottled water will be available for \$1 each. No reservations necessary and take-out orders are available. For more information, call Kevin at 732-877-8170.



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. 27th & Nov. 10th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

**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.

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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.

**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. 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.

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

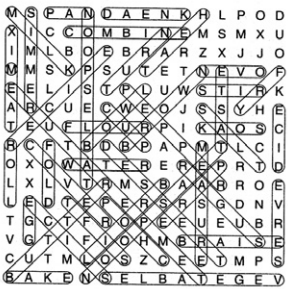
(Never known to fail)
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly 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.

A Petition to St. Jude

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

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



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! No tickets will be sold at the door.

Come Party with Us!

PARLIN - In celebration of the band's 20th Anniversary, Mikell's Plot will be having a party bash! The event is being hosted and sponsored by DAA Entertainment and NJ's Rock Radio 92.9 FM. The party will include guest performances by some of NJ'S greatest bands. Rebels United, Tilted, Pale Horse, Metal Land, Jernee Mill and Smoked Rose. "Making original music for 20 years is a milestone that we had to acknowledge and what better way to do it then with this party?" said Michael O'Connor, lead singer of Mikell's Plot.

The event is on Saturday, November 3, 2018 starting at 5 p.m. located at Brighton Bar, 121 Brighton Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740. The party is open to all ages, 21+ to drink. There will be catered food and a cash bar. Come and enjoy the celebration and be part of this event with Michael O'Connor and George Rivera and the rest of the band.

Tickets are \$10 in Advance and \$12 at the door. Go to <http://www.ticketweb.com> for your advance tickets. www.mikellspot.com

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- 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.
- MON. Oct. 22 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Oct. 23 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. 24 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. 25 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.

Attn: If Your Club changes its Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

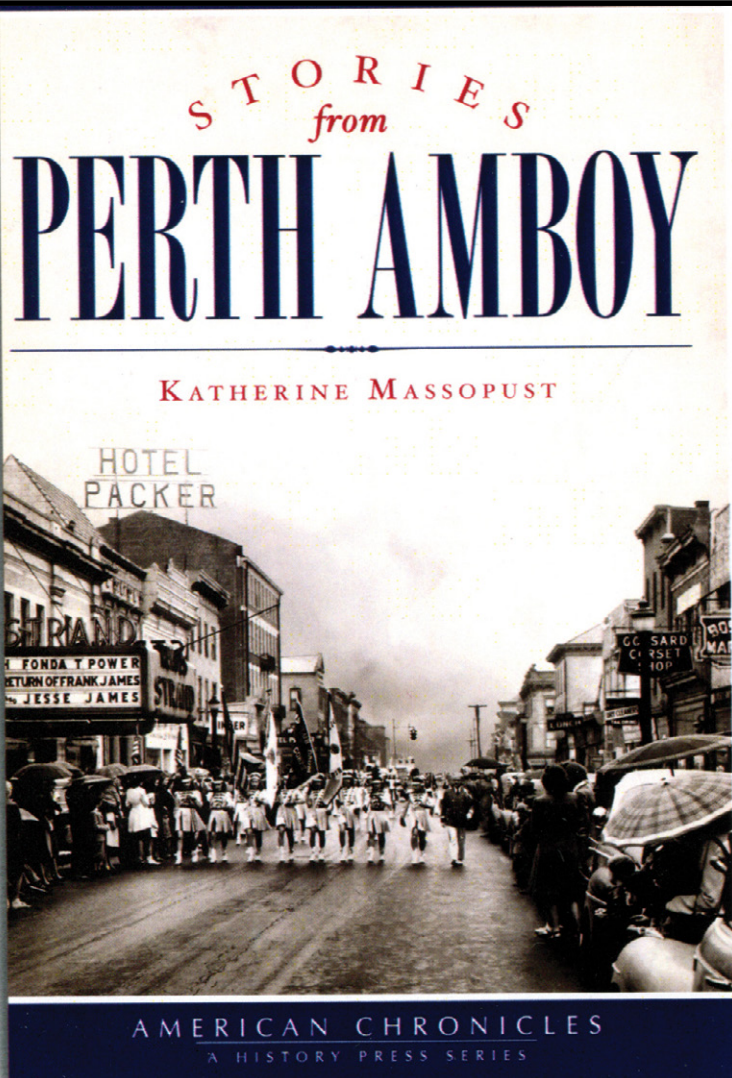
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Side of Harbor Lights

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Stories From Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy or in Fertig's Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - or Fertig's at 732-442-1079 - A Great Gift! Get it now along with Then & Now: Perth Amboy!

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