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Bathrooms on Second Street, Political Appointees; Other Topics Discussed 11/28/18 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – During the public comments on agenda items only, Resident Ken Balut came up to speak first. He questioned the large sum to be transferred in R-467-11/18 – Approving the transfer of CY 2018 Budget appropriations in the amount of \$1,337,511.00 (Finance).

Interim Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach answered, “It’s for group health insurance that covers employees and retirees. It is so we can pay the bills.”

R-471-11/18 – Authorizing professional service agreements with qualified engineers for special projects who have submitted responses to requests for qualifications for Calendar Year 2019. (BA)

Balut commented, “Someone should be watching these lawsuits. When you just paid \$100,000 for a citizen who is only asking \$35,000. Someone has got to be responsible for these legal bills. The Mayor doesn’t care – they’re all her friends. We’re supposed to stop the bleeding. Nobody is watching the numbers. Incompetency is still there.”

B.A. Fehrenbach then assured Balut that the City has reached out to hire a new law firm and it will be a reasonable choice. He also stated that firm Balut was referring to is not among the perspective firms to be hired.

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up to speak next, “I’m concerned about making us in compliance with the sewer and water system. I know it’s a private/public partnership. I feel this is not happening. Why does all this money get bond rated? Do they have any meetings? Has anyone from the public asked (about this)? They are a cause of concern.”

B.A. Fehrenbach answered Hubberman’s concerns, “There are three resolutions on the agenda: one for shared services which was agreed to by Perth Amboy three years ago to have all municipalities with cover sewer overflows. In the New York Hudson base, to study the outflows, the NYEPA and the NJDEP significant save with



**Councilman
Joel Pabon**

all of the participants. This is a change order of \$165,000. 5% of the cost of the modeling.”

Fehrenbach then referenced R-503-11/18 – Accepting the base bid and authorizing a contract with B&W construction Co. for emergency repairs to the Perth Amboy Collection System in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 for the Calendar Year 2019. (L. Perez Jimenez)

“Every year for a 3-year period the water and sewage collection system is \$121,200. We are dealing with 3 sinkholes that have developed over a month or so. R-503 concerns the Calendar Year 2019. We were hoping to have someone else do the work. We went out and asked 6 contractors. 5 told us no. The only bid was B&W. To save some money, we amended to the 2018 contract.”

Resident David Caba came up to speak next, “Wilda Diaz was out of the office for two weeks. We should be aware of who is running the City. The Council represents us, the shareholders: 60,000+ people are shareholders of the City. Didn’t we have an election? Did she go on a vacation or work on the election? With all her cronies who are city employees? Was she campaigning or was she on vacation? We need to know. Where did she go? We, the residents need to know in the future whoever is the Mayor – we need to know.”

B.A. Fehrenbach answered Caba, “I recall on a number of occasions when Mayor Bloomberg was Mayor of New York,



**Council President
William Petrick**

he left the City (on vacation sometimes) and no one knew where he went. On this occasion, she (Diaz) was staying in the City in case anyone needed her.”

David Caba continued, “It’s not about vacation. It’s about a campaign.”

A discussion ensued about a full-time attorney. Councilman Fernando Gonzalez then stated, “I have requested on many occasions to have a full-time attorney. We still have a part-time attorney. There is no way in any shape or form to have enough information on these cases in order to ascertain or save Perth Amboy money. There should be a committee to look at our billing because we are paying thousands of dollars in legal fees.”

For R-461 - R-483; R-485 & R-487 – R-503 on the Consent Agenda all voted “Yes.” B.A. Fehrenbach asked that R-484 be tabled.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked that R-486 and R-504 be pulled out to be voted on separately. R-486-11/18 – Authorizing payment of a yearly stipend to volunteer firefighters for compensation for losses while performing duties in direct proportion to their activity level in an amount not to exceed \$39,977.45 (FD)

R-504 – Authorizing payment of a yearly stipend to the Perth Amboy Auxiliary Police not to exceed \$43,798.50.

Gonzalez stated, “On behalf of these great individuals we

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South Amboy Holds Public Hearing on Manhattan Beach Project 12/5/18 Business Meeting

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy’s city council held a 2 ½ hour public hearing regarding the Manhattan Beach Project prior to last Wednesday’s business meeting.

Joseph Baumann Jr., an attorney for the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency, walked through a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the high-level notes of the project and what residents could expect if the project is approved. Representatives from Sherman Financial Group and BNE Real Estate, the developers looking to construct Manhattan Beach Project, were also on hand to field questions that Baumann was unable to answer.

The presentation highlighted several key facts, including:

- There will be 1,750 units built in phases on the property over the next 25 years, plus an additional 88 affordable housing units.
- The agreement does not allow for commercial or retail uses on the property to drive the new residents to local businesses on Broadway.
- The developers have pledged \$500,000 to South Amboy’s public safety after 1,250 units are built.
- The city will receive \$2,500 for each unit rented.
- BNE Real Estate will utilize union labor for the construction of the parking garages and will make a good faith effort to hire local South Amboy workers on the rest of the project.

Councilman Tom Reilly presented several questions to Baumann and the developers, many regarding the pilot that the city negotiated with Sherman and BNE Real Estate. Reilly believed that the pilot was low compared to other projects that have received pilots in South Amboy and surrounding towns.

In the proposed pilot, the city will receive 10.5% of the annual gross receipts from the developers in years 1-10, 12% in years 11-16, and 13% from years 17-25. Reilly compared these numbers to the pilot negotiated on the Woodmont Cove properties,

which starts at 13.5% in years 1-5 and grows to 15% in years 16-30.

“Every project stands on its own in terms of financial analysis,” Baumann said. “There’s plenty of examples where it’s 10% for thirty years. It’s really project by project, the benefit of what we did here is we employed Beacon Planning who has been the financial advisor to every single one of those projects.”

“With Woodmont they also donated the land to the city to build the Y, so there are other advantages to things to we did them,” Mayor Henry added.

“I think one of the dangers we’re running into when handing out pilots like this is that the city becomes so heavily weighed on pilots,” Reilly said. “These pilots are also on rental units, where we find that there’s a less of a need for rental units in town, could severely impact the money coming back to the city. I think it’s a dangerous road to go.”

Councilwoman Zuzette Dato mentioned that Woodmont properties was sold out before the units were built and she didn’t believe Sherman Financial Group would invest in the project if they didn’t think the units would sell.

“Over the last 50 years the occupancy rate for rental apartments in New Jersey have been north of the 94-95%,” Jonathan Schwartz from BNE Real Estate said. “The amount of the cash equity on top of the financing we put on... it’s a tremendous amount of risk. We would never do these projects if there was even a large chance it would get below 90%. The chance of that happening is very slim so I don’t think that’s an issue.”

“I also want to clarify our pilot does have an annual minimum service charge, so there’s always a minimum payment that has to be made as part of the pilot, he added. “If the place was empty, we would still have to make a payment.”

Many residents like Barbara

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should go out and make sure this payment goes out before December 25th. These guys work all year. I would like them to have a present for Christmas. We have to make sure these checks go out to the individuals prior to Christmas. They work all year and I think they deserve it.

B.A. Fehrenbach stated, "As long as the Fire Department and Police Department put in the proper paperwork, there's no reason they can't get those checks in the next two weeks." All in the Council voted, "Yes."

During the Public Portion Resident John Katz spoke first, "Congratulations to the members who won (the election). The pavers – I've pointed out a lot of spots – over two dozen areas on Smith Street (need repairs). We need a liaison officer to come here and report to you guys. Mr. Irizarry, do you know homeless are in front of the old firehouse? Maybe we can use those old buildings. If we are going to do something. Upstairs you can cook. They have showers. At least it's a start."

Resident Maria Rivera who lives in the Second Street area spoke next. She was angry over a bathroom facility being built near her house "It's very improper to put a bathroom facility next to a home. The bathroom used to be way back. Put the bathroom there. Whoever planned this did a poor job. It's unsanitary. We're hoping they will move it back where it used to be. It's in the middle of the park. We have two bathrooms that are never open. Why do we waste money if we can't use it?"

Council President Petrick answered her, "That's the Administration – not the Council."

Rivera continued, "Two men – Two female. The bathrooms are open for the summer. Let people use it. Don't put it next to people's houses. Second Street, PreSchool, Wilentz School – there's trucks, school buses in front of Wilentz School. The garage - it takes one match to blow up the neighborhood. It has to stop. And you're building a park? Open your eyes!"

Another Second Street Resident came up to speak, "Would you like a bathroom so close to your house like that? Who came up with that idea?"

B.A. Fehrenbach answered, "The Mayor's Office made the plans."

The Resident continued, "Why do we pay taxes? For what? We got to work together for the community."

B.A. Fehrenbach agreed to set up a meeting with the residents of that area to discuss their concerns.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez made some comments, "The Administration is supposed to work with the Council. We don't do that. They could not complete the project. We were promised the bathrooms would be moved as soon as possible. Bathrooms are needed in

that area. They are supposed to be movable. They were supposed to have been moved. I was promised. The Administration is wasting money."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "I did relay all of your concerns. We're hoping to get some answers. Mr. Fehrenbach, we'll get together with you. Nobody had a clue you guys weren't told. I'm hoping we get this situation fixed."

Resident Vinnie Mafinsky came up to speak next, "The Fire Department and Police Department work hard, and I thank them for their dedication. Some must work a second job to support their families. We are one of the lowest paid police departments in the State. When positions open up in other towns, many police officers leave Perth Amboy (for higher paying jobs). It's time we give them an increase in salary, equipment, and training. They protect us and keep us safe every day."

Council President Petrick noted that the City provides all necessary equipment at no cost to them.

The public portion was next. Resident Ken Balut came up to speak, "Cops are leaving. They're getting paid \$15/hour. You need to pay them the proper amount of money. Is it a fact that Irving Lozada was put in charge of Code Enforcement?"

Fehrenbach answered, "Yes." Balut then continued, "The Mayor knew about the ticket fixing."

B.A. Fehrenbach answered, "That is not true."

Balut continued, "That should be sent to the Attorney General's Office. That's the problem. We're putting people in charge that's not qualified. That's incompetence of the Mayor. What's the experience of owning El Taco Loco to run Code Enforcement? I'd like to know. Nothing got fixed. Mr. Fehrenbach, you know she's putting unqualified people in positions. Putting unqualified people will cause us problems. She's worse than Joe Vas. At least Joe Vas had a handle on that." Balut then asked, "What happened to Code Blue?" referring to the Code Blue shelters which were not open.

B.A. Fehrenbach explained that the temperature was not below 25oF, the requirement by law.

Resident David Caba came up to speak next, "I disagree with Mr. Fehrenbach when he said Mike Bloomberg left the City. Mike Bloomberg only was paid \$1. She (Diaz) is making \$100,000. She is taking advantage of taxpayers in the City. That's a weak comparison. Everything comes to light. You're right. It's not the Council's fault. If they don't inform you, then you can't inform us. The Administration needs to inform you. They put people in positions that they don't deserve. Mr. Pabon – you won 2-1. Mr. Petrick – after all the protests, you won. This election is a referendum against the Mayor. The residents of the City have spoken. The lies and gimmicks

of Wilda Diaz and this Administration – the residents need to know. Why is Greg Fehrenbach still sitting her here after 5 months? Is it a scapegoat? Is that guy to protect the Mayor? Is he here for us, the Mayor, or Administration? She (Diaz) has approximately 7 Business Administrators in the past 10 years."

Resident Alan Silber came up next. "When Mayor Diaz wasn't here for two weeks, who did the Public Information Officer work for?"

B.A. Fehrenbach answered, "She had a list of duties and she completed them."

Silber went on to state that a press release was put out on the Mayor's campaign and he believed that the Public Information Officer wrote that press release because one could tell by her writing. He also noted that the City is paying \$3000/month to someone who has a job already. "She (Diaz) was so worried about the election. What was she doing for two weeks? Everyone knew she wasn't on vacation. The City is a mess because of no oversight by the previous B.A."

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke next, "Bathrooms toward the Waterfront? You have the to do the who, what, where, and how. You have the power to govern the City. You cannot rely on empty promises. In 2012, when I ran for office, I had a caravan. There is a whole list of ordinances. I was driving down Hall Avenue, which is on one of the streets not allowed to have a caravan. I saw the Mayor with honking horns and music. This is not the first time this has happened. Why weren't there ticket issued? All of you have an ordinance. It applies to everyone. This needs to be done. On Family Day, the Perth Amboy Republicans were not allowed to have a table. We have a right to assemble. In the new year, this can be revisited to assemble and participate in the community."

During the Council Comments portion of the meeting, Councilman Helmin Caba spoke first. "Congratulations to Joel Pabon, Bill Petrick and Milady Tejeda. This is very tough. What's going on in Perth Amboy. However, what is happening to the City is very sad. We are elected officials. We deserve to have respect from the Mayor's Office and we don't get it. For example, we've got a new garbage truck. A few weeks ago, we were at the League of Municipalities and we had no idea the City truck is in Atlantic City. We found out on social media. The Mayor is taking a photo op on social media. There was a rally at Olive Street - Murphy, Booker, Menendez all there. We just found out. We knew about this because I am also Chair of the Democratic Party – one day before. The Mayor knew about it one week before. On the Veteran's Day program, the Council is not included. These are some reasons we have low mo-

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Manhattan Beach Project

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Pasternack were concerned that the city's business center could not handle an additional 1750 units worth of residents.

"We hardly have retail to begin with and if you're adding 1750 homes don't you need more business?" she asked.

"When we increase the resident base there's more of a demand," Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski said. "Developments like this act as an economic driver for downtowns that attract business owners who look and say 'now I have a new pocket of humanity that's going to desire my goods and services'."

Mayor Henry waited until all residents and the council spoke before he made his remarks regarding the project, which were all positive. He began with history of the project dating back to the removal of McCormack Sand.

"Just a reminder of what was down there with McCormack Sand, Henry said. "We spent about 20 years in litigation with

them to get rid of them, spent thousands and thousands of dollars to remove a nuisance."

"Part of the deal was bringing in O'Neil and Sherman and originally I believe there were 2,400 units requested, and we negotiated it down to 1,750 which it is now," he continued. "We all know that O'Neil is out and BNE [Real Estate] is in as the builder."

Henry then dove into the financial benefits of bringing this project to South Amboy.

"[Sherman] has already spent a lot of money on this project including about \$8 million on sewer capacity which helps them but it also benefits the city because any other developments that are needed in any parts of South Amboy we now have that sewer capacity."

"We will be getting \$2,500 for each unit which comes to a total of \$1,252,000 to the city," he continued. "Halfway through the project, \$500,000 to the city for fire prevention. These are things if we don't get this from them we're going to have to raise taxes to take care of these things we know that we need."


Many residents were concerned about the additional children that could potentially come into town, which may put a strain on the school system. Mayor Henry assured residents that the schools could handle additional students if the project is approved.

"The Superintendent has assured us that they have room for 200-300 more students, and even at an accelerated projection we're not even close to that as far as this project is concerned," he said. "You look at Lighthouse Bay, you look at Woodmont, over the years we have gotten very few students out of those projects."

"Everything here points to a very stable financial future for South Amboy if this agreement is passed," Henry said. "I hope the council can look at the benefits for all of South Amboy and be able to pass this at the next meeting."

The city council will have a final vote on the project during the December 19th at 7:00 p.m. All council members were in attendance for the business meeting.


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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

“A Day that Will Live in Infamy”

"Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it." - George Santayana

On December 7, 1941 at 7:48 a.m. Hawaiian time, in a surprise attack, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Territory. During the attack all 8 battle-ships were attacked and 4 were sunk. 2,035 Servicemen were killed and 1,143 wounded. All the Americans that were killed or wounded during the attack were noncombatants, since there was no State of War when the attack occurred.

All the battleships were able to be raised except for the U.S.S. Arizona which still lies on the bottom of the sea.

The day after the attack, Roosevelt delivered his famous Infamy Speech to a Joint Session of Congress, calling for a formal declaration of war on the Empire of Japan. Congress obliged his request less than an hour later. On December 11, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States, even though the Tripartite Pact did not require it. Congress issued a declaration of war against Germany and Italy later that same day.

(https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attack_on_Pearl_Harbor)

Perth Amboy Public Library had a speaker in December 2017 by the name of Charles "Charlie" Wiley. Wiley gave a lecture about his experiences during World War II. He could not emphasize enough the American spirit when lines were around the block at 4:00 a.m. to sign up to serve in the military to defend our country. He also stated that they concentrated on getting their job done in spite of the dangers.

Many young men lied about their age so they could serve. Many women served as WACS, WAVES or WASPS.

9-11-01 was one of the most devastating days the United States has ever seen. The attacks killed 2,996 people, injured over 6,000 others. Immediately after 9-11-01 happened, many young men and women joined the military to help defend the United States because of these attacks.

Since 2001 as time has gone by there have been less young men and women joining the military. This has caused those who are serving now to be rede-



Bombing of Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941 *AP



Attack on the World Trade Center September 11, 2001 *AP



U.S.S. Arizona Memorial, Honolulu

ployed due to lack of available personnel.

We live in the moment and that moment becomes a faded memory until we are woken up again. *C.M. & K.M.*



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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Four Million Non-Citizens

Here's something that will make your eyes pop out. The 2014 Census Survey reported that 4,684,784 non-citizen households are on welfare in the United States. WOW! It pays to be a non-citizen in America. What a life! Yes, it's true and hard to believe. The control mainstream news media never reported or talked about this. Talk about

a cover up. This was going on when Obama was in office. We'd like to know what else he was covering up. All this talk about President Trump's Russian collusion which we know is fake. Yes, all Presidents have dirt here and there before, and after nothing new about that. BUT FOUR MILLION NON-CITIZENS on welfare when Obama was in office.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

A Living Memorial

With the passing of another Pearl Harbor Day, I would like to mention the role of the U.S.S. North Carolina (BB-55) in raising the morale of the sailors at Pearl Harbor after the attack. The Carolina was known as the "Showboat" and was the only functioning battleship in the U.S. Navy after the attack and, at the time, the biggest and most powerful battleship in the world. My father, Joe Benedek, Sr., served on the Showboat from 1941-1945 as a Master Machinists Mate, First Class. The Showboat was sent on a tour from the Brooklyn Navy Yard, down the Eastern coast of the U.S., through the Panama Canal and finally to Pearl Harbor. At each stop, the ship with its full crew in dress whites would stand on deck as a reminder of the power and resolve of the United States Navy. The Carolina steamed into Pearl on July 11, 1942, past the destroyed Battleship Row and to the cheers and yells of the survivors. In a sense, the Showboat had come full cir-

cle. She proceeded to participate in over 50 naval actions, survive a torpedo hit, and become a valued member of the famous Task Force 58 of the U.S. Navy Third Fleet. My father also told me that had President Roosevelt lived to V-J Day, the signing of the Surrender Treaty would have been on the U.S.S. North Carolina as a reward for its contributions to the Pacific War. As it was, the U.S.S. Missouri, President Truman's home state, did the honors while the Carolina patrolled the Tokyo Harbor.

Today, the U.S.S. North Carolina is in permanent harbor in Wilmington, North Carolina and open to the public all year, and though its World War II crew is dwindling, it serves as a living memorial to all those who gave their lives in World War II, from Pearl Harbor to Tokyo.

Very truly yours,
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Bah Humbug!

I was listening to the radio the other day and heard a news report that a radio station in Ohio was going to ban the playing of the song "Baby It's Cold Outside" on its' airwaves. According to the news report I was listening to, the reason given was that a listener complained that, in her estimation, the song promoted "date rape", or some such nonsense.

I mentioned this to a friend of mine and she said, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" was first. Evidently the animated Christmas classic promotes bullying, homophobia, racism, and the like. Really! Give me a break!

To me it shows how unhinged the world is becoming. But where is this all coming from?

I did some research to try to find out the origins of this latest salvo fired in the "War on Christmas". All I could find is that in both cases it started on Twitter.

There was a time when I would have called it the "Liberal War on Christmas", but now not so much. I've talked to liberal friends of mine and they too are outraged about this latest assault on Christmas.

There are those who say that there is no "War on Christmas". Well then, why is it "Happy Holidays" and not "Merry Christmas"? Why is it a "Holiday Party" and not a "Christmas Party"? Why is it a "Holiday Tree" and not a "Christmas Tree"? Who exactly is offended by Christmas anyhow?

I'm sure if the symbol of Ramadan was a tree it would be a "Ramadan Tree" not a "Holiday Tree", if the symbol of Diwali was a tree it would be a "Diwali Tree" not a "Holiday Tree", and no one would say a thing about it. But, a "Christmas Tree", oh brother, batten down the hatches.

To this unhinged element I say; watch Rudolph again. It not only exposes bigotry, it shows Rudolph's triumph over the prejudices and bigotry leveled against him.

Listen to "Baby its Cold Outside", it's about seduction not rape, big difference. The song was written in the 40's, yet there is no outcry from the unhinged about the music of today that condones the rape and degrading of women. I wonder why?

Merry Christmas
Joe Bayona



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KRAUSZER'S.....	683 FLORIDA GROVE RD.
IN LAURENCE HARBOR:	
HOFFMAN'S DELI	5 LAURENCE PKWY.
IN MORGAN:	
SOUTHPINE LIQUORS	467 S. PINE AVE.
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DAD'S ROYAL BAKERY.....	3290 WASHINGTON RD.
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1 ST CONSTITUTION BANK	145 FAYETTE ST.
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BAY CITY LAUNDRYMAT.....	738 STATE ST.
C-TOWN	272 MAPLE ST.
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CITY HALL	260 HIGH ST.
COPA DE ORO	306 SMITH ST.
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EASTSIDE DRY CLEANERS	87 SMITH ST.
ELIZABETH CORNER	175 HALL AVE.
FAMILY FOOT CARE	252 SMITH ST.
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PETRA BEST REALTY.....	329 SMITH ST.
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PORTUGUESE MANOR	310 ELM ST.
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PUERTO RICAN ASSOCIATION	100 FIRST ST.
QUICK CHEK	853 CONVERY BLVD.
QUICK STOP DELI	814 AMBOY AVE.
QUISQUEYA MARKET	249 MADISON AVE.
QUISQUEYA LUNCHEONETTE	259 MADISON AVE.
RARITAN BAY AREA Y.M.C.A.	365 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER	530 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
SANTANDER BANK	365 CONVERY BLVD.
SANTIBANA TRAVEL	362 STATE ST.
SCIORTINO'S RESTAURANT	473 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
SHOP-RITE	365 CONVERY BLVD.
SIPOS BAKERY	365 SMITH ST.
SUPERIOR DINER.....	464 SMITH ST.
SUPREMO SUPERMARKET	270 KING ST.
TORRES MINI MARKET	403 BRUCK AVE.
TOWN DRUGS & SURGICAL	238 SMITH ST.
WELLS FARGO	214 SMITH ST.
ZPA	281 GRACE ST.
IN SAYREVILLE:	
BOROUGH HALL	167 MAIN ST.
SENIOR CENTER	423 MAIN ST.
SUNNYSIDE RESTAURANT	111 MAIN ST.
IN SEWAREN:	
PUBLIC LIBRARY	546 WEST AVE.
SEWAREN CORNER DELI	514 WEST AVE.
IN SOUTH AMBOY:	
AMBOY NATIONAL BANK	100 N. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BAGELS	105 S. BROADWAY
BROADWAY DINER	126 N. BROADWAY
CITY HALL	140 N. BROADWAY
COMMUNITY CENTER	200 O'LEARY BLVD.
KRAUSZER'S	200 N. BROADWAY
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PUBLIC LIBRARY	100 HOFFMAN PLAZA
SCIORTINO'S HARBOR LIGHTS	132 S. BROADWAY
SOUTH AMBOY MEDICAL CENTER.....	540 BORDENTOWN AVE.
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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

TUES. Dec. 18 Historic Preservation Committee, 7:15 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
WED. Jan. 2 City Council, Reorganization, 6 p.m.
YMCA, New Brunswick Ave.

South Amboy

WED. Dec. 19 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Jan. 2 City Council, Reorganization, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway.

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

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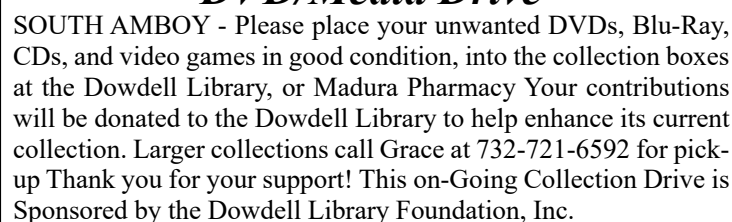
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Bathrooms on Second Street, Political Appointees; Other Topics Discussed

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rale. I speak to City Employees all the time. Morale is down in all departments. We have Directors resigning. It's tough to negotiate when you're in the red. We have state representatives in the City. We also have an Assemblywoman in town and she is left in the dark. We find out about events through Facebook. The taxpayers pay for events. We deserve that respect. I wish the Mayor hears this and gets the message that we get back to governing. We should be united. We are not always going to agree. We need to sit down and govern. God willing, that will happen."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated, "Well said, Mr. Caba."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry gave his comments, "I wish to congratulate those who won the election and everyone who participated in the political process. Now, the elections are over, it's time to govern and work together: Council and Mayor. We'll have to work together to benefit our constituents. People are hurt on both ends. That's something we have to get over. I'm willing to sit down with anyone I have to sit down with, so we can do what is right for our City."

Councilman Joel Pabon gave his comments: "I wish to

thank everyone in the election. There are no losers for anyone who runs for elected office. It poured, and the numbers were unbelievable. People still came out. I hope more people continue to come out and vote. So many people die for that privilege and people take that lightly. I'd like to see if we get a plaque to Elaine (Jasko), our City Clerk. She was here for so many years. We had an issue with many when we moved the Veteran's Day Ceremony from Sunday to Friday. I'm the only Veteran on the Council. The Mayor and City Council invite you is not written on anything in Perth Amboy. All you see is the Mayor who is putting on all of this. At least put the City Council on the program. It's another place we're so divided. That is something that needs to be changed. The fire on State Street - We got no information at all. I heard from the grapevine no one got hurt. Was this Illegal Housing? How did it start. We never know anything."

B.A. Fehrenbach stated, "The matter is under investigation by the Police Department and County Prosecutor."

Pabon continued, "The truck is here. It will be used in the Budapest Section and they are having opposite side of the street parking. For two weeks, there was no truck. I did get a response - people were sick,

and people were off. In the Post Office, if people are out, those roles have to be filled. There is no reason why that is not done."

Pabon then spoke about the train station, "The issue with the train station - the DPW and NJ Transit - that's finally getting taken care of. On the very first day, they did the entire job in a few hours. Look at the Residents on High Street. We have garbage at the old Police and Fire Stations. On that lot we store vehicles. It looks horrible." He then mentioned problems with congestion on Hall Avenue when kids are being dropped off for school, "The Crossing Guards - God bless them. You should see the work they do. It's like a battle to get these kids to school. They need hazard pay. Hall Avenue is a true nightmare. People are double parked - where do parents go to drop their kids off? There's no place to go."

Council President Bill Petrick stated that the swearing in of the newly reelected and elected Council Members will be on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at the YMCA at 6 p.m. He also stated there are homeless sleeping at the old Police Department entrance on High Street.

B.A. Fehrenbach stated he will contact Acting Police Chief Roman McKeon.

Petrick then said, "It's not a good image for our community.

This is an ongoing thing. The Public Information Office is getting paid by tax dollars - not just the Mayor's Office. In the last year the Public Information Officer was working solely for the Mayor. We should look into eliminating that office. I don't feel taxpayers' dollars should be spent to solely support the Mayor. What the Public Information Officer does in her own time or City time. I've witnessed the Public Information Officer at a political event. At her own time using her own equipment. Morton Salt left town in order to build a firehouse on property which it can't be built because it's contaminated. We should look into what a property can be used for before running people out of town. Morton Salt left leased property. It's owned by KinderMorgan. We might be able to use the property as a municipal tow lot. Permits - for Family Day and Lung Cancer Awareness Day - there was some sort of problem. I'd like to see all permits generated out of the City Council. That's why we avoid politics getting involved."

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Stroke Support Group

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge and Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy is providing stroke support group meetings for stroke survivors, their families, and caregivers Thursday, December 13. Attendees have an opportunity to connect with and learn from stroke experts as they provide guidance to help survivors and their families maximize their quality of life and navigate survivorship. Meetings will include new discussion topics each month, Q&A sessions with experts, and connections to available resources. Light refreshments will be served and meetings will be held in English and Spanish. The meetings will be held in Suite 101, 2 Hospital Plaza, Raritan Bay-Old Bridge, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Centennial Hall B, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Registration is required, call 1-800-560-9990.

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Santa Fly In

PRINCETON - Forty-three years ago, the idea of having Santa fly into the Princeton Airport for the local children to experience was brought to life by the Nierenberg family, owners of the Princeton Airport. Throughout the years, this has evolved into a wonderful annual event for the families in our community.

The tradition continues this year on Sunday, December 24th at 11:00 A.M. when the airport hangar doors open to children awaiting Santa's arrival. Parents are advised to bring their children to the airport at 10:00 A.M., as the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be serving cocoa and cookies, and local folk singer Pat McKinley, starting at 10:30, will be leading the audience in holiday songs as everyone anticipates Santa's arrival.

If parents would like to have a gift waiting for their child, they should bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it in large print to the Princeton Airport lobby. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa. If parents have more than one child participating, the gifts should be wrapped in the same paper and tied together to speed up the distribution. Also, to have their child participate, parents need to bring a gift for donation, as well. This is very important:

These gifts must be new, unwrapped and will be collected by the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Personal



checks made out to the "Food-Bank Network of Somerset County", as well as canned or boxed food are suitable alternatives accepted at the airport. Donations from non-participants are kindly accepted as well. Gift collection begins the day after Thanksgiving at 8:00 A.M. and ends on Sunday, December 17 then enabling county workers to arrange the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby of the airport between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Once Santa's plane lands, he will head into the hangar along with all the participants to distribute each gift individually. In fairness to all, Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Children will also have the opportunity to take a picture on Santa's lap. Usually, distribution is completed by 1:00 P.M. and Santa continues his journey.

There is no charge for this event. The Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 miles north of Princeton on Route 206. The full address is 41 Airpark Road, Princeton, N.J., 08540. For further information, call 609-921-3100 or visit www.princetonairport.com.

Cookie Walk

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church Annual Cookie Walk, Saturday Dec. 22, 2018. Ethnic and Holiday favorites. \$10.00 per pound. 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. This will be held Rain or Shine!



Holiday Home Decorating Contest

SOUTH AMBOY - Enter South Amboy's "Holiday Home Decorating Contest!" The first-place winner wins a \$200 prize! Contact the Recreation Office: 732-525-5965 for additional information. All homes must be completely decorated by December 12, 2018.

Holiday Trolley Tour

SOUTH AMBOY - Have a Holly, Jolly Holiday riding in South Amboy's trolley on a tour of South Amboy featuring historical sites as well as the contest winner and runners up in the "Holiday House Decorating Contest." Tours will be given on Friday, December 14, 2018 starting at 5:30 p.m. Contact Jaclyn: 732-525-5965 or email kellyj@southamboy.nj.gov to reserve your seat starting on November 14, 2018. Seating is very limited. First come, first served. Open to South Amboy Residents Only. Trolley Rides /Outdoor events are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Bell

Ringers Needed

PERTH AMBOY - Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Bell Ringers are needed. Full time seasonal job; \$9.00 per hour, 5 days per week (Tuesday thru Saturday) from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from November 23, 2018 thru December 24, 2018. Need to have Social Security and State ID. The Salvation Army of Perth Amboy is located at 433 State St. For more info contact: 732-826-7040.

28th Annual Holiday Model Train Show

WOODBIDGE - The Barron Arts Center Presents The 28th Annual Holiday Model Train Exhibit On View Nov 30 - Dec 30, 2018 CLOSED DEC 25 Exhibit Hours Mon - Fri 11am-4pm Sat & Sun 2-4pm Train Show Reception & Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday Nov 30, 2018 ~ 5-7pm In the tradition of family exhibitions for the Holiday Season, the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge, New Jersey will once again host an exhibition of model trains curated by Colonia resident Michael Gelesky. The exhibition will be free to the public but donations are always greatly appreciated. This event is sponsored by RSI Bank located at 408 Rayway Avenue, Woodbridge, J.J. Elek Realty Co. located at 117 Main Street. Middlesex Water Company located at 1500 Ronson Road, Iselin & Wegmans Food Market located at 15 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge. This year's show is also sponsored by The Mom's Club of Edison.



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Pictures With Santa

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Handel's Messiah!

SOUTH AMBOY - Music at Saint Mary's presents; Handel's Messiah! A Music at Saint Mary's Advent-Christmas tradition! Come and experience George Frederik Handel's timeless oratorio, featuring the Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra, four amazing soloists, and the Saint Mary Choral Society under the direction of Christopher M.C. Deibert. The warm glow of soft candlelight will illuminate Saint Mary's Victorian-Gothic architecture for the performance. Saturday, December 15, 2018, 7:30pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). For questions call MASM @ 732-857-0202

Tom's Tax Tips

6 Last-Minute Money-Saving Tax Moves

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

As 2018 winds down, there is still time to reduce your potential tax obligation. Here are some ideas to make your 2018 tax return less of a burden on your wallet:

1. Accelerate expenses. Individual taxpayers are on the cash basis for income tax purposes. This means your income is taxable when you receive it and expenses count when you pay them. Depending on your situation, shifting deductions between years can make a big difference on your tax bill. With this knowledge, making additional deductible payments prior to the end of the year may be a good idea. Examples include property tax payments, mortgage interest payments and charitable donations.

2. Make effective use of capital losses. Up to \$3,000 in capital losses can be claimed each year to reduce your ordinary income. This loss limitation is calculated after netting all your capital losses against any capital gains. When you have more losses than gains, up to \$3,000 can be used to reduce your other income. With careful planning you can take advantage of this loss amount each year.

3. Fund tax-deferred retirement accounts. An easy way to reduce your taxable income is to fully fund retirement accounts that have tax-deferred status. The most common accounts are 401(k)s, 403(b)s and various IRAs (traditional, SEP and SIMPLE).

4. Take advantage of the annual gift exclusion. For 2018, you may provide gifts up to \$15,000 to as many individuals as you wish without tax consequences. This could include gifts of cash or property, including investments. Taking advantage of the annual exclusion is a great way to lower your taxable estate.

5. Give to charities. Consider making end-of-year donations to eligible charities. Donations of property in good or better condition and your charitable mileage are also deductible. Receiving proper documentation that acknowledges your contributions is important to ensure you obtain the full deduction. Have a plan by knowing your total deductions for the year to help you decide how much to donate. Pulling some donations planned for 2019 into 2018 may be a good strategy.

6. Donate appreciated stock. By donating appreciated stock owned one year or longer to a favorite charity, you receive two benefits. First, you will not have to claim the capital gain on the appreciation of your investment. Second, you can claim the higher market value of the stock as your contribution amount. The procedure you need to follow to qualify your donation of appreciated stock is fairly strict. Ask for help from your broker and the charitable organization to ensure it is done correctly.

This is a short list of some of the ideas you can use to lower your tax obligation in 2018. If interested, please call for help with reviewing your situation.

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 homeownership@perthamboyha.org We are a HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency. Free for all Veterans with a DD 214.

Total Joint Replacement Education Session

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is sponsoring a free Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, December 14, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Raritan Bay, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been scheduled for joint replacement surgery or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

First Aid Course

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is holding a First Aid course Wednesday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn basic first aid training to manage many medical and traumatic injuries. Participants will practice using gloves, bandaging, and using an Epinephrine pen (trainer). Cost is \$80.00 per person. Registration required, call Mary at 732-324-5393, email michelle.norek@hackensackmeridian.org, or call 1-800-560-9990 and reference zip code 08861.

South Amboy Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Committee Announces Date for its 2019 Parade

Press Release 12/5/18

SOUTH AMBOY- Planning for the annual South Amboy Saint Patrick’s Day Parade is well underway and this year the parade committee is excited to announce the inclusion of three new bands to its line-up. David Ceden’o and his Orchestra will provide a Latin beat with the sounds of Salsa music while the UpTown String and the Avalon String Bands will bring the color, excitement and grandeur of the Philadelphia Mummers to Bordentown Ave and Broadway at 2pm on Saturday, March 16th.

The South Amboy Saint Patrick’s Day Committee is also pleased to announce that Christine Noble, South Amboy Councilwoman at Large, will serve as the 2019 Grand Marshal. Born and raised in South Amboy to Claire (McKeon) and Robert

Noble, Ms. Noble is a graduate of H. G. Hoffman High School and has been employed at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for the past 25 years.

Ms. Noble is the former coach of South Amboy Recreation’s girl’s basketball and softball, girls 6th, 7th and 8th grade basketball at Sacred Heart School and Girls JV and Varsity basketball at Cardinal McCarrick High School. Active in many aspects of the city, Ms. Noble has served as a member of the South Amboy Planning and Zoning Board and as the 2nd Ward Council Women.

The 2019 Honorary Grand Marshal is Mark Rasimowicz, who serves as City Engineer for South Amboy, Perth Amboy and Monroe Township. Mr. Rasimowicz is employed as the Director of Engineering at Center State Engineering, a full-

service consulting engineering company, located in Monroe Township.

Serving as Deputy Grand Marshal will be South Amboy Fire Chief, Mike Toth. A of Hoffman High School, Mr. Toth joined Independence Engine & Hose Company in 1984. In addition to volunteering his time with the South Amboy Fire Department, Mr. Toth is a softball baseball and basketball coach for the Sayreville Athletic Association.

Special Honored Guests at the parade will be; Yolanda Flores, Vice President and Director of Sales at the Rosengarten Development Corp., Perth Amboy and George Gonzales, owner of Mid Jersey Medical Supply, South Amboy. Mr. Gonzales also serves as President of the South Amboy Business Association.

South Amboy Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Committee to Honor Grand Marshal’s at Annual Dinner

Press Release 12/6/18

SOUTH AMBOY - The Saint Patrick’s Day Committee welcomes you to join them as they honor this year’s Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Grand Marshal’s on Friday, February 1, 2019 at 7pm at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 271 Second Street, South Amboy.

Honorees include: Grand Marshal: Christine Noble, South Amboy Councilwoman

at Large; Honorary Grand Marshal: Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer of South Amboy and Perth Amboy; Deputy Grand Marshal: South Amboy Fire Chief Mike Toth; Yolanda Flores, Vice President and Director of Sales at the Rosengarten Development Corp., Perth Amboy and George Gonzales, President of the South Amboy Business Association will be recognized as Special Honored

Guests.

Tickets for the Grand Marshal’s Annual Dinner are \$40 per person (includes dinner, beer, wine and soda) and are available at the door. Tickets must be purchased in advance at any of the following locations:

Main Liquors (533 Main St. So. Amboy, The Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall and the South Amboy YMCA (200 John O’Leary Blvd. So. Amboy).

An Evening with Seamus Kennedy

Press Release 12/5/18

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Parade Committee and the South Amboy Arts Society invite you to attend a St. Patrick’s Day celebration with Seamus Kennedy. Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Seamus Kennedy has been entertaining audiences across the United States for almost four decades through music and humor.

Kennedy’s huge repertoire includes traditional Irish music, classic Country & Western, American standards and Scot-

tish ballads. This will be an evening of Celtic entertainment at its best!

In his interactive performance, Kennedy invites audiences to sing along to silly lyrics and to jump up and dance to the music of his guitar or bodhrán as he plays a lively Irish jig or reel. His clear baritone voice delivers on cherished Irish ballads like “Danny Boy”.

The performance will take place on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Community Theatre of South Amboy,

located within the South Amboy Middle High School complex at 200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Free Admission. To reserve your free ticket visit www.southamboyarts.org

This program has been made possible through grant funding provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders in conjunction with a grant provided by The New Jersey State Council on the Arts / Department of State.

“Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me?”

OLD BRIDGE - The Institute of Weight Loss at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge, is sponsoring an “Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me?” seminar Wed., December 26, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The informative event will focus on weight loss surgery including discussion on Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Gastric Sleeve and concerns surrounding weight loss surgery as well as its successes. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in Suite 404, Medical Arts Building, 3 Hospital Plaza, Raritan Bay-Old Bridge. Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME (1.855.846.3463).

Bariatric Weight Loss Support Group Meeting

OLD BRIDGE - The Institute of Weight Loss at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge, is sponsoring a Bariatric Weight Loss Support Group Meeting Wednesday, December 26, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Raritan Bay-Old Bridge, 2 Hospital Plaza. For individuals who have had surgery, are contemplating weight loss surgery or trying to maintain a healthy weight. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in Auxiliary Hall B, 3 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME (1.855.846.3463).

Tip-A-Pint Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - The Saint Patrick Day Parade Committee of the City of South Amboy invites you to join them for an evening of friends, food and drink at their “Tip-A-Pint” fundraiser; Thursday, January 17th, 2019 at “Murphy’s Shamrock Inn, 147 So. Pine Ave., So. Amboy from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A \$20 pp entrance fee will be collected at the door. Participants will enjoy unlimited free beer and wine, a hot and cold buffet plus a performance by the D.B.Kelly Drum & Bugle Corp.

Proceeds will support the efforts of the South Amboy Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Committee.

Play Review: King Kong

By: Anton Massopust III
“Free the King - Kill the Queen”

King Kong comes to Broadway in a new musical at the Broadway Theater. This new take on the classic story tells a similar updated tale. This time Ann Darrow (Christiana Pitts) is no damsel in distress. She's a young, desperate girl living on the streets of New York during the Great Depression trying to become an actress when reality sets in. A filmmaker Carl Denham (Eric William Moris) is looking for a leading lady for a new picture and brings Ann aboard a ship. They take a mysterious voyage to Skull Island. This time there are no natives here, but the island seems to have living vines that capture Ann. Then the big guy (Kong) arrives! The giant ape is portrayed by a 20-foot-high marionette weighing in at 2000 lbs. which has 14 performers and 16 microprocessors.

Kong hurts his hand and after he saves Ann from a giant serpent, she runs back to the ship in order to escape and go back to New York. Denham is determined to capture Kong and bring him back to New York as an exhibit. His idea is instead of having a movie, he'll display Kong.

We all know the rest of the story. Kong escapes and faces down and makes his final stand at the Empire State Building.

Can this story endure on-stage? Yes! Kong is very realistic looking, and his roar stuns the crowd. The sets and the way the interaction with the puppet and the actors are breathtaking. Kong is the star of this show. The show has only four principle characters: Ann, Carl, Lumpy and Captain Englehorn, and a small company of dancers. The focus is on the friendship between Ann and Kong and if one would lose their soul in order to gain what they want.



The Kong puppet is a sight to behold. The songs are good. I especially liked, “The Last of Their Kind,” as it leads up towards the final climax. Pitts is terrific as Ann and has a beautiful vocal range, Morris plays a wonderful Carl Denham. He is a cruel and manipulative villain. The special effects are awesome

and give you a spectacular experience to see onstage. Kong is King of Broadway! Go see it!

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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

Toy Drive

PERTH AMBOY – Bring cheer to every boy & girl. Give back, thanks, hope! Community Toy Drive from December 1-23. Bring cheer to a boy or girl this Christmas! Donate a new, unwrapped toy and we will arrange for Santa to drop off all toys to families on Christmas Eve. The Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy.

“Sock the Homeless” on #GIVINGTUESDAY

Press Release 11/27/18
PERTH AMBOY – As this is the season for giving, give back to your community through the Y on #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving. On Tuesday, November 27, 2018, people all over the world will come together for one common purpose: TO CELEBRATE GENEROSITY AND GIVING.

Join the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA on #GivingTuesday by donating SOCKS! Socks are the number one most requested item in homeless shelters, so let's give the gift of warm and toasty feet to those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Last year, we collected over 1,000 pairs of socks - and with your help, we can do it again. Take your first step in making a difference and building a BETTER US BECAUSE WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE!

Starting November 27th through December 21st, bring NEW socks to the Y, let's show those who are less fortunate how a little warmth may spread so much joy this season.

For more information or to join us in this season of giving please contact Jennifer Roche, 732.442.3632 or jroche@rbaymca.org



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- Body Attack Instructor (substitute)

Please bring 2 forms of ID which must include a social security card.

RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA
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This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

By: Phil Kohn. *Dedicated to the memory of his father, GM3 Walter Kohn, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, USNR, and all men and women who have answered the country's call in time of need. Phil can be contacted at ww2remembered@yahoo.com.*

In the Solomon Islands, the first American aircraft arrive at the Cape Torokina airfield on Bougainville on December 10, 1943; U.S. forces are gradually extending their perimeter. In the U.S., a long-running debate on draft regulations ends with President Roosevelt signing into law a revised bill that puts those who have been fathers since before the attack on Pearl Harbor at the bottom of the conscription list. In Italy, the British Eighth Army crosses the Moro River.

A U.S. Army Air Forces heavy air raid on the port city of Emden, Germany, on December 11 kills 1,000 and makes 12,000 homeless. Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, leader of the *Wehrmacht's* High Command, orders V-1 rocket attacks on London beginning January 15, 1944. One problem: No V-1s have yet been produced. (The first to attack London is launched on June 13, 1944.)

German Field Marshal Irwin Rommel on December 12 is appointed head of *Festung Europa* ("Fortress Europe"). As such, he is responsible for strengthening the German "Atlantic Wall" against the expected Allied offensive from England to France. Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union sign a treaty of friendship in Moscow.

In retaliation for the killing of 78 German soldiers captured by Greek guerrillas in the area, troops of the 117th *Jäger* Division on December 13 carry out the Massacre of Kalavryta, a resort town in southern Greece. Burning villages and murdering civilians along the way, the *Wehrmacht* troops upon reaching Kalavryta lock all the women, girls and young boys in the town's school. Then they order all males 12 and over into a field outside the village, where they are machine-gunned. Of about 470 men and teens, only 13 survive. Departing, the Germans set the town ablaze. In all, over 700 civilians are killed. At Kharkiv, Ukraine, three captured German SS officers and a Russian collaborator are accused of murdering thousands of Russians in specially equipped carbon-monoxide murder vans. The four are to stand trial for war crimes.

On the Eastern Front, Soviet forces under Col.-Gen. Ivan Konev capture Cherkasy, in central Ukraine, on December 14. Farther north, the Soviet Baltic Front, commanded by Gen. Andrey Yeryomenko, begins a new offensive south of Nevel, in northwestern Russia. Farther south, in the heaviest-ever bombardment of Greece, over 300 Allied planes drop bombs on *Luftwaffe* airfields near Athens, Kalamaki and Tatoi, as well as the harbor facilities at Piraeus.

On December 15, U.S. troops land near Cape Gloucester on New Britain Island, southwest of Rabaul. Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union all break off diplomatic relations with the current Yugoslav government-in-exile and instead recognize Tito's communist Popular Liberation Committee as the Yugoslav government-to-be. The war's first war-crimes trial opens at Kharkiv, Ukraine. All four of the defendants plead guilty: One testifies that more than 30,000 Soviets were exterminated at Kiev.

Yet another air raid over Berlin on December 16 brings the total of Allied explosives dropped on the city to 18,500 tons. Over 1,000 people die in the attack.

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A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2018. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.



A.C. Bus Trip St. John Paul II Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on. Thurs. Dec. 27, 2018. Cost \$35 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:30 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

Sands Casino Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN – Holy Rosary Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Pennsylvania Thursday 1/17/2019. 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.

Movies @ Main True Crime


WOODBIDGE - Our monthly film series, generously funded by the Friends of the Library of Woodbridge Township, will focus on crime thrillers from November to December. Titles in include Ocean's 8, American Hustle, and Going in Style to name a few. Free popcorn and light refreshments are served at each showing. Fridays December 14, 21 @ 2 p.m. The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ. For more information please call 732-634-4450.

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PERTH AMBOY - The Jewish Renaissance Medical Center provides primary health and preventive services to you and your family. We have been an active participant in the Perth Amboy Community and offer care for infants, children, teens, adults, and seniors. We strive to provide the best services for you and your family and to make sure that every service provided is to your satisfaction. As a JRMC medical patient, if you're feeling sick or have an urgent (non-life threatening) medical problem, we're here to help. Make your appt today at (732) 376-9333 or visit us at 275 Hobart Street.

Pet of the Week

Hi. I'm Brownie and I was neutered as part of a TNR program thanks to Whiskers Rescue. I'm frisky, playful, curious, and lovable. My brother Tommy and sister Manchitas are looking for a home of their own also. Please ADOPT ME. We're fixed, vaccinated for rabies & distemper, negative for FIV and leukemia, we were dewormed, and are healthy and fully vetted. ADOPT. SPAY. NEUTER. LOVE. Adoption application & donation fee apply. All for the Paws P. O. Box



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Coffee Talk with Rabbi Metz

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - December 12, 19 at 9:30 a.m. at The Coffee House, 931 Amboy Avenue, Edison NJ 08837 - discussions/informal class in a relaxed environment

Ask the Rabbi

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - "Ask the Rabbi" is back: Dec. 12, 19; Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 in the food court of Menlo Park Mall (near Panera) at 12 Noon. Rabbi Sara Metz will discuss current events and Bible topics. She will also answer questions you might want answered but never had the opportunity to ask of a rabbi.

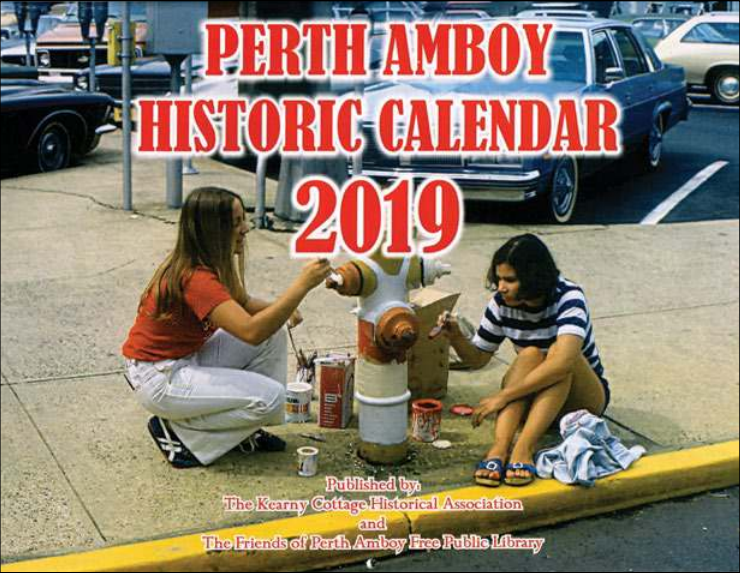


Book Sale

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: Jan. 12th & 26th. 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. !!!!

2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are now available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079, Perth Amboy City Hall or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.

Novena to St. Rita

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

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Miraculous Invocation to St. Therese

O Glorious St. Therese, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and inspire the human family. I implore your Miraculous Intercession. You are so powerful in obtaining every need of body and spirit from the Heart of God. Holy Mother Church proclaims you "Prodigy of Miracles . . . the Greatest Saint of Modern Times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (*mention here*) to carry out your promises of spending Heaven doing good upon earth . . . of letting fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses. Little Flower, give me your childlike faith, to see the Face of God in the people and experiences of my life, and to love God with full confidence. Saint Therese, my Carmelite Sister, I will fulfill your plea "to be made known everywhere" and I will continue to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.

"I will let fall from Heaven . . . a Shower of Roses" – St. Therese

Say this prayer for nine consecutive days. After the ninth day your prayer request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. **J.M.P.** 12/19

Roast Beef Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY – There will be a Roast Beef Dinner at the South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Ave. on Friday, Dec. 14th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Menu includes: Sliced Roast Beef, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Dessert, Coffee, and Tea. Cost: \$12pp; kids 5-7yrs - \$7. All proceeds to will benefit the Peer Leadership Program.

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.

Story Time with Ms. Mel

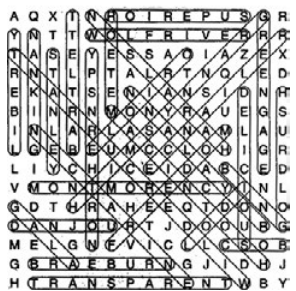
Press Release
PERTH AMBOY --Parents with children of all ages are invited to the Perth Amboy Free Public Library for an especially exciting story time with Ms. Mel. Story time consists of age-appropriate picture books, songs, finger-plays, poetry, and crafts.

Join In on the following dates:
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

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Say Your Novenas!***

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Woolworth's, Smith Street, Christmas 1950's

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This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

TUES. Dec. 11 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. Dec. 12 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. Dec. 13 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 noon
Superior Diner, Smith St.

MON. Dec. 17 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,
Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

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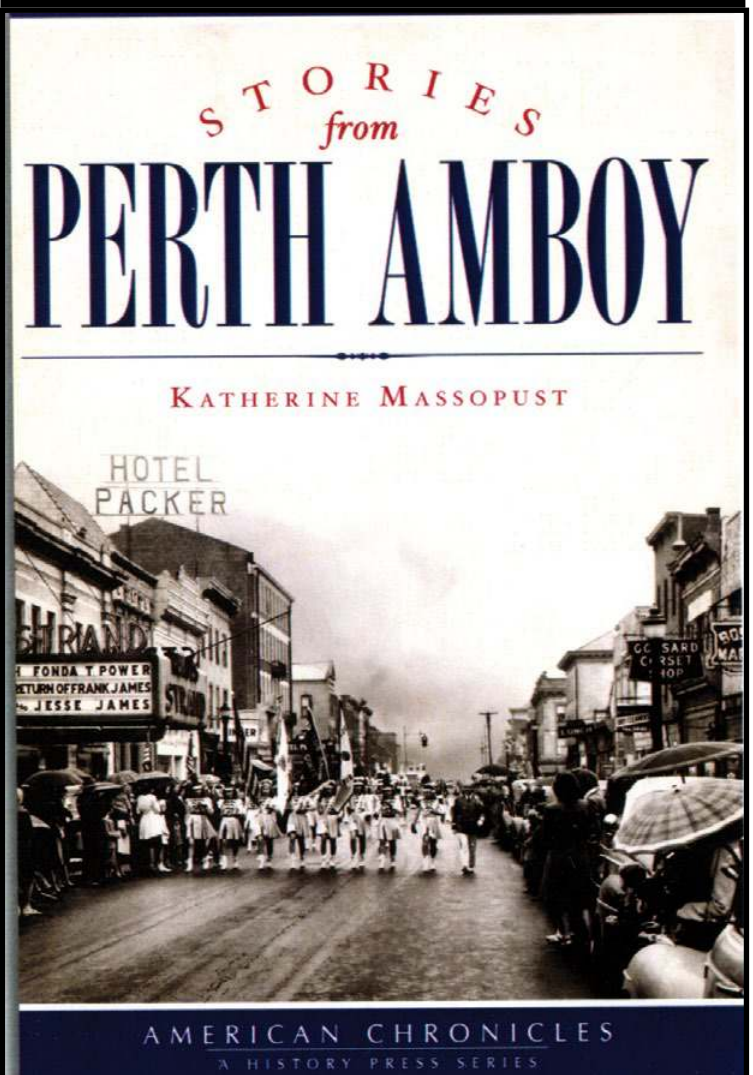
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,
Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

THURS. Dec. 20 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

WED. Jan. 2	South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Jan. 7	St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Jan. 28	Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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