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Merry Christmas - Season's Greetings - Happy New Year!



*Photos by Katherine Massopust, Carolyn Maxwell, Ray Kawka Jr., Paul W. Wang

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BINGO

EVERY Wednesday and Friday Night From 7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
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Angel Robledo at the Cottage Tea
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The Woman's Club of Perth Amboy collected gifts which were distributed to patients in nursing homes. *Photo by K. Massopust



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Woman's Club of Perth Amboy President Linda Cruz with Kurt Epps

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On Santa's lap, South Amboy
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Santa at the Woodbridge
Parade
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Mechanicsville Engine Company 10 Wins Best Decorated Truck at the South Amboy Parade *Photo by Ray Kawka Jr.

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“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@rbaym-ca.org.

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!

Be a Holiday Hero – Give the Gift of Life

Red Cross Urgently Needs Blood and Platelet Donations

Press Release Dec. 17, 2018
NEW JERSEY — Emergencies don’t take a holiday. The American Red Cross urgently needs blood and platelet donors to make an appointment now to give and help ensure patients can get the treatment they need at a moment’s notice.
In November 2016, a 100-foot maple tree fell on Mike McMahon, causing life-threatening injuries. He needed 11 units of blood during emergency surgery and another seven units to treat complications after. Six weeks following the accident, McMahon was released from the hospital – just in time to spend the holidays with his family.
“I’m grateful for the donors who gave me such an amazing gift – the gift of life,” said McMahon. “I was an occasional blood donor before the accident. Today, I donate as often as I can to help ensure others receive blood when they need it most.”
Now is an important time to give blood and platelets. A seasonal decline in donations occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day when donors get busy with family gatherings and travel. In addition, severe winter weather can cause blood drive cancellations and negatively affect the blood supply. Patients like McMahon can’t afford for there to be a shortage of blood.
Give the gift of life – make an appointment to donate blood and platelets by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
As a special thank-you for helping meet the urgent need, those who come to give Dec. 20 through Jan. 6 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.
Upcoming blood donation opportunities Dec. 20-Jan. 15 in Central New Jersey: Middlesex County

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1/13/2019: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave.
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12/22/2018: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Dunkin’, 801 Green St.
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12/27/2018: 3 p.m. - 8 p.m., St. Peter the Apostle, 85 Somerset St.
Woodbridge
12/23/2018: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Dunkin’, 1152 Route 9 N.
1/6/2019: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 650 Rahway Ave.





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Winter I January 6 - February 16
Winter II February 17 - March 30

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Turn! Turn! Turn!
(To Everything There Is a Season)

My late Aunt Mary had a favorite expression when she wanted to end a discussion, she would say: "Okay, turn the page."

It is now our time to turn the page and write a new chapter. It was a difficult decision, but what we feel is the best.

We have decided to have the paper published biweekly. There will be a few months when we will publish 3 times a month. The new schedule will take effect the beginning of March. We will continue to publish weekly when we come back January 9, 2018 and in that issue we will have the publication schedule for the rest of the year.

Like anything else, costs goes up and we do appreciate the compliments that we received from many. Unfortunately, compliments cannot pay the bills.

We have been blessed to have our advertisers who have been with us from Day 1 and you see them in the paper every week. We also appreciate those who have advertised when they had special events or the holiday issues. We also have some new advertisers who go in sometimes once or twice a month who are also appreciated.

The advertisers we mentioned above are the ones who have kept us going and the best thing you can do for us is to use their services. They are the ones who make the Amboy Guardian possible and give you an opportunity for you to list your community events complimentary. Often, we get calls to cover some of these events or grand openings and it's impossible to accommodate everyone. We accept photos with a short caption if you wish to have them published.

I have a habit of picking up other publications (weekly and monthly) to see how much information is submitted to them. Surprisingly, there is sometimes quite a bit.

I also want to thank a special South Amboy Resident, Mary Taylor who would often provide photos of events taking place in her town when we couldn't attend. She has been a true blessing to us.

There also have been many others who have also sent us photos which we appreciate.

I remember one of the newspapers I used to pick up was

published in Princeton. They had an extensive sports section, but all of the photos, captions, and articles had to be submitted to them.

We like that idea, because we don't have the staff to attend all these sport events. So my suggestion, if you have a student who has achieved in any field, please feel free to submit the information and the photo.

Keeping with the season, we'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year!

On this page, are two letters and one poem that we think are apropos for this issue. We truly miss the late Thomas Francis Clark, who was one of our most prolific letter-writers along with the late Peter Book. Sadly a few years ago, we suddenly lost Dioris "The Poet" Arlequin who had an endless supply of poems on a diverse amount of subjects. Many times he would write poems about people in town. I miss Dioris's great big bear hugs and smile whenever he would see me. I'm sure Dioris and Thomas Francis Clark are still watching over us from above.

- We would like to end this editorial with suggestions of what we feel are some great movies and specials to watch during this Christmas season:
- It's a Wonderful Life
 - A Christmas Carol (Everybody has their favorite version.)
 - Miracle on 34th Street
 - The Bishop or (Preacher's) Wife
 - A Charlie Brown Christmas
 - March of The Wooden Soldiers
 - Babes in Toyland
 - A Christmas Story
 - How the Grinch Stole Christmas
 - Home Alone
 - White Christmas
 - Twas the Night Before Christmas
 - Edward Scissorhands
 - While You Were Sleeping
 - Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
 - The Muppet's Christmas Carol
 - Scrooged
 - Holiday Inn
 - The Bells of St. Mary's
- Feel free to write and add to the list. *C.M. & K.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

"Let Go!
Let God! Give
Patience and
Peace a Try!"

T'is the season to "Let Go! Let God! Give patience and peace a try. The years have brought about many conflicts in our

lives which never seem to fade away. The old grudges, family feuds and misunderstandings stay with us because we don't take the time or are afraid to talk about the unresolved hurts from the past. Now is the time to set about righting the old hard feelings. I assure you all parties will become away stronger, happier and with a better understanding

of what really matters in life. Reach out. You will be amazed to learn that the other party has wanted to forgive and forget but was afraid to make the first move. Let Go! Let God. He will show you the way.

Respectfully: Robert A. Brown

My First
Christmas: by
the Late Thomas
Francis Clark

Note: Thomas Francis Clark was one of our frequent letter-writers. He would always send this traditional letter for the Christmas Season.

That was over eight decades ago. Has Christmas Day changed? My answer to that is "No" because the birthday of Jesus Christ is on December 25.

Has the Christmas Season changed? My answer to that is "Yes." The big rush is on. Let's stand in those long lines and get it over early. The retailers are having a ball.

Three things that I have always loved were Christmas, little kids and journalism. Around this time of the year, I always think of the Editor and Veteran Newsmen. He wrote for a newspaper in New York called

the Sun. His name was Francis Pharcellus Church. In 1897 he received a letter from eight year old Virginia O'Hanlon. She said, "Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus." Church answered that letter. He said, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." His response to that question has become history's most reprinted newspaper article appearing in dozens of languages, in books, movies and other editorials all over the world.

I was talking to a kid the other day. He said, "My name is Thomas and I'm ten years old." I asked him do you believe in Santa Claus? He answered, "Yes, but not the Fakes in the Department Stores."

I can still remember counting the days and waiting for Santa. I knew that he came because he ate the cookies and milk that I left for him.

During my life, I have spent many of my years with younger kids. Most of them are believ-

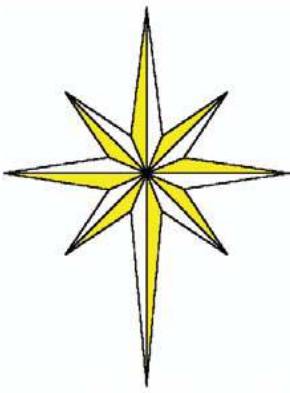
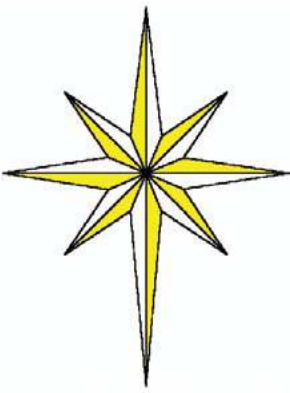
ers, but sometimes older kids or adults try to alter their way of thinking. These people are the non-believers and have no faith in anything. They have to see and want proof. In 1973, The New York Mets pulled off a miracle and won the National League Title. A pitcher on that team was Tug McGraw.

He coined a phrase which has carried over in Sports ever since that year. He said, "You Got to Believe."

How can you be a winner if you don't believe? The answer is, "You are a loser before you start."

Things could be better for many of us out there. This year there is also a good feeling at this time of the year. Yes, my Friends and I'll tell you why, "Santa Claus is coming to town and you better believe it."

Merry Christmas!
Thomas Francis Clark



A Christmas Gift
During this season of giving
Each one of us can give a Christmas Gift to our fellow man
With giving respect and kindness you may be giving a person that
is down on his luck a reason to keep on living
You may lift up someone's spirit by giving him a helping hand
By giving the gift of reverence of every human being
You will be receiving a Christmas Gift
A gift that was given to us over two thousand years ago
The gift of being selfless
The gift of love
By being tolerant and giving love to everyone you meet during this
Christmas Season
You will be giving and receiving "A Christmas Gift"

By: "The Poet" Dioris Luis Arlequin

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PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

Historic Surveyor
General's Office

PERTH AMBOY - The Historic Surveyor General's Office, which is adjacent to Perth Amboy City Hall, is now open for tours. At one time, this structure was the meeting place of the East Jersey Board of Proprietors & housed their records. Presently the Surveyor General's Office is displaying artifacts from the John Watson (1685-1768) archaeological site along with other items from Perth Amboy's rich history. Perth Amboy history DVDs are also available.

Free tours are available Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Clubs, classrooms & groups are welcome. Come & view this newly restored building!

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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.
MON. Jan. 7	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Jan. 9	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

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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I want to thank every resident in the City of Perth Amboy for making this another wonderful year. The greatest gift we could exchange this season is to serve one another and as a community, I am so proud to see that in action, time and time again. I wish everyone a holiday season full of love, laughter and giving, with your family, friends and neighbors. I look forward to what we will achieve together in 2019 for our great, historic city. On behalf of the City of Perth Amboy, have a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hon. Wilda Diaz, Mayor
Council President William Petrick

Council Members
Helmin Caba
Fernando Gonzalez
Fernando Irizarry
Joel Pabon Sr.

Unfinished Business & Trying to Resolve Unanswered Questions

12/10/18 Caucus & Council

PERTH AMBOY – During the Caucus portion of the Meeting, there were a couple of questions regarding Ordinance No.2 – To amend Fire Prevention Ordinance No. 391-85 Adopted November 6, 1985.

Acting Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach asked Law Director Peter King if there could be a change of wording in the ordinance to make it an official tax search on property.

King responded, “This can be a minor change, and the Tax Assessor has a program to make this change.”

Fehrenbach then continued, “An official search requires that the person who requests the search pay a fee.”

King replied, “We can do a verbal amendment on this ordinance.”

Fehrenbach then stated, “I want a more extensive explanation in the ordinance.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry had a problem with Ordinance No. 3 – Adopting a Relocation Assistance Plan to be provided to displaced Perth Amboy Citizens. He stated, “It’s too wordy.”

Council President Bill Petrick stated, “Maybe we should table this.”

Fehrenbach reminded the Council, “If you do table it, then you’ll have to wait until the first meeting in January 2019 to put it on the agenda.”

Irizarry then started to dissect some of the passages in the ordinance that had incomplete sentences.

When King went through the information, he concluded that some things were missing.

Petrick said, “We need to table this ordinance to clean up the misinformation and the incomplete sentences.”

Social Services and Housing Director Tashi Vasquez came up to give more details regarding this ordinance. “Landlords and owners of properties that were under bank foreclosures were not collecting money from displaced people.”

Law Director King then added, “Banks that own these properties (foreclosed) will not rent them out.” Vasquez then told the Council, “Any people living in these buildings are considered squatters.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez suggested, “We should start doing municipal liens.”

Vasquez then stated, “The last list that I presented to the Council regarding abandoned properties only one on the list was bank owned.”

Fernando Gonzalez concluded the discussion, “Woodbridge has taken over some of their abandoned properties as eminent domain.”

Council President Bill Petrick had a question on Ordinance No. 4 – regarding background checks. He wanted to know, “Will fingerprinting cause a delay in this process?”

King replied that it would be the contrary, “Names may change, but fingerprinting is more effective and quicker.”

During the Public Portion, Resident Ken Balut had an issue, “When does Code Blue go

into effect?” Then he read off reports from weather forecasts for the last couple of days where the temperatures were 25oF but it dipped to 18oF at night. Why weren’t the shelters open?”

Fehrenbach responded, “Ken-ny Ortiz (from the Department of Recreation) said the shelters were open and they had at least 20 people in the shelter during those times.”

Balut then read a letter from former Law Director Alene Quinones-Perez dated 2016. In this letter, she informed the police department that two predatory tickets should be dismissed.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke up, “Predatory tickets have been an ongoing problem in the City.”

Deputy Police Chief came up to discuss this issue, “Some tickets were issued in error and those summonses were dismissed. That procedure (letters asking for dismissal of tickets from the Law Director) is no longer being practiced.”

Balut then continued, “You just got rid of the Parking Utility guy. You keep doing studies. Code Enforcement is doing nothing. Someone that posted a dog lottery on Facebook is now helping in Housing. Now every day after school, students are fighting. The YMCA gets grants, but what are we getting? The Y still doesn’t have a contract. It’s all incompetency. Now, we have the Mayor’s Aide in charge of Code Enforcement. You are correcting situations only after they are caught.”

A woman who is a resident at 51 Madison Avenue came up to speak and asked for an update regarding the new bathroom facilities on the Waterfront.

Fehrenbach explained, “The original project regarding these bathrooms were rejected because they had to be outside of the flood plains. The facility is on hold until the criteria of the grant is met. The facility will be placed, winterized, then after inspection, if it’s passed, it can be opened.”

After she sat down, another resident from 51 Madison Avenue came up to speak, “This is really bad, and my wife was crying. He strongly emphasized that the bathrooms will pose unsanitary conditions.

This will not be a toilet – it will be stinky and smelly. People will be coming out of that toilet half naked. I came home, my wife was crying about this situation. She wants to move out of town. People have no respect. It’s disgusting. They’ll leave liquor bottles and trash all around. The Mayor and you (the Council) won’t have to come there and clean this mess up.”

Resident and Businessman David Caba came up to speak, “See what’s happening in our City. I think we have close to 80,000 residents.” He then asked the Council, “How many Police Chaplains do we have. I believe we started with around 90. I think now it’s around 30. The Chaplains were campaigning for the Mayor a few years ago. You can’t have double standards. Sometimes people and the Council don’t know what’s

going on. It’s hard to be in the minority (referring to himself and some of the residents who come up to speak at meetings) and we have no benefits.”

Resident Alan Silber came up, “When they have a closed session, you have to be more specific when it comes to dealing with litigations.” Silber also had a problem with the Public Information Officer’s press releases. “She should never write political press releases unless she takes a leave of absence.”

Law Director King responded regarding the Public Information Officer, “The releases did not have the names of candidates or political parties listed. They (City Employees) can do politics on their own time and not using City equipment.”

Mayor Wilda Diaz came up to speak. She wanted to thank Freeholder Director Ron Rios for the planning and remediation of the County Park. “The Freeholders are funding the park.” She was also happy to announce that Domino’s Pizza opened a larger facility and are giving residents jobs. “Vacant land is being utilized. 50% of the City is designated as Opportunity Zones. This was one of Senator Cory Booker’s bills. Burger King is also looking to locate downtown.”

Resident Gregory Pabon who is also a Police Chaplain came up to speak, “I want to congratulate the winners of the recent municipal elections.” He also explained that the chaplains who campaigned in the City while in their uniforms were not from Perth Amboy. “We can campaign as private citizens, but we cannot do so while in uniform. We are unpaid volunteers.”

Some of the other agenda items that were discussed dealt with R-535-12/18 – Authorizing a memorandum of understanding between the City of Perth Amboy and the Raritan Bay YMCA.

Tashi Vasquez came up to explain, “This is a grant through Robert Wood Johnson which starts December 1, 2018 but we have not received the funds, yet. The YMCA is getting \$100,000 and training their staff right now. We are getting \$25,000 from that \$100,000 grant. This is to offset the cost of a housing study which is part of our Master Plan. We have also partnered with Rutgers University. \$25,000 will be used to hire a firm to help in the study. RFP’s were sent out. The study will help to identify unhealthy living conditions. Committees involving several different City Departments and the Council will be included and will be involved in this which will be a part of the Master Plan.”

Greg Fehrenbach spoke next, “The City’s Master Plan is outdated, and this will be an element in the updated plan. This analysis of the study will be to determine unsafe housing.”

There was also a resolution R-537 dealing with a grant from Middlesex County to provide services and innovative approaches for At-Risk Youth in Middlesex County in the



Outgoing Councilman Fernando Gonzalez (C) poses with the Council and Acting B.A. Greg Ferhenbach (L to R) Councilman Joel Pabon, Council President Bill Petrick, Outgoing Councilman Fernando Gonzalez, Councilman Fernando Irizarry, Acting B.A. Greg Ferhenbach, Councilman Helmin Caba.

**Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

amount of \$56,480.00.

Sergeant Cruz from the Police Department came up to speak. He is helping young people that have committed minor offenses. “We assess why they made poor choices and we want to include their families. We are looking for a part-time Counselor who will work Monday through Friday and we would prefer that it be a City Resident.”

CFO Jill Goldy spoke up and said, “The person who will be hired for that position will be a consultant and not a City Employee.”

Sgt. Cruz then continued, “Sometimes parents also need counseling. We will be using the Civil Service Criteria when looking at applicants. We already have 9 kids waiting to get into this program.”

Tashi Vasquez then came up and let the Council know she wrote the grant (to the County).

After the Council came back from the Closed Session, they started the Council Meeting.

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak regarding Ordinance No. 2 (Fire Prevention). He stated, “I hope this ordinance takes care of loopholes. Fire hazards are noticeable. You should get reports about this. Who is enforcing the laws? And who is in charge after fires? There should be a report on how many occupants there were. You should also be getting information (about items on the agenda) weeks before it’s presented.”

Ordinance No. 3 that was discussed at the Caucus regarding the Relocation Assistance Plan for displaced persons was removed. So, Ordinance No. 3 was now the old Ordinance No. 4 (Background Checks).

Balut said, “Background checks are important. We hired someone with a record which was expunged. Someone who did not pass a psychological test shouldn’t be hired. There was a lawsuit filed, but the Prosecutor doesn’t want to be involved. People who hire someone that didn’t pass a psychological test should be held libel.”

Acting B.A. Fehrnback responded, “In Civil Service, a judge can force a town to hire someone, even if that person did not pass a psychological test.”

Balut also had a question regarding R-535 and R-536 regarding the YMCA. “You have

to do something about the Y. It’s our building and we’re not having a say when they are buying buildings.”

When it came to the Consent Agenda (R-506-12/18 thru R-540-12/18), it was moved by Councilman Helmin Caba and seconded by Councilman Fernando Irizarry. Councilman Irizarry abstained on R-516, R-535 and R-536.

During the public portion, Ken Balut came up to speak. “The Mayor put people in positions and the Council should get those resumes. Civil Service wouldn’t give Irving (Lozada) the needed qualifications, and now he’s in charge of Code Enforcement. The County paid more for a small piece of land in the City than the 75 acres they paid for space in East Brunswick. Open Space money comes from our tax money. What happened to the Road and Firehouse for the Budapest Section? I’ve seen accidents with vehicles coming off of 440.”

Resident Alan Silber came up and talked about predatory tickets. “A former Law Director and former B.A. were telling police to dismiss some tickets. The Friends of Wilda Diaz gave \$1,000 to her people running on her tickets that she supported. Press Releases (Political) were given to some newspapers such as Americano. I don’t want my taxes going against my wishes. We have the same people, and they are working on campaigns.”

Resident David Caba came up to speak and questioned if the Chaplains were used for political purposes. “They still had on Perth Amboy badges. They were working on campaigns even if they don’t live here. The Chaplain who spoke (during the Caucus Section) said he was acting in the capacity of a private citizen and he was not in uniform and he was an unpaid volunteer.” Caba then stated, “But, he was the treasurer and was paid (in that capacity).”

Madison Avenue Resident Maria Vera came up to speak about a menorah that is located on Market and Second Street. She felt it was disrespectful because it was never lit during Hanukah. It was explained that

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there was a new owner of that property and they gave permission for that menorah to be placed there. Vera then talked about the bathroom at the Waterfront. “Madison Avenue is so congested, now and that bathroom should be on Brighton Avenue. Code Enforcement doesn’t respond when we call, and the police don’t want to get involved. There is also a problem at 183 Lewis St. People have to walk on the street because the person who lives there parks on the sidewalk and the garbage keeps piling up.”

Resident Lisa Nanton came up to speak, “Why are there show-ers in the middle of the pier?”

Fehrenbach responded, “The Department of Justice has charged the City with violations. We’re trying to see if they can be removed.”

Nanton recognized Councilman Fernando Gonzalez on his retirement as a Council Member, “It was an honor to know and work with you.”

Council Comments:

Councilman Helmin Caba wanted to thank longtime City Clerk Elaine Jasko who was mentioned on R-506-12/18 – Expressing appreciation, compliments, and gratitude to Elaine M. Jasko for her dedicated service as City Clerk.

Caba told Fernando Gonzalez, “It’s been an honor working with you. Good luck on your retirement. I want to thank everyone for speaking your mind and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez then spoke. He wanted to make sure that the volunteers at the Fire and Police Departments get their stipend checks before Christmas.

Fehrenbach stated, “Those checks will be cut on the 12/15/18 payroll.”

Gonzalez then thanked all the citizens of Perth Amboy for their support.

When Councilman Irizarry spoke, he thanked the Council for getting the Budapest Street Cleaning Resolution passed, “We now have the one-armed garbage truck and the residents and business owners have their cans. I also want to thank the DPW and those who worked on the parade. The Prop House had a nice program. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.” He then became emotional when he talked about Fernando Gonzalez. “I’ve known him for a long time and I am grateful for him and his wife. She is the one who encouraged me to go to college and get my degree. I also want to thank my family. We have the blessings we enjoy today because of Fernando Gonzalez and his blessings to the residents and the City. Thank you very much.”

Irizarry and Gonzalez then got up and embraced each other.

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next, “One of my goals in areas of concern is Elizabeth, Cortlandt, Second and First Streets. We take care of those streets; the residents and schools will benefit. I just have to agree to disagree with one thing re-

garding the Budapest section when it comes to the garbage pickup. They stopped at Leon Street. There’re no cans for the residents or businesses or one-armed pickup of garbage after that street. I want to thank the volunteers throughout the City. They work 24/7. The young folks from the Department of Recreation are always there and they never complain. I want to thank all these kids and Kenny Ortiz. We have awesome crossing guards. I can remember when I was a kid and your name (Fernando Gonzalez) was mentioned. I finally get to sit with you. In the past few years, I have met the real you. You always had good intentions. I thank you for your service to the City. There are amazing people at the Prop House. It’s a gold mine. They have a \$3 million grant and you’ll see a lot of progress.” Pabon then mentioned Lisa Nanton who was instrumental to the Prop House and he also mentioned Renee Skelton who was also sitting in the audience. Pabon then addressed the residents who complained about the bathroom facility. “We are going to stay on course. I wish everyone Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.”

When Council President Bill Petrick spoke, he thanked the Prop House for the Wassail Night that they had recently. He thanked Fernando Gonzalez for his time and effort and his behind-the-scenes work. “Your opinions are valued and help the City move forward.”

Movie Review: Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse



By: Anton Massopust III

“Do animals talk in this Dimension? I don't want to freak him out?” - The Amazing Spider Ham

Spider-Man has entertained us in many forms since his first introduction in Amazing Fantasy Issue 15 and throughout the years in The Amazing Spider-Man comic book. After several other appearances throughout television, animation and live action films, he's made his way back to the big screen. Now Spider-Man returns to animation in “Into the Spider-Verse” takes place in a parallel dimension an alternate New York. Young boy, Miles Morales goes to a really exclusive School because he's young and he's very bright. Miles would rather go into a regular high school, but his parents want him to have a better life. One day, he sneaks out and gets bitten by a radioactive spider. In this dimension, Spider-Man dies. A group of villains including the Scorpion, Prowler, Green Goblin, Tombstone, and a female Doctor Octopus (who's related to Otto Octavius (Dr. Octopus)). When Miles gets bit by a radioactive spider, he inherits Spider Man's powers and a few extra superpowers including turning invisible an electric shock. He meets another Peter Parker from another timeline, who’s a little bit older and fatter, and whose fame has gone to his head. However, this Peter Parker may be the person who can teach Miles how to be Spiderman.

“No, Miles,” he says, “Don’t be like me. Be your own Spiderman. It's a leap of faith.”

Along the way they run into Spider-Woman who is the Gwen Stacy of her world, and a young girl name Penny Parker who uses technology of a giant robot spider which is controlled by a little radioactive spider.

A film Noir Spider-Man (voiced by Nicholas Cage) and the amazing Spider-Ham, a pig in his dimension where animals are the dominant species join together and realize they have to stop the Kingpin’s plan. They have to find a way to destroy the Super Collider and get everyone home. If they fail, it will destroy the multiverse.

Can a Spiderman animated movie hold up? You bet it can. Using different styles of animation, it’s a wonder to behold. The rich colors, use of graphics and well-developed characters, and comic book style all come together. It’s like a large sized comic book or graphic novel that comes to life. If you’re not a comic book fan, this movie might be a little bit confusing, but it’s explained very quickly so you can understand who all these characters are and how do they fit into the story. It's probably one of the best Spiderman movies I’ve ever seen. The voice cast is top-notch. I'm glad that they use several of Spider-Man's Rogues gallery characters. Enter the spider-verse you'll be glad you did!



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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:

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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.

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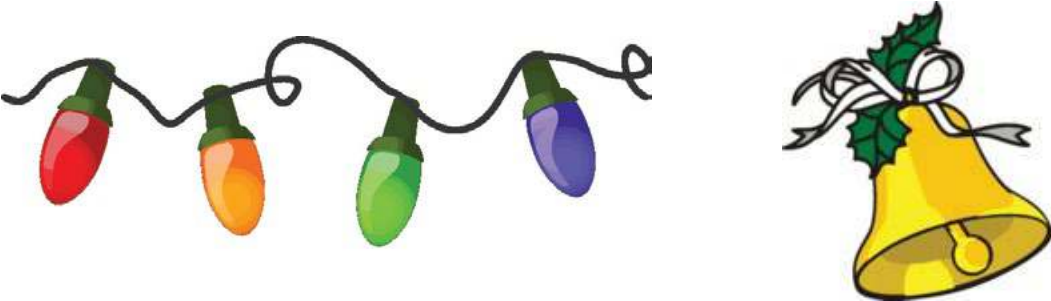
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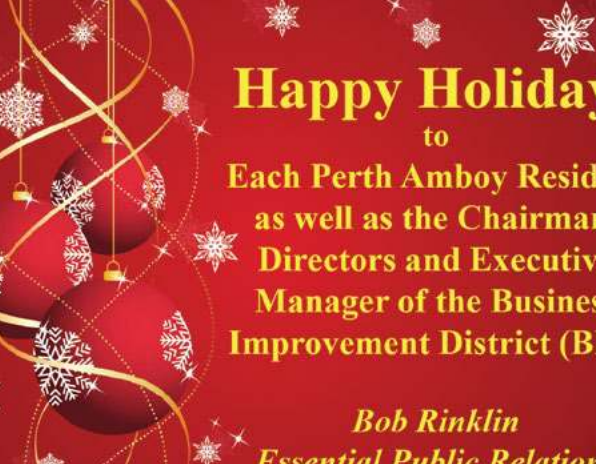


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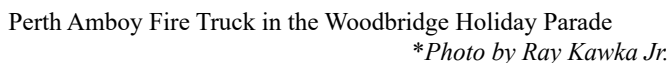
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This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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 December 17, President Roosevelt reveals that a plot to assassinate him, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin at the Tehran Conference was discovered and thwarted. (Scholars are divided, however, on whether the plot was real or not.) In the Pacific, U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington leads his "Black Sheep Squadron" (VMA-214) in the first-ever "fighter sweep" operation, attacking the Japanese air station at Rabaul. (A "fighter sweep" is a mission by fighter planes to seek and destroy enemy aircraft or other targets of opportunity in a particular, defined area.)

The Japanese bomb Kunming, China, an important city on the Burma and Ledo Roads on December 18. Both roads link India and China and are used to supply war materiel to the Chinese in their efforts against the Japanese. (The Ledo Road was built to join the Burma Road when the northern portion of the latter was cut by the Japanese in 1942.) "The Kharkiv Four" (three Germans and one Russian who pleaded guilty to exterminating Russians in Kiev) are sentenced to death by a Soviet military court. In Germany, *Reichsführer-SS* Heinrich Himmler issues new rules for the arrest and deportation of Jews from Germany, revoking most of the exceptions for Jews who married gentiles.

A pitched battle is reported on December 19 between the French Resistance and German troops in Bernex, in eastern France. In Kharkiv, Ukraine, 50,000 people turn out to watch the hanging of the "Kharkiv Four" in the town's central square. In the Philippines, on Panay Island, 10 Baptist missionaries, three other Americans and two children are captured by Japanese soldiers after hiding in the jungles for over two years, aided by Filipino friends. The next day, the adults are beheaded and the children, including a nine-year-old boy, are bayoneted. The 15 are memorialized as the Hopevale Martyrs. ("Hopevale" was the name they gave to the area where they hid.)

U.S. counterintelligence officials on December 20 report the smashing of a Nazi spy ring in Sicily. A 19-year-old ringleader, "Grammatico," and 27 others are arrested. In Germany, the Intelligence Division of the SS issues a report to the German High Command outlining the requirements for invading neutral Switzerland. Only 16 days after bringing Bolivia into the war against the Axis, President Enrique Peñaranda is overthrown in a military coup.

Under pressure from the Allies to curtail German espionage operations in the neutral Irish Free State, Irish Prime Minister Eamon de Valera on December 21 orders the confiscation of the German embassy's radio transmitter in Dublin.

The Allies announce on December 22 that Josip Broz Tito is to be the Allied commander in Yugoslavia; his Partisans are now estimated to number 250,000. In Germany, the government orders all male youths aged 16 and over to register for military service beginning in January. In Italy, the Canadian 1st Infantry Division enters the coastal town of Ortona, on the Adriatic, and is engaged in ferocious street fighting by the German 1st *Fallschirmjäger* Division. The ferocity of fighting there leads Ortona to be referred to as "Little Stalingrad."

In Italy, the British Eighth Army continues its attacks on December 23. The Canadian 1st Infantry Division seizes control of most of Ortona. Inland, other elements of the Eighth Army capture Arielli. In the Soviet Union, the Battle of the Dnieper is won by the Red Army after three months, three weeks and six days of fighting. The entire east bank of the river is held by the Red Army along the 870-mile front, and the Germans are forced to move their defenses westward.

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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.

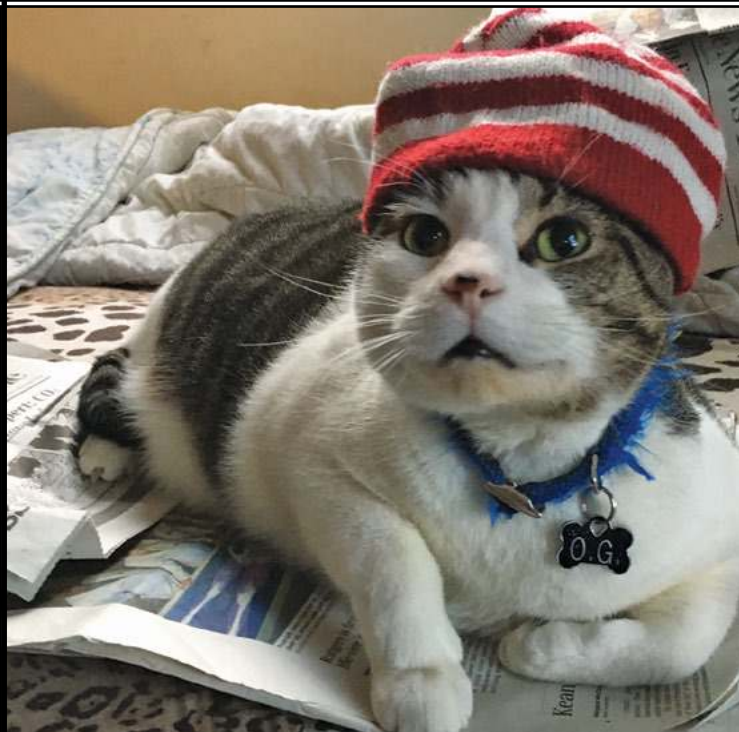
Movies @ Main True Crime

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. Friday December 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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Coffee Talk with Rabbi Metz

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - December 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

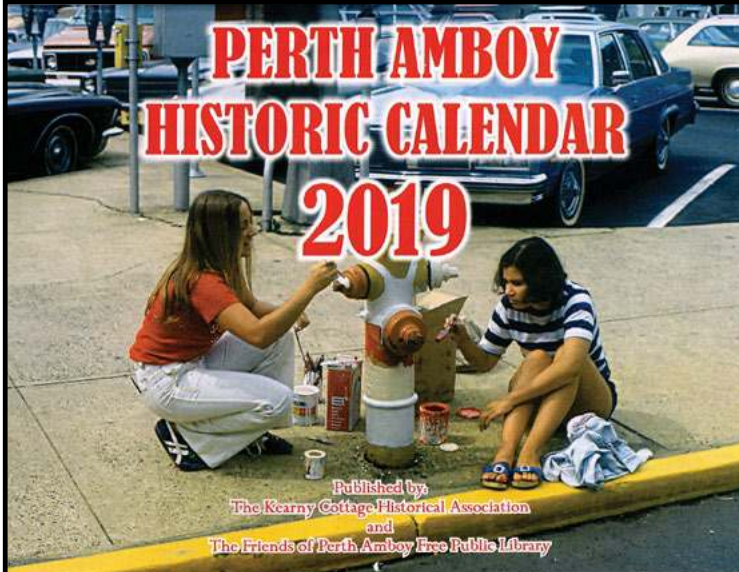
PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - "Ask the Rabbi" is back: Dec. 19; Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 in the food court of Menlo Park Mall (near Panera) at 12 Noon. Rabbi Sara Metz will discuss current events and Bible topics. She will also answer questions you might want answered but never had the opportunity to ask of a rabbi.

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.

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.

Polar Plunge

SEA BRIGHT - Be Bold, Get Cold! Bishop Ahr High School's 6th Annual Polar Plunge - sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The more cash, the more teacher's splash! Date: Sunday January 27, 2019; Time: In the Water at 1p.m. at Sea Bright Municipal Beach by Tommy's Tavern, Sea Bright, NJ. Visit: bgahs.org/polarplunge to either register to participate or make a donation

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

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

Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (Children's Library), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 732-261-2610.

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.

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LOOKING BACK



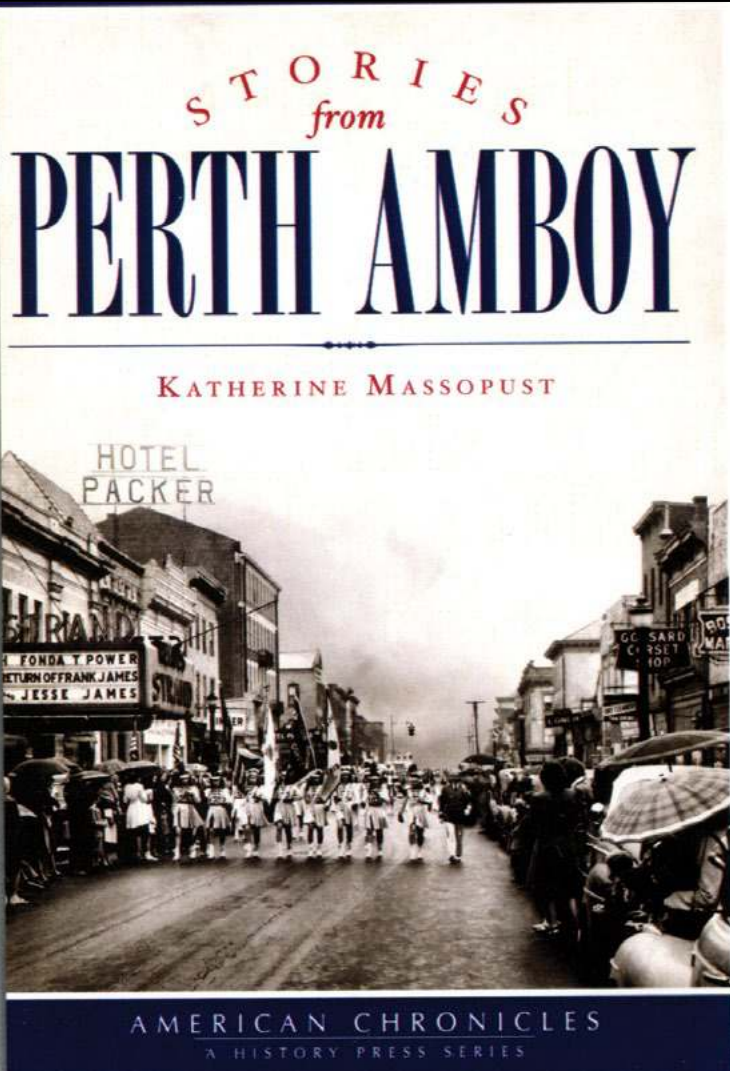
PERTH AMBOY - Visiting Santa, Christmas 1950's
**Photo courtesy of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library
This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.*

Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
TUES. Dec. 18 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. 19 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. 20 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
WED. Dec. 26 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
THURS. Dec. 27 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.

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

No Paper Next Two Weeks! See You January 9, 2019



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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PERTH AMBOY - Santa and Mrs. Claus had fun with students from Perth Amboy schools during the annual Selfies with Santa celebration on Smith Street. Santa and Mrs. Claus cruised through the downtown shopping area in a gold-tone, motorized sleigh, which was operated by members of the city's Recreation Department. Officers from the Police Department helped guide the sleigh through traffic, and they assisted Santa, Mrs. Claus, Randolph the Reindeer and their friends when the group stopped to pose for selfies with residents, shoppers and store owners. Selfies with Santa is presented by the City of Perth Amboy, its Business Improvement District (BID), P.A.R.T.N.E.R., and Mayor Wilda Diaz.
**Photo by Bob Rinklin for Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (BID)*



Christmas Tea at the Kearny Cottage 12/2/18 (LtoR) Justin Bognar, Donald Gavron, Dennis Nanton, Carolyn Maxwell, Al Jackson, Katherine Massopust, Phyllis Gianfrancesco, Vilma Novak, Barbara Sottilaro, Linda Ludin, John Solowinski
**Photo by Angel Robledo*



Christmas Tunes provided by Dennis Nanton at the Kearny Cottage Tea 12/2/18 **Photo by Angel Robledo*



Decorations on Kearny Avenue
**Photo by Paul W. Wang*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas At Cathedral International

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY, NJ – We invite you to join us this year for an unforgettable experience of Christmas at The Cathedral, 277 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ.

- Christmas Sunday – Sunday, December 23rd – We are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ at all of our Worship Services - 6:30 am, 9:30am and 12:00pm
- Christmas Toy Give-Away, Sunday, December 23rd – following the 9:30am service.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Monday, December 24th – 7pm, bring the entire family for a glorious evening of our annual Candlelight Service.

Bishop Donald & Pastor Phyllis Hilliard invites the entire community to The Cathedral. Call the church for more information about this wonderful Christmas season at Cathedral International.



Spaghetti Dinner

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee will be holding their 8th annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Stephen’s Church Hall, 490 State St., Perth Amboy. \$10 per person; Children under 5 are free! ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED! Dinner includes salad, Spaghetti and Meatballs, bread with butter, soda/water, dessert and coffee/tea. Come and have dinner with our local heroes! Enter through the rear of the school from Mechanic Street parking lot. Tickets are available at the door.



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).

“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).

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

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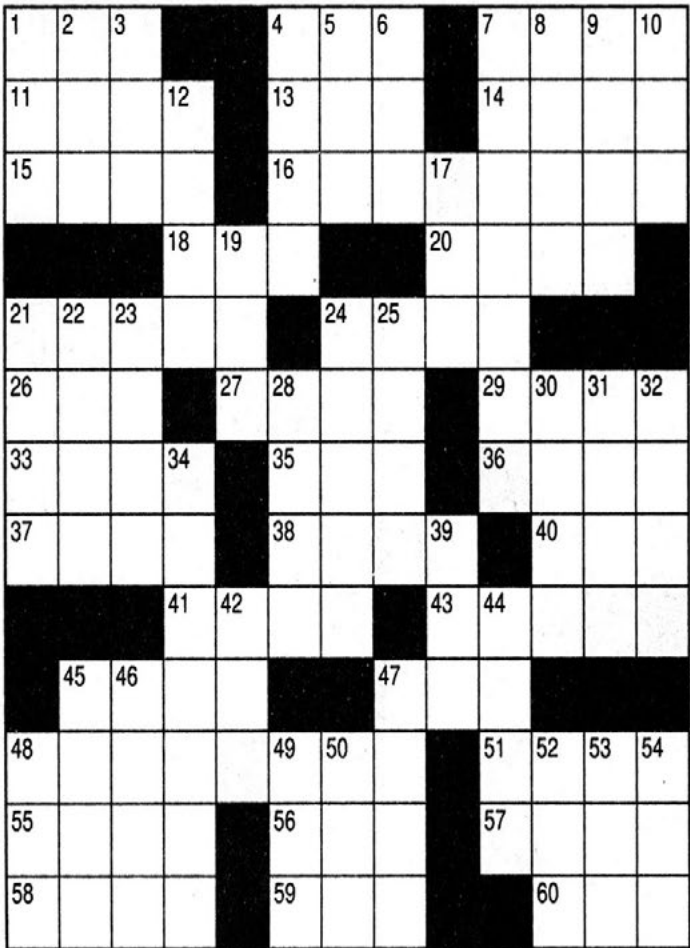
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- Stitched
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6 Scottish boy

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- Color quality
- Unit of energy
- "Duck ___"
- Heredity inits.
- Primary color
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- Currency unit in Italy
- Get together
- Big rigs
- Grouchy person
- Sty sound
- Fair grades
- "___ fun!"
- Smallest bills

34 Oklahoma natives

- Junior
- Brayer on the farm
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