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Illegal Housing, Trust Fund, Background Checks all Topics of Discussion

11/26/18 Caucus

By: Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY – CFO Jill Goldy stated that Best Practices checklist has been submitted by Perth Amboy. “There were 86 questions this year which were essentially for survey purposes. Perth Amboy more than met the required number of questions answered yes to qualify to pass.”

Interim Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach made some remarks about Ordinance No. 2: An Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled “Fire Prevention” (Ordinance No. 391-85 as amended) adopted November 6, 1985, also known as chapter 227 et seq of the Code of the City of Perth Amboy.

Fehrenbach stated this came out of as a result of an audit of the Division of Fire Safety. They came back with 11 actions they felt the City is needs to take. One of those actions is to collect fees from non-lifehazard use registrations. “The ordinance must provide for a way for collection of these fees. The other 10 actions were required from the Division of Fire Safety. They are from common sense of Local Government Offices. There are statutory definitions of a Life Hazard inspection. A Life Hazard situation provides for an assembly of people. A non-life hazard situation is when people can be invited into a space such as a restaurant or multifamily dwelling. We have been doing the life hazard inspections but only a sampling of non-life-hazard inspections. Some places such as instances that the City lose property because of inspections not been conducted enough by the State. Three to four family units, larger multiple family units or common areas have to be inspected. Those common areas come under a non-life hazard use. We had created a plan to be able to deal with those things in 2011. This has been up and running. These are inspections the City is supposed to govern. It is supposed to be a self-sustaining operation. This is yet to be seen. It’s a matter of safety in those buildings for the occupants. That is something they should be doing.”

Ordinance No. 3: Ordinance adopting a relocation assistance plan to be provided to displaced

Perth Amboy Citizens.

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach stated that this ordinance will establish a Relocation Trust Fund.

Social Services and Housing Director Tashi Vasquez came up to speak about this Ordinance. “Before you had a relocation assistance fund. The City of Perth Amboy has continuous issues with people who are displaced. There is unsafe housing and substandard living. If a family is displaced, it’s up to the owner of the property to relocate them. Many times we can’t get a hold of the owner or they are far away. If an owner doesn’t do it, the City must do it. We put them up in a hotel for a few days. We sometimes have to go to court and often they (the owners) don’t show up. We place a fine on the owner if he is intentionally doing it.”

Vasquez then went on to explain, “If they (the residents) are living in a unit, they are considered a resident (of that building).”

Council President Petrick asked, “What about living in a basement?”

Vasquez answered, “Yes, they are considered a resident. This ordinance is to deter that. It is the owner’s responsibility and we have to go to court to get the money back.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry stated, “If we have violations of illegal housing and we have to go to court, they (the landlords) just get a slap on the wrist.”

Vasquez answered, “That’s why we have to work together, so we are on the same page, and add to that violation. This will deter that because it’s a mandatory fine.”

Irizarry stated, “The City Ordinance has to be enforced.”

Vasquez stated, “This is a new ordinance. Violations are issued, and the prosecutors sometimes agree to a payment plan to get the money back, or the owner doesn’t come to court. We take it out of the taxpayers burden, and put it in the account. I don’t know what happened before me.”

Councilman Helmin Caba asked, “How many landlords have not paid?”

Vasquez answered, “Since I’ve been here, around 20 landlords

didn’t pay.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked, “What fines have been issued? Can we get a report?”

Vasquez answered, “I can get a report of relocation – not the court or fines. That’s the court.”

It was noted by Law Director Peter King that the money goes into the general fund.

Vasquez then explained she has a \$9000 budget for the year of which gets replenished when fines are accrued. She stated that 10 families have been relocated.

Councilman Joel Pabon then stated, “When these landlords go before a judge, we notify them. If it’s their second and third offense - we need to be stronger with that. The Code Officials – they (the landlords) laugh at them. A \$500 fine is a joke to them. This is a losing battle. We’re never going to win. Those people are not caring. They make \$500 or more from one family (housed illegally).”

Vasquez then added, “For the second offense, the fine jumps to a couple of thousand.”

B.A. Fehrenbach stated, “This really becomes a matter of municipal court. Does this go as three strikes and you’re out or something should be reworded? Is the law strict enough?”

Law Director Peter King answered, “The City wants the money back. Most judges - if this is the first time, if not, the judge should go to the maximum. Sometimes judges don’t do it for municipal court.”

Fehrenbach stated, “For court, the City shall require – those words should be modified so judges do any less than a slap on the wrist. Section F gives a judge a range.”

Law Director King stated, “The process yes, that can be done. It’s a question of getting inspections, court, and the City all on the same page.”

Pabon then added, “If they have a summons, the judge knows if it’s a second or third offense. I don’t see that (maximum fine) happening.”

Irizarry then said, “What sense does this make if it’s not enforced?”

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Fundraiser to Support the Homeless in Conjunction with the YMCA Center for Support, Success & Prosperity, God's Army Ministries and Other Community Agencies: Special Recognition to Sgt. Sandra Rivera



Perth Amboy Wilda Diaz speaks as a video on the plight of the homeless is shown on screen *Photos by Katherine Massopust



Sgt. Sandra Rivera (R) receives an award from Mayor Wilda Diaz (C). Senior VP of the YMCA Mary Ann Lawrence (L) looks on.



Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez (L) and YMCA CEO & President Steve Jobin (R) receive a citation from Mayor Wilda Diaz (C)

PERTH AMBOY - On Thursday, November 29, 2018 a fundraiser was held at the Portuguese Sporting Club, State Street to raise money for the Center for Support, Success, and Prosperity, located on 392 Smith St., Perth Amboy. The Center provides many social services to the homeless, and has been successful in getting those in need get back on their feet.

This is proven by statistics provided by Director of the Center, Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez (Pastor Berny) who is also the Pastor of God's Army Ministry. Pastor Berny stated over the first 3 quarters of 2018, 42 individuals were provided employment services and were all hired. 107 have permanent placement. 69 received emergency shelter placement. 190 received entitlement services which includes disability and welfare. This provides income to help with placement.

Pastor Berny emphasized the importance of the Center is it provides an address for those who need important mail sent to them when they are applying for social services and job applications. The purpose is not to give these clients permanent handouts, but a helping hand up. It's important to provide the tools and a path to self sufficiency.

Sgt. Sandra Rivera was given the Shine the Light Award. Sgt. Rivera has assisted those in need, even after she was officially off-duty. The homeless just know her as "Sandy" - not as Sgt. Rivera. *Continued on page 2

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Fundraiser for the Homeless **continued from page 1*



Erynie Ramos gives a testimony how she had to face homelessness with her children in order to escape domestic violence



Pastor Raul Lopez (R) & Margarita Feliciano (L) provide music for the event



YMCA Board Volunteers Rosemary Oarsley (L) and Aviva Woog (R) begin the fundraising portion of the event.



Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac



Sgt. Sandra Rivera with her sisters



Sgt. Sandra Rivera with the YMCA Board



Sgt. Sandra Rivera (C) with fellow Police Officers, Supervisors, and people who work at the Center for Support, Success, and Prosperity



At the end of Ramos's speech, people stood up at several tables and said, "I am the face of the homeless." That's because becoming homeless can happen to anyone at anytime.

If you would like to make a donation or for more information on the Center for Support, Success and Prosperity call 732-771-9910

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

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).

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Reunion

As everyone knows or should know, our former President George H.W. Bush (41st President 1989-1993) passed away on November 30, 2018 at the age of 94. It's not surprising since the love of his life, Barbara passed away on April of this year.

Mrs. Bush made a decision to go into comfort care when her health was continuing to fail. She wanted to be in the comfort of her family at home towards the end of her life. She probably looked around at her family knowing they would be okay even after she was gone. She knew she was fortunate to have a husband who was distinguished in the military, politically, and in the community.

She also had a son who became a two-term President (43rd President 2001-2009) and another who become a Governor (43rd Governor of Florida 1999-2007), Barbara knew how lucky and blessed she was to see their successes.

But Mrs. Bush had a piece of her heart that was missing when her first daughter, Robin died of leukemia at the age of 4.

We know by reading some articles by Mrs. Bush that the loss of Robin never ceased. I imagine President Bush also looked at his offspring's success and truly missed the love of his life, Barbara, and said, "It's time for me to join her and our little Robin."

Whether or not you agreed with President George H.W. Bush politically, you must admire his service to the Country. Throughout is marriage to Barbara, they would continuously write love letters to each other which I find to be very endearing.

It's a rarity, especially when you're under a microscope for the world to see you go through struggles together and to be able to hold on. They say if you want to be successful in any aspect of your life, you have to look at examples of someone who is successful in that field. So, look at the Bushes for a role model to be successful in marriage. They honored the most important part of their vows: "In sickness and in health, I will love you until death do us part."

God bless them both. Thank



George and Barbara Bush on their Wedding Day Jan. 6, 1945



The Bush Family on the beach



At the Inaugural Ball 1989



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C.M.



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New Studies on Gun Violence

An article said about 36,000 Americans each year are killed by firearm injuries but doesn't admit this number was 15,000 when the 1968 Gun Control Act was passed. How effective was this law that restricted people's rights?

Mass shootings were rare before the 1980's until SSRI drugs (like Prozac) were first prescribed. Is there a connection? The First Amendment says everyone has a right to speak out. The correct question is not "staying in your lane" but

whether some people know the limits of their competence. Asking for new studies implies they want to ignore past history.

The laws are a legal and political question and not only a medical question. A high velocity bullet does more damage that a low velocity bullet, you don't need to waste tax dollars in studying what is already known. Maybe they should study the effects of gun control on violence, comparing Chicago to rural areas that have more guns and less crime? Or is this another effect of the economy?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

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Historic Surveyor General's Office

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

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

Proprietary House Open

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion.

Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open.

Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel. 732-826-5527 E-mail: info@proprietaryhouse.org. Follow us on our website, www.theproprietaryhouse.org and or/ Facebook.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

MON. Dec. 12 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
• City Council, Regular, (Immediately after closed session following 4:30 p.m. Caucus)
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Dec. 5 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway.
WED. Dec. 19 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
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New Law in New Jersey: Earned Paid Sick Leave

Most New Jersey workers now have access to earned paid sick leave at work through the New Jersey Paid Sick Leave Act.

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Nueva ley en Nueva Jersey: licencia por enfermedad pagada

Gracias a la Ley de licencia por enfermedad pagada de Nueva Jersey, la mayoría de los trabajadores en el estado ahora tienen acceso a una licencia por enfermedad pagada en su lugar de trabajo.

La licencia por enfermedad pagada se puede usar para cuidar de ti o de un ser querido. Esta es una gran ayuda para los más de 1 millón de cuidadores familiares en el estado.

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11/26/18 Caucus

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Pabon then added, "The issue is not the ordinance. Enforcement of the violation two to three times besides paying residents to be housed someplace else."

Fernando Gonzalez then said, "We've been through this conversation many times. This is a municipal fund for you (Vasquez) to accumulate money to help displaced families. That \$9000 could go very fast. She is trying to create a resource in an escrow account. The other discussion is important. I'd like to move along and create this."

Irizarry said, "The issue is related to this. If a landlord is a repeat offender, will this affect this trust fund?"

Gonzalez then stated, "The administration has to address this issue."

Council President Bill Petrick then asked, "Who will be responsible for these funds?"

CFO Jill Goldy then answered, "It is set up as a trust fund. A person from the Department of Housing will be responsible for the funds. It is not necessarily up to me, but someone has to be responsible for spending money for specific purposes. Regardless or not, we'll have a trust fund. Whatever is in the budget in the future, it will be offset. We can't establish a trust without state approval."

Law Director Peter King stated, "When the court gets money, a report is generated."

Ordinance No. 4: An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Designating Restricted Parking Spaces for use by Handicapped Persons" (Ordinance No. 380-85 and Amendments) adopted July 2, 1985 also known as chapter 255A et seq of the Code of the City of Perth Amboy. Re: Changes in review of application & deleting Handicapped Parking Committee.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, "I'm surprised to see this on the agenda. Here you have a person on the Handicapped Parking Committee. Why did I know nothing about this?"

Law Director King apologized and stated that he placed this on the agenda and that this came out of a discussion with the police.

Council President Petrick said, "The report from the Police Department is that there is a great backlog of the number of applications for handicapped spaces."

Irizarry then said, "Deleting the Handicapped Parking Committee? If the Police Department issued that letter – I've never seen it."

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch then stated, "There was a tremendous backlog of over 700 files to go through."

Councilman Pabon then said, "We need to do what we need to do."

Irizarry explained that the application process was changed. An applicant provides limited amount of information. This includes letters from doctors, and certain requirements which have to be met. It was noted that sometimes the information provided by an applicant or doctor

was not enough. The committee then must then inform the applicant to submit more information. The process was to determine if the applicant was truly handicapped. This is also to alleviate the situation we have. "The abuse in this town is tremendous. I'd like to table this. It will give us an idea what we should do further to eliminate abuse."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez offered to sit with Councilman Fernando Irizarry to work out how to make the process better. They agreed to table the Ordinance.

There was a discussion on Ordinance No. 5: An Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled: "Administration of Government" (Ordinance No. 1-72 and Amendments) adopted July 28, 1972 also known as Chapter 4 et seq of the code of the City of Perth Amboy. Re: Background Checks.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked, "How much do background checks cost the City?"

B.A. Fehrenbach answered, "Nothing."

Petrick explained, "It has to be free. You can't ask someone to serve on a board then ask them to pay for a background check."

Law Director Peter King then added, "Standards will be up to the Administrative Court. We can eliminate anyone with a criminal record. For example, we can say an indictable offense. It (the standards) must be legal."

Ordinance No. 6: An Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled "Zoning and Land Development (1993 Land Development Ordinance of the City of Perth Amboy, New Jersey)" Also known as Chapter 430 et seq of the Code of the City of Perth Amboy to ban marijuana in all its forms.

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach stated that the Mayor is very adamant about this ordinance. He also stated that this Ordinance should be tabled because as of the present time, no official legal legislation has been passed by the State of New Jersey.

Councilman Irizarry stated that he was for medical marijuana, but not recreational marijuana.

The Council agreed to table the Ordinance until State legislation has been passed.

There was a discussion regarding R-470-11/18 Authorizing the submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for NJDOT Local Aid Infrastructure Fund for 2019 for replacement of the Fayette Street Bridge project (B.A.)

Gonzalez stated, "The Council should make sure we don't get another increase in our taxes because people are not following up. That bridge is over the train. At any moment the whole town can be affected."

Irizarry asked, "When will they start?"

B.A. Fehrenbach stated, "It will take around 24 months. RFP's are in the process to choose an engineer. We'll have one in a week or two. We will receive documents from the DOP for earmarks. We will need \$5-\$6 million. It's a likelihood

those two will generate some of the money needed."

Petrick then added, "We will reach out to Assemblywoman Lopez's Office."

During the Public Portion, the first person to speak was Robert Mesi. He stated he liked the mural in the City Council Chambers and that it reminded him of his relatives who served in World War II.

Resident Ken Balut came up next. He complained about Code Enforcement. "In 2011, they didn't do anything. The Rutgers study talked about all the illegal housing. Everything is fine until someone dies. The City is responsible. On Friday it was Code Blue – we don't take care of the homeless anymore. What are our employees doing? What's going on is that people are not doing their jobs. Nobody's watching. You have 5-6 lawsuits that cost over \$1 million. Sandra Rivera is getting an award for helping the homeless. The first female Sergeant promoted was skipped. They didn't put it with the program until I called them."

Resident David Caba came up to speak next. "I talk to a lot of people. Mr. Petrick – they owe you apology. You can go to church. There is an interesting quote in the bible. " For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open." (Luke 8:17). They used it not only on you, Mr. Petrick, but on this City. It backfired – those who put it on Facebook. Mr. (Helmin) Caba took time to admit the truth and challenge the Mayor to take a lie detector test. This election was a referendum against the Mayor. That resident said that the Mayor should resign. Why are you here, Mr. Fehrenbach? She (Mayor Diaz) has no integrity. For what she did to this City – to put our City through this – it's shameful."

Resident Alan Silber came up the podium. He asked why Mayor Diaz took off two weeks from work while working on an election. He also questioned why Interim Greg Fehrenbach is still with the City. "It's been 5 months that Greg Fehrenbach came back and it's the third time he has come back as B.A. "Because of the shape the City was in, you had stay this long. You should say you want a report back where we stand. It's been 5 months. We've got a Mayor and she can't run the City."

Silber then went on to criticize the Mayor's sentiments about the legalization of marijuana, "We have a communication on a drug free community. What does a drug free city mean? No Walgreens? No Rite-Aid? No Cigarettes? No Liquor Sales? She doesn't get to impose on this City her moral values. Those are her own personal beliefs! There are 480,000 nicotine deaths a year. No problem. Secondhand smoke – 41,000 deaths from people who don't smoke. \$300 billion medical cost. Excessive use of Alcohol: 88,000 lives lost. It's insane. Lives lost by Alcohol abuse – the life expectancy goes down by 30 years. We'll all close our eyes to that one."

Memorial Program, Temple Beth Mordecai

11/27/18 *Photos by Ron Miskoff



Three cantors sing at the commemoration at Beth Mordecai Tuesday night. From left, Cantor Sheldon Levin of Neve Shalom in Metuchen, Cantor Ann Ott of Congregation Anshe Emeth in New Brunswick and Cantor Bruce Rockman of B'Nai Tikvah in North Brunswick.



Rabbi Sara Metz addresses attendees at Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High St. in Perth Amboy.



A cantor sings a prayer to the attendees

By: Ron Miskoff

PERTH AMBOY - With about 60 people in attendance on Tuesday night, Nov. 27, Temple Beth Mordecai was the location of a memorial program to honor the people who were shot to death at a Jewish temple in Pittsburgh about a month ago. The commemoration was to mark the 30-day period following death. Rabbis and Cantors from congregations in and around Middlesex County joined laymen for what was called the "Pittsburgh Sheloshim Commemoration." A "sheloshim" is the 30-day mourning period following burial. This program came 30 days after a gunman went into a Jewish synagogue on Oct. 27 and killed 11 people during services. Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz attended. One of the speakers discussed the effects of violence: "We stand in grief with the devastated families in our nation. We weep over the incomprehensible loss of life. We cry out with shock, confusion and pain. We mourn together over this senseless act of violence and destruction." Rabbi Sara Metz of Beth Mordecai also participated in the program.

Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?

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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!

Living Nativity

OLD BRIDGE - See costumed characters, animals, and unique scenes while enjoying holiday music and related Scripture verses. Dates: December 1st-2nd & 8th-9th, Saturdays & Sundays 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A completely free event; canned food for the Bread of Life Ministry may be donated. Sponsored by Sayre Woods Bible Church, Route 9 South, ¼ mile north of Route 516 (across from ShopRite). 2290 Highway 9S, Old Bridge. It is a first come first serve event and a 200 car maximum per night. Due to its popularity it is recommended to arrive 30 minutes prior to start time to secure a spot in line. Wait time may exceed more than 2 hours.

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

WOODBIDGE - Decorate and design your very own Gingerbread cookie! Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration Required! For more info contact the Recreation Department: Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge - 732-596-4048 or go to www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us

Hungarian Home-Made Nut Rolls Sale

WOODBIDGE - Sponsored by the Lorantffy Women's Guild of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Woodbridge, NJ. Each individually hand rolled. Made with the best ingredients, each weighing 1lb. 8oz. Available in: English Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune-Lekvar, Apricot, and Raspberry, Pumpkin-Cheese. Price: \$17 each. Orders accepted by: Thursday, November 29, 2018. Orders will be available for pick-up at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. 94 N. James St., Woodbridge. Please use Ross Street Entrance.

All orders must be paid in full upon ordering. Please call: Florette Pastor 732-636-2868. Pick-up date and time: Friday, December 14, 2018 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz Sale

WOODBIDGE - Kolbasz made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge, NJ on Friday, December 14, 2018. Place your orders with Audrey Marciniak, 732-494-1431; Price: \$5.50 per lb. Deadline for order: Sunday, December 2, 2018. Orders may be picked up on the day of the sale between 12 noon and 4 p.m. Use Ross Street entrance. If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your order for Kolbasz at the same time.

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 Jaelyn: 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.

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

How to Survive 3 Unavoidable Banking Trends

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Smartphones and other technological advances enable banks to create products and services that dramatically change the way you bank. Here is a primer on three of the biggest banking trends and tips to protect your money:

1. **The traditional bank branch is going away.** A recent report from consultants McKinsey & Company claims an average of three bank branches are closing every day. Many of the branches that remain open are either closing their lobby or drive-through lanes. Branches don't appear to be going away completely, however, as 80 percent of Americans still prefer human interaction, according to the same McKinsey & Company report. What is likely to change is the manner in which the banker and customer interact. Banking agents roaming branches with tablets (rather than meeting customers at a desk) and teller-less, video-operated bank pods are on the horizon.

Tip: When choosing a bank, understand how it wishes to do business with you. Some will install financial barriers if you want to have a traditional banking relationship. This includes charging you for making deposits, refusing to accept mail deposits, refusing to take coins, charging fees for check writing and other hidden fees.

2. **Mobile deposits are becoming more popular.** Most banks offer a deposit option that allows you to take a picture of a check on your phone and upload it to the bank's system to be deposited. According to Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan, more customers now deposit checks on their mobile phones than in branches. Mobile deposits are extremely convenient, but they have their own set of rules to follow, including endorsements, deposit limits, posting timing and record retention.

Tip: Understand all the factors before using your phone to deposit a check. Also, read the terms of use before using remote deposit applications. Remember, you are creating a digital link between your phone and your personal banking information.

3. **Mobile wallets are replacing physical wallets.** Mobile wallets like PayPal, Apple Pay and Zelle give users a convenient way to pay online, pay friends directly and even make payments in stores. According to Apple Pay VP Jennifer Bailey, Apple Pay is accepted at 50 percent of all retail stores. Each mobile wallet operates a little differently, but the goal is to get users to ditch traditional payment methods and get them on their platform. For the most part, all you need is a bank account and the provider's mobile app and you can start making payments. In addition to convenience, the idea is that new encryption and biometric technologies (like fingerprints and face recognition) give more protection than traditional credit card transactions.

Tip: If you are looking to use a mobile wallet, compare the services to see which one would work best for you. Pay special attention to any consumer complaints and problems others are having with your service of interest.

Even with so many changes and countless options available to you, the point remains that it's your money and you control where to put it. Do the research, talk to friends about banks they use, and ask questions before deciding who to trust with your money.

“Wassail, Wine & Song” at The Proprietary House



PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the Royal Governor's Mansion, will welcome the holiday season with "Wassail, Wine & Song" on Saturday, December 8th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person, \$15 for members. (Adults only - must be at least 21 years old.)

Renowned heritage musician, Jim Kurzenberger, will perform seasonal tunes in the colonial brick & stone wine cellar. Tours of the historic mansion, lavishly bedecked for the holidays by the Royal Garden Club and Museum Volunteers, will also be offered. Wassail (spiked punch), Mulled Wine, Hot Cider, Egg Nog & Desserts. Museum Gift Shop.

For information contact PROPRIETARY HOUSE ASSOCIATION - Phone: (732) 826-5527; E-mail: info@theproprietaryhouse.org; Address: 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861

PAHS Communications Academy Students Learn Local History 11/26/18

*Photos by Katherine Massopust



City Historian Anton Massopust teaches PAHS Communications Academy Students about Perth Amboy's Veterans throughout the history of the town.



Mayor Diaz speaks to the students in her office



The Students pose for a photo with Mayor Diaz and City Historian Anton Massopust



Students pose for a photo in St. Peter's Episcopal Church Cemetery by William McGinnis's graves

Grand Opening of Laundry on Madison

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Mayor Wilda Diaz cuts the ribbon



Laundry on Madison receives a proclamation from the Mayor

Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church will be holding their Annual Cake Sale. Cakes are \$12 Each and are Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune/Le-kvar, Apricot, and Raspberry. If you would like to place an order please call (732) 826-7067 from Dec. 3 thru Dec 6, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please call early before the quota is filled. Pick will be on Dec. 12 & 13 at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ after 2:00 p.m.

Pictures With Santa

WOODBIDGE – Donate a non-perishable item and take your picture with Santa Claus! Parker Press Park, 400 Rah-way Ave., Woodbridge on Sat-urday, December 15, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more info contact the Recreation Department: Wood-bridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge – 732-596-4048 or go to www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us

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 Wood-bridge Center Drive, Wood-bridge. This year's show is also sponsored by The Mom's Club of Edison.



PUBLIC NOTICE

MAGNET RECOGNITION PROGRAM® — SITE VISIT

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Your comments must be received by the Magnet Program Office by December 30, 2018.

NOTE: All comments are CONFIDENTIAL and are not shared with the health care organization. Comments may be anonymous, but they must be sent in writing to the Magnet Program Office.

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MAGNET RECOGNITION PROGRAM OFFICE
8515 Georgia Ave., Suite 400
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3492

E-Mail: magnet@ana.org

Phone: 866-588-3301 (toll free) All comments received by phone **must** be followed up in writing to the Magnet Program Office.

20th Anniversary of Mikell’s Plot



(Front Row L to R) Doug Maximus DeRienzo, Eddie the Elf, Michael Oconnor; (Back Row L to R) John Mulrenan, Andy Edick, Pete Mongiello Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 at Brighton Bar, Long Branch, NJ
**Photo by Lisa Halkias Pesch*

By: Katherine Massopust
SAYREVILLE – The Guardian sat down with Lead Singer Michael O’Connor and some bandmembers who just celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Mikell’s Plot. The band held a celebration at the Brighton Bar in Long Branch, New Jersey where they performed along with seven (both signed and unsigned New Jersey bands) and had a giant celebration.

Mikell’s Plot consists of: Michael O’Connor – Lead Vocals; George Rivera – Guitar/Vocals; Pete Mongiello – Lead Guitar/Backup Vocals; Eddie “Elf” Piotrowski – Drums; Andrew Edick – Bass; Douglas Maximus DeRienzo – Saxophone; John Mulrenan – Keyboard/Backup Vocals.

Michael O’Connor and some of the band members sat down with the Amboy Guardian to answer a few questions.

Michael O’Connor:

Amboy Guardian: When was the band Mikell’s Plot formed?

Michael O’Connor: 1998.

AG: Why the name Mikell’s Plot?

MO: We were originally called the Mike O’Connor Band. My friend Julie recommended to change the name to be more marketable. She used to call me “Mikell.” “Plot” was added in there meaning that there was a plan to put the band together after the first recording with studio musicians was finished.

AG: What got you interested in music?

MO: KISS. When I was 5 years old, I would listen to KISS “Alive I & II” and Queen: “News of the World.” Those three records made me interested in music. I started playing Bass Guitar at age 13 and I started to play in a band called Frontal Lobe at age 18.

AG: What inspires your songs?

MO: Every time something happens in my life or in one of my friend’s lives, I write it down and I later combine these experiences to build a story.

AG: Describe what each member of the band contributes.

MO: Each band member contributes their own unique talents. We need each other to be successful.

AG: Who is your favorite band?

MO: The Ramones. They were able to make simple catchy songs without being too technical. In my opinion, the Ramones were one of the best bands I heard perform live.

AG: Why is music important to

you?

MO: I believe music brings people together and there is no better feeling than the energy of positive vibes from the audience.

AG: What was the coolest place you ever performed?

MO: I love the Starland Ballroom’s sound system; however, I’m going to miss Al Cibelli’s which recently closed. I used to get to eat the best cheeseburgers in New Jersey after I performed.

AG: Where do you see yourself in the future?

MO: Playing bigger venues and receiving more radio airplay.

Pete Mongiello:

AG: What got you interested in music?

Pete Mongiello: I’ve been a musician since the 4th Grade. I love Big Band Music and Rock ‘n Roll. At 12 years old, I loved KISS and how Ace Frehley played the guitar. You don’t give up your heroes, because you grow up a little bit.

AG: Can you read music?

PM: Yes, I can read music and follow a conductor’s instructions. I’m a trumpet player. I’m classically trained. I’ve had many music teachers as a child. Jack Trager was the man. He was a phenomenal teacher. As an older man, I reached out to him to learn how to be a teacher.

AG: What inspires your songs?

PM: Life, whatever’s going on in the moment inspires you. One person – one day of many.

AG: What does each member of the band contribute?

PM: I do my job. Being a guitar player, I was approached to play. I filled in and we all got along great. I love playing with George (Rivera). I do what I need to do. It’s what part of being in a band is. I went away from music for a long time. It became a contest. I got back into acoustics around the ‘90’s. Next thing I knew I was back into it.

AG: Who is your favorite musician?

PM: Roy Clark was a huge influence. There are many musicians from every genre that I appreciate artistically.

AG: Why is music important to you?

PM: Music is a religion. Karaoke is a cult. It’s important to support your local rock acts or they’ll go away. There’s a lot of good music out there. Come and see them and learn something new.

AG: Where do you see the band in the future?

PM: I want to continue to play until I can’t do it anymore. It’s about the journey – not the destination. There are things to come. We’ll try new things to start.

Eddie “Elf” Piotrowski:

AG: When did you first get interested in music?

Eddie “Elf” Piotrowski: My father played the bongos. Music is all around you: Carmen in Opera; Vanilla Fudge, etc.

AG: You own the second largest drum collection in the world. How did that come about?

EP: I have 185 pieces and I can play them all. There’s a Preacher who has over 300 pieces.

AG: What inspires your music?

EP: For me, just doing the rhythm. When you start hearing the vocals, you play from the heart. Feeling is more animal that way, like reading a book.

AG: Who is your favorite musician?

EP: There’s too many. I listen and just suck it all in.

AG: Where is the coolest place you ever performed?



(L to R) John Mulrenan, George Rivera, Michael O’Connor, Doug Maximus DeRienzo, Andy Edick, Pete Mongiello and in the back Eddie The Elf at Starland Ballroom, Friday June 22, 2018
**Photo by Paul Wang*

EP: The Ritz on 13th Street in New York in the 80’s

AG: Where do you see yourself in the future?

EP: I am looking forward to playing with Mikell’s Plot.

Paul and Tara Cannon from 92.9 FM.

AG: What do you see in Mikell’s Plot’s music that makes it special, and why is it important to support local bands?

Paul and Tara Cannon: We both felt Mikell’s Plot is unique. They’re just different. On top of that, they’re good natured fellows. My husband likes working with them. We give them airplay and give opportunities to local talent. We play 2 of their songs once a day. Mikell’s Plot has been together for 20 years. It has longevity. Each time we work with them, it’s really a privilege. They are easy going and humble. Our mission at 92.9 FM is to help local bands. You can check us out on Facebook at 92.9 FM Sayreville, NJ’s Rock Radio. We’ve been on the air since June 16,

2017. Local bands can contact us at 732-640-8575 or email: 92.9NJRradio@gmail.com. Please send your music in MP3 files.

The Amboy Guardian wishes to congratulate Michael O’Connor and Mikell’s Plot on their 20th Anniversary and continued success. Michael O’Connor will be having a 20th Anniversary photo display and signing at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Michael O’Connor will be telling stories about his 20-year run with the band.

Michael O’Connor is looking forward to start 2019 on a good note. Mikell’s Plot is opening for the band Warrant at the Starland Ballroom, Sayreville, NJ on Friday, March 22, 2019. Tickets will be available for purchase at the signing.

For bookings or questions, contact Mikell’s Plot at mikell-splot@hotmail.com

Beautiful Beginnings: Accelerated CB Prep Class

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is providing a free Beautiful Beginnings: Accelerated CB Prep class, Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. A certified childbirth educator/registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and infant care will facilitate the class. The class is intended for those who already have children and need a refresher or for those with limited time. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990 and reference zip code 08861.

Healthcare Provider CPR Class

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is providing an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR class Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Raritan Bay, Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. This class is for health care professionals. Participants will receive certification in CPR for adults, infants and children and learn about ventilation devices, automated external defibrillators and how to clear obstructive airway in responsive and unresponsive patients. 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. Reference zip code 08861.

Maternity Tour and Family Health Information Open House

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy’s Check out our Cribs: Maternity Tour and Family Health information open house will be held Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to tour and learn about the maternity unit’s modern comforts, designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990 and reference zip code 08861

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.

Selfies with Santa Returns to Spread Joy, Holiday Cheer and Fun Across Perth Amboy

Press Release 11/20/18
PERTH AMBOY- Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman and their friends are coming to Perth Amboy to spread joy, glad tidings and fun. The city's guests from the North Pole are visiting the bustling, holiday-decorated downtown for the annual Selfies with Santa celebration.

The series of Selfies with Santa events begins on Friday, December 7 at 2 p.m. at the New Jersey Transit train station. Santa, Mrs. Claus and the group will board a motorized sleigh and travel along Smith Street. The first Selfies with Santa visit is ending near the Dr. H.N. Richardson Elementary School at 4 PM. Students may take join with Santa and the group as car-olers from the high school sing holiday songs.

Santa's sleigh will be escorted by Perth Amboy Police Department vehicle playing holiday music. A team from the city's Recreation Department, who are dressed as Santa's elves, will

guide the sleigh safely along its route. In all, three Selfies with Santa events are planned, and the schedule is listed below.

Selfies with Santa is part of the Shop Small® activities that are planned by City of Perth Amboy, Mayor Wilda Diaz and the Business Improvement District (BID). During each event, Santa and Ms. Claus stop to greet shoppers and visit local stores where they pose for selfies with customers and the retailer's sales team. Before departing, they share mini candy canes with everyone and Santa's team often sing a holiday song as they skip out the door.

In discussing Selfies with Santa, Mayor Wilda said, "We're creating a more festive environment in our community, and that makes the holiday shopping season more enjoyable for shoppers and our local merchants. Our goal is to bring all the sights, sounds and good spirits of the holidays to the city's streets to make the strolling, browsing, shopping and dining experience more memo-

orable." 2018 Selfies with Santa schedule:

- Friday, Dec. 7th – Begins at 2 p.m. at the N.J. Transit train station and finishes at the Dr. H.N. Richardson Elementary School (318 Stockton Street) at 4 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 14th – Begins at 2 p.m. near Hall Avenue and finishes near Elizabeth Corner at 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 15th – Begins at 10 a.m. by the Superior Diner (464 Smith Street) and finishes by Five Corners at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact the BID's Executive Director Junel Hutchinson at 732-826-0290, ext. 4048 or by email at jhutchinson@perthamboynj.org.

The Selfies with Santa events are a joint effort that draws on the resources of many groups and city departments. The supporters and participants include Mayor Diaz, the BID, Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.), the Gateway



Santa, Mrs. Claus and their team from the North Pole return to Perth Amboy on December 7th for the annual Selfies with Santa visit in the city's downtown shopping area. Two more Selfies with Santa events will be held on December 14th and 15th. Shown in the photo from left to right are Lisett Lebron, program manager at P.A.R.T.N.E.R., Rudolph the Reindeer, Santa, Ash Dawoo, owner of Advanced Pharmacy at 288 Smith Street, and Mrs. Claus during a Selfies with Santa celebration last year.

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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@rbaymca.org.

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.*

American broadcast journalist and war correspondent, Edward R. Murrow, on December 3, 1943, delivers his classic “orchestrated hell” broadcast over CBS Radio. In it, he describes a Royal Air Force nighttime bombing raid on Berlin. In Belorussia, the Red Army captures Gomel, the country’s second-largest city. In Warsaw, 100 tram workers are publicly executed in retaliation for sabotage on the tram line.

On December 4, the anti-Nazi Partisans of Josip Broz Tito set up a provisional government-in-exile in the liberated part of Yugoslavia. In Egypt, the Second Cairo Conference opens, with Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Turkish president İsmet İnönü in attendance to discuss Turkey’s possible contribution to the Allied cause. İnönü’s final decision, to the disappointment of Churchill and Roosevelt, is to maintain Turkey’s neutrality. In Sucre, the Bolivian government declares war on the Axis powers. In the Pacific, the Japanese escort carrier *Chuyo*, traveling to Yokosaka, Japan, from the Japanese base at Truk, is torpedoed five times in three separate attacks over nine hours by the American sub *USS Sailfin*. The final hits cause *Chuyo* to capsize within six minutes. Of the 1,401 aboard, only 161 survive.

The first daylight air raid by the Japanese on Calcutta, India, takes place on December 5, killing 167 civilians and one soldier. There had been seven previous air raids on the Indian city, but all were at night.

In Italy, the U.S. Fifth Army continues its offensive on December 6, the goal being Cassino, in central Italy. The British X Corps captures Monte Camino while the U.S. II Corps attacks Monte La Difensa. To the east, the British Eighth Army approaches the Moro River. The Germans ship the first Italian Jews from Milan and Verona, in the northern part of the country, to the Auschwitz concentration camp in Occupied Poland.

In London, Air Marshal Sir Arthur “Bomber” Harris, commander in chief of RAF Bomber Command, tells his superiors on December 7 that he believes he can win the war if he is supported in his continuing attacks on Berlin and other targets. His targeted goal is to send off 15,000 Avro Lancaster heavy-bomber missions in the next few months. (In fact, Harris is able to launch 14,500 missions despite arguments about the effectiveness of the bombing.)

Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, U.S. Army Air Forces, becomes the chief of U.S. strategic air forces in Europe on December 8. In the Mediterranean, President Roosevelt visits the island of Malta and expresses to the populace the admiration of the American people.

On December 9, Chinese forces retake Changde, in Hunan province, from the Japanese. Unable to resist the Chinese offensive conventionally, the Japanese use chemical weapons prior to withdrawing. In the fighting, which began on November 2, 1943, and will continue until December 20, 1943, the Chinese suffer 20,000 military casualties versus around 11,000 Japanese killed and wounded. Nearly 300,000 civilians die during the battle. In Warsaw, Poland, anti-Nazi partisans of the Polish Underground State execute two Poles — Tadeusz Karcz, of Warsaw, and Antoni Pajor, of Dobranowice — for betraying Jews to the *Gestapo*. In Newark, New Jersey, crooner Frank Sinatra is classified 4-F by the Selective Service — unfit for military service for medical reasons (officially, a perforated eardrum).

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

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

PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on. 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.

Home Buyer’s Seminar

PERTH AMBOY – Home Buyer’s Seminar, Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Learn about the Do’s and Do Not’s when applying for a mortgage. She will also be available to answer any specific questions you may have for her. Come join her and feel more confident to becoming a home buyer!

Pinky Shah is a Mortgage Guru and Client Advocate with over 15 years of experience in advocating, educating and helping clients get their dream home. Se habla español.

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: Dec. 8th. 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. !!!!

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Pets of the Week



Perth Amboy, NJ - These two beauties need a home right away. Please don't let them go to a shelter. They are sweet female Guinea pigs that will come with a cage. Allforthepaws.org Text Virginia to adopt 1.732.486.6382

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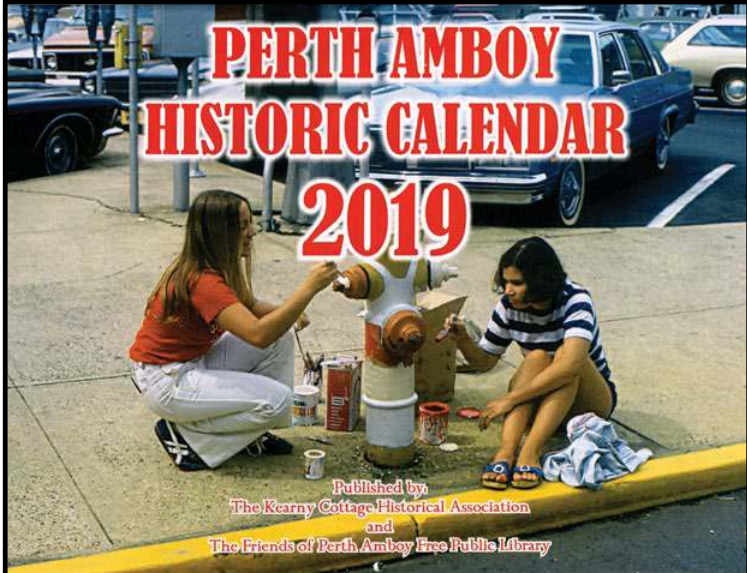
Coffee Talk with Rabbi Metz

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - December 5,12,19 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 - December 5,12,19 - at Menlo Park Mall food court (near Panera) at 12 noon. On any topic you want to discuss.

2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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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

“Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts”

WOODBIDGE - The Center for Bariatric Surgery at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is holding a free seminar “Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts” Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 p.m., at the Medical Pavilion in Woodbridge, 740 US Highway 1, Iselin, NJ. Center for Bariatric Surgery Medical Director Karl Strom, M.D., will discuss the benefits of weight loss surgery. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

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.

Total Joint Replacement

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 7, 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.

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TUES. Dec. 4 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. 5 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. 6 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Dec. 10 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- 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.

South Amboy

- WED. Dec. 5 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Dec. 10 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Bakery fire, 1980's. Firefighter William Church (R)

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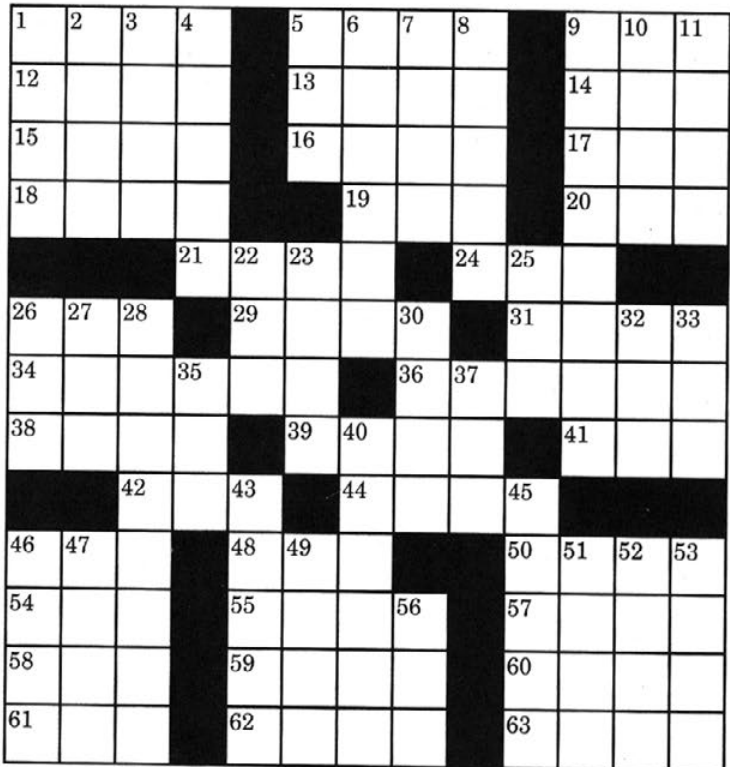
- Summit
- Utilizes
- Health resort
- Shut with force
- Aim; intention
- Price label
- Low-cut shoe
- Stockings
- Expert pilot
- Stool or chair
- Golf peg
- Bloodshot
- "OK!"
- Caress
- Bonnet, for one
- Point of

- Frozen water
- Sudsy cleanser
- Talk loudly
- High explosive: abbr.
- Word after "area" or "ZIP"
- Paradise
- Opposite of no
- Metal fastener
- Lease

DOWN

- Horned vipers
- Mystery solving aid
- Papa's mate
- "Woe is me!"
- Tel Aviv's land
- Most unusual
- Slip sideways
- "Go away!"
- Bashful
- Pea container
- Mimics
- Close friend
- Country hotel
- Was in debt

- Vacant
- "Yuck!"
- Make calm
- Comfort
- Slumber
- Surprises
- Walk to and fro
- Matured
- Preholiday night
- Is sick
- Hearing organ
- That man's
- Inquire
- Maternity-ward group
- Shawl, for example
- Volcanic dust
- Pig's home
- "Much ____ About Nothing"
- Dined
- Montreal's locale
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PERTH AMBOY - Great income producing business, Lottery Machine, Deli & meat department, Gross income \$8,000 weekly, Expenses Electricity \$583, Insurance \$75, Water and Sewer \$40, Gas \$40 monthly, ten-year lease \$2,000 per month. **\$140,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Large single-family house in the heart of Perth Amboy, close to all major public transportation and shopping district, many upgrades, off street parking and more. **\$250,000**



EDISON - Rte. 1 South to Woodbridge Ave towards Highland Park left on Fox Road 1 Bedroom plus extra room, 1st Floor, centrally located to downtown Highland Park and New Brunswick, commuter train and theatre district. Close to all major highways, Rutgers University and hospitals. Association fees include heat, taxes, water, sewer, ground maintenance and pool. Sold As-Is Condition. **\$68,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Commuters dream. Massive townhome with some water views. Courtyard entrance, 2 parking spots in the underground garage. 3 levels, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms!!! A must see!!! **\$249,900**



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PERTH AMBOY - NOT A BAR, the Building up until recently was used as a bar/lounge, the building is now vacant, located in the downtown business district, many different possible business ideas! Please bring your imagination, plenty of paid parking across the street, Trendy area with heavy foot and vehicle traffic. **\$359,900**