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Residents Question Council's Lack of Concern Over Several Issues 1/23/19 Caucus/Council Meeting



The Perth Amboy City Council Meeting with new Business Administrator Frederick C. Carr (Far Right) *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



Police Officers attending the 1/23/19 Council Meeting
*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – Resident Ken Balut questioned the Council on R-48-1/19 – An Agreement with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation AmeriCorps Program in an amount of \$4054.07.

Balut said, "There was a misuse of money when a City Employee got a house. Annie Hindenlang (Who was Exec. Dir. of Redevelopment at the time) said in that case, it was a decision by P.A.R.T.N.E.R. (The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise & Revitalization). P.A.R.T.N.E.R. said, "No, it wasn't." So, who's watching them (the JRF)?"

After Balut spoke, Fehrenbach addressed Communication No. 2 - An anonymous resident from Neville Street, relaying problems of overcrowding, loud music emanating from within homes and cars, the existence of possible illegal housing, the storage and sale of vehicles and retaliation against complaints made to the police."

Fehrenbach stated that Code

Enforcement had issued violations to those premises.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry asked to get a report on how many times the police were called and how many summonses were issued regarding loud noises on that street.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak and questioned the six acres of land where the County Park will be built. "At the time that it was Rosengarten's property, it would have been one million dollars an acre. There was no appraisal at the time. What was in the contract? Who were the lawyers? There were no taxes paid for 25 years and no liens. How much was the Rosengarten loan to the other property owner? Why was the lien not recorded? The County paid \$100-\$150 per cubic yard. Who were the owners? Was this a donation?"

Law Director King answered,

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Police Officers Urge Council to Vote "No" on R-42-1/19 1/23/19 Caucus/Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – At the Caucus portion of the 1/23/19 Council Meeting, Resident Ken Balut who is a retired Police Officer and former Council President referenced R-41-1/19 – Consenting to the appointment of Frederick C. Carr as Business Administrator effective January 22, 2019 and waving the residency requirement. He urged the Council to, "Just do a three-month appointment instead to see if Carr works out. It costs taxpayer's money with what happened with the last Business Administrator, Adam Cruz." He also later stated, "You will be paying three people (Acting B.A. Greg Fehrenbach, Interim B.A. Jill Goldy, and Frederick C. Carr) to do the job of one."

Council President William Patrick responded, "Ms. Godly will not be paid for the B.A. position after tonight."

Several Police Officers attended the 1/23/19 Council Meeting because they were not happy



Police Officer Hani Tawfik speaks to the Council as his Fellow Officers stand in support. *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

with R-42-1/19 - Authorizing a contract for professional services with Government Management Advisors, LLC to facilitate the transition of the new Business Administrator.

During the public portion on agenda items, Sharon Hubberman came up to speak about

this Resolution. She questioned, "When is the start and end date for the labor negotiations? Is there a panel for an advisory committee? An ordinance stated that the panel should con-

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Perth Amboy Appoints New Business Administrator City Welcomes Frederick C. Carr to Historic Community

Press Release 1/25/19

PERTH AMBOY – Mayor Wilda Diaz and the City Council are pleased to announce the joint appointment of Frederick C. Carr, as the Business Administrator for the City of Perth Amboy effective January 22, 2019.

"We are so pleased to appoint Mr. Frederick C. Carr as our new City Administrator," said Mayor Wilda Diaz. "He is a respected professional, veteran and an experienced administrator who will work with the administration and the City Council to best serve our residents and taxpayers. His extensive knowledge will also provide much value to our continued business growth in Perth Amboy. I am confident that Mr. Carr will be instrumental in providing guidance and oversight throughout our municipal operations."

Mr. Carr has over 20 years of experience in municipal man-

agement that includes serving as Business Administrator in the Borough of South River, Bloomfield Township, Matawan Borough, Cranbury Township and out-of-state in the Caney, Kansas. Throughout his years of work, he also served as the Senior Manager of the Township of Cranford.

In addition to his professional experience, Mr. Carr served our country in the Gulf War and held several command and staff positions in the United States Army for 12 years, including Infantry Rifle Platoon Leader and Corp Staff Officer. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his superior performance during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Mr. Carr has a Bachelor's Degree from United States Military Academy at West Point in General Engineering and he holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Mr. Carr is known for his pro-



Business Administrator
Frederick C. Carr

fessionalism and years of leadership experience among many in the State. He is well respected for his leadership style and for providing effective management in operational budget preparation and execution, long-term planning, facilities management and administrative oversight.



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Advisory: Middlesex County Sheriff's Office to Hold 8th Annual Sheriff's Civilian Academy

Press Release
MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The Sheriff's Office will hold an 8-week-long Sheriff's Civilian Academy for residents of Middlesex County in the spring of 2019.

The Sheriff's Civilian Academy is designed to educate Middlesex County residents on the various functions and duties of the Sheriff's Office.

Applications are being accepted now for the program, which will be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville.

The first session is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 14th. Classes will continue weekly on Thursdays. One Saturday class will be held. The program culminates with a graduation ceremony scheduled for Thursday, April 25th.

Each session will highlight functions of Sheriff's Office including: Defensive Tactics, K-9, Transportation, SWAT, Courts, Civil Process and Foreclosures among others. Participants also will tour the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office and the Main Courthouse located in New Brunswick.

Sheriff Scott said: "The Sheriff's Civilian Academy is a wonderful way for us to reach out to the residents of Middlesex County. It is part of our mission to protect and serve the public. Our goal is to give Academy participants a better understanding of the role of the Sheriff's Office that they can take back into their communities."

Applications are due no later than February 15th. The application will be used to determine suitability for the program. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, reside within the County of Middlesex, have no felony convictions, not be wanted for any crime, and submit to a limited background check.

For more information on the Sheriff's Civilian Academy, contact Sergeant Frank Sautner, Academy Coordinator, at 732-745-5909 or email frank.sautner@co.middlesex.nj.us. For more information on the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office, please call 732-745-3382.

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Burger King Opens New Restaurant in Perth Amboy

*Fast-Food Chain Expands Regional Presence at
Paramount Assets' 182A Smith Street*



Press Release 1/25/19
PERTH AMBOY – Burger King recently celebrated the grand opening of a new restaurant at 182A Smith Street in Perth Amboy. Developer Paramount Assets owns the retail property; the firm's leasing specialist, Helmer Zapata, arranged the long-term lease. Representatives of Paramount Assets and Burger King joined local dignitaries at an official ribbon cutting ceremony on January 3.

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz (6th from left) participated with members of the community, the restaurant's franchisee and Burger King leadership.

"Burger King is an iconic brand and one of the most successful fast-food franchises in the market today," said Samir Guzman, Paramount Assets' executive director of leasing and marketing. "Drawing this chain to the city's bustling downtown business district is a boon to Perth Amboy's ongoing redevelopment efforts. This location – in proximity to major highways and public transportation – is simply a great place to do business, and we are excited to welcome Burger King and provide residents with another fast and affordable food option."

Paramount Assets is a family-owned, regional, full-service real estate investment firm specializing in urban property ownership, management and development. The company's rapidly expanding portfolio currently includes 2.8 million square feet of commercial, multifamily and mixed-use holdings across 25 New Jersey municipalities – including a notably growing foothold in the City of Newark. The company maintains a holistic, vertically integrated approach to real estate development, with in-house acquisition, leasing, legal, accounting, property management and construction teams.

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sist of three citizens who have knowledge regarding labor negotiations and also one Council Member. I know there is a transition period. To have a hired hand involved in labor negotiations is not necessary.

Police Officer Hani Tawfik came up to speak, “This resolution lacks language. The town does not need the service of Acting Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach. He (Fehrenbach) sees the town as a cash cow. The new Business Administrator’s (Frederick Carr) salary is \$147,000. We are double dipping into a fund that is paying Fehrenbach \$135 an hour. Vote “No” on this resolution.” Other Officers stood up and applauded.

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak. “You’re giving the new B.A.(Frederick C. Carr) \$147,000. We are keeping Fehrenbach here to baby-sit, plus you’re giving him 18 days vacation. Carr is supposed to have all of this experience. You are denying an Officer an extension of pay. There were 78,000 calls to the police last year and they’re working hard. Now you want to pay \$200,000 to have

two B.A.’s? The last Business Administrator (Adam Cruz) was a disaster. We have an absentee Mayor who is also the Police Director. Fehrenbach is her buffer. You should do a 90-day trial period for the new Business Administrator. The Law Director (King) and Fehrenbach knew what was going on (regarding Cruz). The police deserve to get a nice raise.”

Resident Alan Silber came up and questioned how many hours Fehrenbach was working now. Silber then added, “I wish Mr. Carr all the luck in the world. Fehrenbach was a good guy and now he’s doing the Mayor’s bidding.”

Resident Dorothy Daniel came up to talk about the police’s low starting salaries. She said she considers the police her children, “And they took an oath to protect the City. I’m hearing things that are disturbing me.”

Fehrenbach addressed Daniel’s remarks, “Negotiation (on police contracts) were not completed and there is a \$600,000 surplus in the budget.”

Daniel started again and stated, “When the Housing Authority does their budget, they have to check with the City first about any raises. There should

be no negotiation about giving the Police and Fire Departments personnel raises. They go into situations where people run away from. Our City takes the most amount of calls – more than Woodbridge Township. I respect and honor each and every one of you (the Council). I have full respect for the Police and Fire Departments. Bring them up to par with other towns. Honor my kids.”

Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez came up to show her support for the Police and Fire Departments. She said a special prayer for all, especially our Fire and Police Personnel. “Who provide for our needs and provide for their families. Find the funds to give them what they deserve.”

Before voting on R-42-1/19 there were a couple of questions that were asked of Mr. Fehrenbach regarding his salary.

Councilman Helmin Caba requested that Resolution R-42 be pulled to be voted on separately. He commented, “Because of all the layoffs and taxes, valid points were made. We have a very qualified new Business Administrator. Mr. Fehrenbach has done a good job, especially when he first came here.

Councilman Joel Pabon had a

few comments, “This is a hard decision and we have talked about the police and their low salaries. I feel we need Fehrenbach, but only for a short period of time. I feel the need to keep him on.”

Council President William Petrick spoke next and asked Fehrenbach about his rate of pay. Fehrenbach told the Council, “I’ll leave whenever you want and you could limit my stay. I’ve offered to cut the hourly rate in half.”

Petrick spoke again and remembered when he was a Member of the Board of Education. He suggested to eliminate the number of steps for the teachers to get to the top rate of pay.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada said, “We can amend R-42 because the new B.A. Carr needs to catch up.”

When it came to R-42, Councilman Joel Pabon moved to amend it and it was seconded by Councilwoman Tejada. When it came time to vote on the Resolution, it was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba. When the Council was polled separately, all voted “Yes” except for Councilman Helmin Caba who voted “No.”

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak to applaud the Council for explaining the way they voted on R-42, “I remember when Mayor Vas was still here, and he said that Mark Blunda and Greg Fehrenbach (who were the Law Director and Business Administrator to the City in 2008) that their reputation preceded them.” Silber continued, “Mayor Diaz talked about how she reduced the debt, but we knew who did it. The Police Department is getting younger and the contract is not good. Other people get blamed for what’s not their fault. I remember 2008 and what Greg Fehrenbach did for the City.”

Balut came up to speak regarding how the Council voted on R-42. He told the Council, “You gave a lot of money away for PILOT’s. “Fehrenbach has taken all the garbage for the Mayor. The Mayor has spent taxpayer’s money. Who are all these people surrounding the Mayor? Because they are using the Joe Vas playbook. It’s up to you to hold the Mayor accountable. The CFO (Chief Financial Officer) and Tax Assessor should know all the details regarding PILOT’s. The Council should also investigate how a City Employee got a house from the Jewish Renaissance.”

Law Director King suggested to the Council, “If you want, you can get the Attorney General's Office involved.”

During the Council Comments, Helmin Caba told Fehrenbach that he should not take the comments he made earlier personally.

Fehrenbach responded, “None taken.”

Caba also welcomed the new B.A. Frederick Carr.

Councilman Irizarry spoke next. He wanted to thank Greg Fehrenbach for the consistent service that he provided to the

Council and that he was impressed by Fehrenbach’s professionalism. “Thank you for everything you did to bring us to where we are today. I also want to welcome the new B.A. Carr. I’m impressed by his credentials. I also want to thank the Mayor for her cooperation.”

Irizarry then was dismayed that freshly paved roads are already messed up again. “This happens over and over despite having an ordinance in place. Amboy Avenue between Washington and Neville Street is always cut up.”

Councilman Pabon congratulated Mr. Carr on his appointment and stated, “If you fail, we fail. When the police came up to speak, they kept it real. We have to be concerned about all groups. I know they’re looking at one person to point their finger at. We should have stopped the hiring. I don’t think Fehrenbach wants to be here as much as we want him here. We fought for one year regarding one hiree. This has to be looked at, but I haven’t heard about any layoffs coming. We were just replacing police officers.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada spoke next and welcomed Mr. Carr. She stated she was impressed about the presentation Carr made. “Mr. Fehrenbach is important. Sometimes people don’t know the reasons why we make decisions.”

Council President Bill Petrick said he appreciated the work that Greg Fehrenbach has done for the City.

Fehrenbach then requested to make a few statements. “The last six months have been the most difficult of any time that I have worked in City government. I tried to get back to the years between 2008 - 2010 when the Mayor and Council operated as one. I want to thank the Mayor for running the search for a new Business Administrator in a different manner. About four years ago, there was a lot of interests in the City looking for their slice of the pie. People said, “Yes” too much. The Department Heads have to have the strength and the knowledge as does the Mayor when explaining their budget to the Council. We asked for an analysis of the Police Department's budget. We never said anything about layoffs, and I have never said, “It’s not my fault!” I ran ideas by the Mayor and the Council. There were some hurdles. In the past, there were some limits as to contract negotiations, and now those limits are gone. We’re looking at a 15% increase the first year, 9% the second year, and 8% the third and fourth years. I’m not saying they don’t deserve a raise. We have to look at the consequences.”

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke next. He disagreed with some of Fehrenbach’s statement, especially when it came to not placing any blame on the Mayor, “She has to learn to say no. We are in this mess because of some of her hiring practices, but we are to blame for voting for some of them.”

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“This may have been a donation of land.”

Sierakowski’s closing statement was, “You can’t appraise contaminated property.”

Resident Alan Silber came up next. He was disturbed by the fact that the Council did not question a \$500,000 settlement. “Any settlement over \$500,000 should be polled separately by each Council Member. Also, no one could remember a Special Meeting called to discuss an appointee. You should discuss a potential candidate in public. There is also a Notice of Claim on October 10th and 12th, 2018 that was put in an article that Mayor Diaz submitted. The article stated that Petrick complained about a woman’s medical procedure.”

Fehrenbach addressed Silber’s concerns about the Special Meeting held (to discuss the hiring of a Business Administrator). “Closed sessions permit discussing hiring of candidates. States differ in their policies. In 2008, interviews (of certain potential administrative appointees) were done in closed session.”

During the Council portion of the 1/23/19 Meeting, Resident Ken Balut had a question regarding Ordinance No. 1 – Putting a Fire Prevention Bureau under the jurisdiction of the Fire Department.

He stated, “The Police are jeopardizing their lives when it comes to illegal housing. You should get a list of what each Department (Police, Fire, Code

Enforcement) is doing. You’re talking layoffs. Only landlords benefit from illegal housing.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski asked about the closed session minutes and when they can be OPRA’d.

Council President Petrick responded, “Once they are approved.”

Law Director King then added, “Only after the matter is settled.”

Sierakowski then questioned the County owned property in the City. “Does it include all properties given to the County which would include tax sales and liens? I got the information from Nancy Martin in the Tax Collector’s Office. The information that the Duane Marine Property owed taxes. The Council can probably get more information than I can.”

Ken Balut came up again to question the resolution regarding R-48 (the Jewish Renaissance asking for funds of \$4054.07). “Do not approve of this until you know where the money is going. People who complain about illegal housing are harassed.”

Alan Silber came up to talk about people getting a \$100,000 job for working on a campaign. “We are paying City Employees while they are working on campaigns. Regarding the Jewish Renaissance, they should be disqualified. A City Employee bought a house from the Jewish Renaissance. She said she met the requirements. She had to redo her deed and pay back \$500.”

During the last public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski

said appraisals on properties should be done only if they are clean. As far as the police, they should be given a housing allowance of \$10,000 a year when they are hired. Once they achieve a certain salary grade, the allowance should be stopped.”

Dot Daniel who is also Chair of the Housing Authority came up to speak, “A lot of repossessed houses are used by the homeless to keep warm.” She also told the Council that the banks that own these homes should have their feet held to the fire. Daniel told the Council to mark their calendars for October 27th and 28th of 2019. “The City and St. Peter’s Parish will be holding the first First Responders Day. I already spoke to the Mayor about having a service for them.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up to speak about R-21, R-23, R-24, R-25 – Appointments to the Zoning Board. “I’m asking the Council to repeal them. They were not in accordance because some terms were not expired. The only valid appointment was for the alternate. There was a lot of discrepancies in the ordinance. Did you interview all 13 candidates? I informed the Zoning Board Members that some members may not have been citizens. I know there is a new deadline for early February. The best action is to correct this action.”

Council President Petrick responded, “When the election dates were changed, all Members’ terms expired in December 2018.”

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Parking Issues

There’s something wrong with this town if on a Saturday night you have to drive around for an hour looking for a parking space. There’s a lot of people in town, especially on Friday and Saturday nights. One of my neighbors made a comment that he parks the cars on Friday night and keeps them there until Monday morning because it is too hard to find a parking space on the weekend.

The issue with parking in Perth Amboy is not new. I remember around two years ago, I was picking up a computer on a side street. Every parking place was taken except one in a loading zone. It was pouring rain outside. In the five minutes I was parked while picking up the computer, a Parking Utility Officer was already going to give me a ticket. I ran out there and told her I would leave in one minute. I paid the tech, stuffed the computer in the car and left. Thank God the Parking Utility Officer was kind enough to give me that minute.

When visitors coming to my house, it’s not unusual that they tell me they had to drive around the block 7 times to find a parking spot. Once, I had to drive for an hour at 1:00 a.m. looking for a parking space.

How many people who live in the vicinity of Perth Amboy High School and Shull School have to suffer all day because of teachers, staff, etc. who have to park in the surrounding area? This problem is exasperated when it snows.

These stories are not unique in Perth Amboy. Parking is a major issue. As the population of Perth Amboy grows by leaps in bounds, there is LESS AND LESS PARKING AVAILABLE.

Something must be done, or this problem is going to continue to get worse and worse. The City cannot continue to build and build without taking parking and congestion into consideration.

Downtown Woodbridge has a plethora of parking spaces on New Street and North James Street. South Amboy has pocket parking lots on North Broad-

way.

As most people who live in Perth Amboy know, the town is over 300 years old. Businesses on the outskirts of towns are mostly corporations, distribution centers, warehouses, that have plenty of built in parking spaces on their premises for their employees, staff, and visitors. A large portion of Perth Amboy lives in the heart of town, especially on Smith Street where businesses have apartments above their stores. That factor makes the business district of Perth Amboy very congested. The City should consider creating more public parking whether it be pocket parking or a municipal lot for visitors.

One proposal was to have a promenade on the heart Smith Street (like in Cape May) for pedestrians only and maybe a bicycle lane. The vehicle traffic can then be diverted to Market Street and New Brunswick Avenue which would alleviate congestion and leave parking with assigned spots for residents and for visitors. There still would have to be a parking lot somewhere with transportation throughout the City such as shuttle buses or taxis.

I do not feel that the proposed idea of shared parking spaces would be a good idea. Many residents who are retired or work at home will be reluctant to share spaces, as would I because it would be extremely inconvenient.

The more crowded Perth Amboy gets, the less parking becomes available. More parking meters and more pay stations are not the answer. As I stated many times before, parking meters deter visitors and residents who are not within walking distance of downtown from coming in. When it comes to parking tickets, Perth Amboy has gotten a notorious reputation and is the reason why many people do not want to come into town.

Something must be done to alleviate traffic congestion and make parking more available if this town is to grow and thrive. **K.M.**

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

21 Trillion Missing?

A recent letter claimed that 21 trillion dollars is missing from

the Federal government. That is hard to believe after you search the Internet for “21 trillion dollars” and see the results. The “mainstream news media” does not knowingly print “Fake

News” unless it’s a proclamation form a powerful politician. Should you read a newspaper that prints “Fake News”?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Zoning Board

This letter was read by former Zoning Board Chair Linda Cruz at the 1/23/19 4:30 p.m. Caucus Meeting.

As chair of the Zoning Board, I attended the League of Municipalities conference in Atlanta City in November. One of the seminars I attended was entitled The Vacant Property epidemic. The mayor of Collingswood, James Maley spoke about RECEIVERSHIP in which the city bonded a million dollars to repair or rebuild properties which have been vacated. More than half of Vacant properties were reduced by this initiative.

Also, Dr. Beth Ravit of Rutgers university spoke of two studies. One which was in Perth Amboy. The program identified all our parcels of land. Then approximately 14 students using their cell phones which had been programed toured our town and identified the vacant properties. I asked what the city did with the results and Dr. Ravit did not know. I also asked if the program could identify residences. Dr. Ravit stated, if that was programed, which it could be, all illegal housing could be identified in one month.

If you are interested, you can

contact these individuals.

I was going to discuss this information at the next Zoning Board meeting, however since I was not reappointed, the council had to become my platform.

By the comments on Facebook regarding my removal from the Zoning Board, I felt it necessary to state a couple facts. It is my understanding that the council has passed an ordinance requiring background checks of board members. I sent a letter to Mr. King on May 21 which said:

On Friday, May 11, 2018, I received numerous calls from citizens regarding allegations presented to the City Council concerning a Zoning Board member. I was not present at the meeting and therefore could not respond to the public’s questions.

However, the reticle of May 16, 2018 of the Amboy Guardian reported these allegations. Needless to say, I was disturbed by the content of the article. In addition to the allegations, it was also stated you requested documentation and received said documents.

Please undertake proper steps necessary and keep me informed so I may apprise members of any decision. The public

relies on us to save their interest fairly and honorably!”

Three weeks later I received a response from Mr. King stating, “the allegations are being investigated.” Apparently, the allegations being investigated, warranted this ordinance!!!

Thank you for doing that.!!!

My attendance, performance, and dedication are not in question of my non-appointment. Simply view the tapes of the meetings. As council, you can appoint whomever you choose. However, your rational for appointments are questionable. Mr. Petrick also called me and said he did what he could and that I was needed on the Planning Board. Not capable for one board, but needed for another Board?? That doesn’t compute, I did however, thank Mr. Petrick for his call.

You, the council have a problem. Not that you didn’t reappoint me. Everyone is replaceable. Not that I no longer consider you allies, or not even that I have no confidence in you. Your real problem is... you LOST MY VOTE.

Thank you
Linda Cruz

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.

South Amboy FireFighter Elected President of Retired Police & Fire Local 9

Press Release
By: John Yuhas, PIO, Local 9
NEW JERSEY - John Leo Fedorka a retired Federal Fire Fighter for 21 years has been elected President of Retired Police & Fire Local #9 for 2019 replacing Mike Burns, retired Sayreville Police Department, who served as President for 6 years. During his tenure as a Federal Fire Fighter, John staffed several Federal posts and was a member of the several IAFF Locals holding the post of Secretary/Treasurer and Delegate to IAFF Local F-16. John started his firefighting career as a volunteer with the Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department’s Washington Engine Company 2. After moving to

South Amboy, John joined the Mechanicsville Hose Co. 1 and later the Protection Engine Co. of the South Amboy Volunteer Fire Department. He has held the posts of First Vice President and later President of New Jersey Exempt Firemen’s Association. He is currently their Treasurer. John is a member of the Perth Amboy Exempt Firemen’s Association and sits on the 1921 Memorial Committee raising funds and making plans to mark the spot where several Perth Amboy Fire Fighters died in an accident while responding to an alarm.

Also elected to office for 2019 are: Joe Britton, Vice-President, Len Mundy, Treasurer, Dave Jakubczak, Financial Secretary,

Colin Powers, Recording Secretary, Peter Kenny, State Delegate, Mike Burns, Alternate State Delegate, Thomas Noble, Sgt. At Arms, Robert Bonfonte, Chaplain. Elected to the Board of Trustees: John Meleski, John Haag, Anthony Tabaszewski, Jamie Norek and Robert Yackel.

New Jersey Retired Police & Fire is the only organization of retired police and fire fighters fighting to restore the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the State of New Jersey. Membership is open to all retired law enforcement officers and fire-fighters. Associate membership is open to volunteer firefighters and business people. For more information and an application go to www.njrpfpa.org/locaal9.

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Tom's Tax Tips

How to Raise
A Financially Savvy Child

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

If you have children (or grandchildren) you have an opportunity to give them a jump-start on their journey to becoming financially responsible adults. While teaching your child about money and finances is easier when you start early, it's never too late to impart your wisdom. Here are some age-relevant suggestions to help develop a financially savvy young adult:

- **Preschool** - Start by using bills and coins to teach them what the value of each is worth. Even if you don't get into the exact values, explain that a quarter is worth more than a dime and a dollar is worth more than a quarter. From there, explain that buying things at the store comes down to a choice based on how much money you have (you can't buy every toy you see!). Also, get them a piggy bank to start saving coins and small bills.
- **Grade school** - Consider starting an allowance and developing a simple spending plan. Teach them how to read price tags and do comparison-shopping. Open a savings account to replace the piggy bank and teach them about interest and the importance of regular saving. Have them participate in family financial discussions about major purchases, vacations and other simple money decisions.
- **Middle school** - Start connecting work with earning money. Start simple with babysitting, mowing lawns or walking dogs. Open a checking account and transition the simple spending plan into a budget to save funds to make larger purchases. If you have not already done so, it is a good time to introduce the importance of donating money to church or charity.
- **High school** - Explain the job application and interview process. Work with them to get a part-time job to start building work experience. Add additional expense responsibility by transferring direct responsibility for things like gas, lunches and expenses for going out with friends. Introduce investing by explaining stocks, mutual funds, CDs and IRAs. Talk about financial mistakes and how to deal with them when they happen - try to use some of your real-life examples. If college is the goal after high school, include them in the financial planning decisions.
- **College** - Teach them about borrowing money and all its future implications. Explain how credit cards can be a good companion to a budget, but warn of the dangers of mismanagement or not paying the bill in full each month. Discuss the importance of their credit score and how it affects future plans like buying a house. Talk about retirement savings and the importance of building their retirement account.

Knowing about money - how to earn it, use it, invest it and share it - is a valuable life skill. Simply talking with your children about its importance is often not enough. Find simple, age specific ways to build their financial IQ. A financially savvy child will hopefully lead to a financially wise adult.

St. Maarten on Its Way to Recovery

By: Beverly Samuelson
ST. MAARTEN - In the summer of 2017, Hurricane Irma devastated the island of St Maarten: trees toppled over, buildings collapsed, and entire marinas were swept away. I have returned to this island on a recent vacation and can attest that it is on the way to a full recovery. My sister and I visited the Island 92 SXM studio and spoke with radio host, Dr. Soc and his assistant, Charese. The duo informed us about the rebound St. Maarten has been undergoing since the hurricane. The island is coming back strong: many hotels are partially or fully open, while others are undergoing repairs with plans to reopen in the near future, cruise ships are stopping and the marinas are full.

On this trip we stayed at the Divi Little Bay, the resort is fully operational and as beautiful as ever. The Divi's neighbor, the Belair Beach Hotel, is also running at full capacity. Many shops and restaurants on the Dutch side of the island have re-opened; favorites such as Chesterfields at Bobby's Marina, Toppers, St. Maarten Yacht Club, Pineapple Pete's, Wasabi Charlie, LaRosa, and many others. If you're a jewelry lover, don't miss Royal Caribbean Jewelers; when there ask for Monty, who has been in the business for 23 years at Divi Little Bay, Phillipsburg and other locations. On the French



Samuelson Sisters, Beverly and Janet On Island 92 SXM
*Photo Courtesy of Beverly Samuelson

side, Margot is back up and running, but the sounds of hammers and drills signify that a significant amount of rebuilding remains. One popular attraction, the French Market, has also returned with its many vendors and their beautiful offerings.

For all your St Maarten news, condo rentals and sales, upcoming events, etc. go online to everythingsxm.com, Jeff Berger will let you know the latest in everything going on in SXM, join his website and sign up for the weekly newsletter. Become a member for fantastic discounts at shops, restaurants, car rentals, etc. Another must-have when traveling to SXM or anywhere is Sky Med; I never leave home without it. You never

know when something will happen, and with Sky Med, you can put your mind at ease. Sky Med will fly you home to your doctor and hospital, for a few dollars a day no matter where in the world you are. For more details, you can log on to Everythingsxm.com or skymed.com.

Finally, don't forget to go online to Island 92 SXM (island92.com) from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM EST for the morning show with Dr. Soc, join in the conversations and kibitz with the morning group, listen to great music and hear about all events taking place on the island. So pack your bags, head to the airport, and visit beautiful St. Maarten, it's back and shaping up to be better than ever.

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Super Blood Moon Lunar Eclipse 1/20-21/19

*Photo by Paul W. Wang



Filling our Hearts with Love
through Meditation

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - Join long time meditator and retired Executive VP, Jim Rose, as he offers this engaging workshop at the Woodbridge Main Library on February 14, 2019 at 7PM, on how to use the meditation practice to transform the heart. He will explore how to incorporate more love and peace in your life which can have a profound transformation on your overall well-being. This session will be devoted to integrating these practices into your daily life. Participants will learn to let go of anger, fear and worry in order to create more harmonious relationships, better work and home environments and experience a deep sense of personal peace and love. There will even be two short meditation sittings!

This program is free and open to all. No registration. The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza in Woodbridge, NJ. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact us at 732-634-4450 or visit our website -www.woodbridgelibrary.org.

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Senior Lunch, Alameda, Elm Street, Perth Amboy 1/12419**Photos by Paul W. Wang***Coffee Talk with Rabbi Metz**

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - Wednesdays, January 30 at 9:30 a.m. Discussions/informal class in a relaxed environment. NEW LOCATION! Panera Bread, 1551 Route 1, Edison, (North of Menlo Park Mall, on the south-bound side of Route 1.)

Ask the Rabbi

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - "Ask the Rabbi" is back: Wednesdays, January 30 in the food court in 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.

Howley Game Night

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks invites you to Howley Game Night on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Doors open at 7 p.m. First Race is at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own snacks! Light food served midway. \$7 entry fee. The Elks is located at 601 Washington Ave. For more information, call 732-727-7170.

In Honor of Our Veterans Dinner & Tricky Tray

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave., is having a "In Honor of Our Veterans Dinner & Tricky Tray," on Sunday, Feb. 24th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We are honoring all Veterans and Hosting Our Veterans from Menlo Park Veterans Home. Come show your support and have dinner with them. Tickets available in advance for \$10; \$12 at the door. Can't make the dinner? Donate a ticket for a Veteran. We are proud to serve those who have served us! Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potato, Vegetable, Cranberry Sauce, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. For more information call 732-727-7170.

Craft Night: Make Your Own Bath Bomb!

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - Treat yourself to a winter treat—Thursday, February 28 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbridge Main Library. Adults (18+) are invited to create their own bath bombs! These luxurious concoctions fizz up in water and release soothing epsom salts and essential oils. Choose from a variety of scents and colors to make your own unique bath bomb. Participants will be given supplies and instructions.

Registration is required to attend this event! Please register online @ woodbridge-library.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?eventid=6873.

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This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

In Leningrad, Russia, a salute of 324 guns on January 28, 1944, announces to the people of the city that the blockade by the German Army has been lifted after 872 days. Some 830,000 civilians died during the siege, which began on September 8, 1941, when the last road into the city was severed. The United States and Great Britain — to make clear their displeasure about ongoing assistance to the Nazi war effort by Francisco Franco — announce a total oil embargo against Spain. (Holding out at first, but with Spanish life grinding to a virtual standstill, Franco finally agrees to cease supplying the Germans with critical war materials.) The British warn Joseph Stalin that “the creation in Warsaw of another government other than that now recognized, as well as [causing] disturbances in Poland, would confront Great Britain and the United States with a problem, which would preclude agreement among the great powers.”

American troops land in the Admiralty Islands, part of the Bismarck Archipelago, north of Papua-New Guinea, on January 29. The *Luftwaffe* drops 40 tons of bombs on London, while 800 USAAF bombers drop 1,800 tons of bombs on the German cities Frankfurt am Main and Ludwigshafen. The RAF hits Berlin for the 14th time. U.S. Navy Task Force 58, under Adm. Marc Mitscher, bombs and shells Japanese targets on Roi, Namur, Maloelap and Wotje in the Marshall Islands.

In the Pacific, “Operation Flintlock” begins on January 30 as U.S. troops invade Majuro, in the Marshall Islands — the first assault on pre-war territory held by the Japanese. The strategy is to concentrate on key islands and their airbases. Once these are taken, enemy garrisons on smaller islets will be bypassed and starved into submission. In Italy, the British 5th Division of X Corps, U.S. Fifth Army, breaks through the German Gustav Line. In Berlin, Adolf Hitler addresses the public via radio on the eleventh anniversary of the Nazis’ coming to power. *Der Führer* gives few details about the war, instead spending most of his speech emphasizing that Germany remains Europe’s only bastion against communism.

American forces on January 31 land on Kwajalein Atoll and other islands, including Roi and Namur, in the Japanese-held Marshall Islands. The landing on Roi makes rapid headway. The assault on Namur meets heavy Japanese resistance. Meanwhile, some 300 miles to the northwest, the Allies capture and occupy Majuro, also in the Marshall Islands. Some 17 miles northwest of the major Japanese base at Truk Lagoon (1,100 miles northeast of Papua-New Guinea), the American submarine *USS Trigger* torpedoes and sinks the Japanese transport ship *Yasukuni Maru*. There are only 43 survivors of the 1,231 aboard.

In the Pacific, Roi and Namur islands are declared secured on February 1. Elsewhere on Kwajalein Atoll, battles continue. Almost all 3,700 Japanese defenders of Roi and Namur have been killed. American casualties: 740 killed and wounded. In Europe, Stalin agrees to let the U.S. Army Air Forces use air bases in the Soviet Union.

American planes on February 2 bomb Eniwetok Island, in the Marshall Islands, later to become a major B-29 base. In Italy, an Allied attempt to break out of the Anzio beachhead ends after an advance of just three miles in three days. The Germans prepare for their first counterattacks against the troops at Anzio.

Kwajalein, the world’s largest coral atoll and formerly a major Japanese naval base, is declared secured on February 3. U.S. Marine casualties are 486 killed and 1,495 wounded; the Japanese suffer 8,386 killed, wounded and missing.



**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.

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: Feb. 9th & 23rd . 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. !!!!

**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, Feb. 7, 2019. 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 Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City will be held on. Wed. Feb. 27, 2019. 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.



**Atlantic City
Bus Trip
Fellowship Circle of
the Hungarian
Reformed Church**
PERTH AMBOY – AC Bus Trip to the Tropicana Casino on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 pm - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$30 pp (\$25 slot play). Bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726. Payment due ASAP. NO REFUND FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS!

**A.C. Bus Trip
Holy Rosary Seniors**
HOPELAWN - The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to the Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Cost is \$30 per person; \$25 back in play and \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. For more details, please call Ronnie 732-442-5252.

Pirohi Sale
PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church will be holding their Pirohi Sale at \$9.00 Per Dozen. Orders may be called in from February 4 -6. 2019 to 732-826-7067 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon. Please call early to be sure your order gets in. Orders may be picked up on February 12th or 13th at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Orders can be picked up after 2:30 p.m.

**Roast Pork
Loin Dinner**
SOUTH AMBOY – Join us at the South Amboy Elks for our Pork Loin Dinner, Friday Feb. 8th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$12pp adults; \$7 kids. Menu: Roast Pork Loin, Mashed Potato, Vegetable, Tossed Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Cash Bar Available. The Elks is located at 601 Washington Ave. For more information, call 732-727-7170.

Pets of the Week



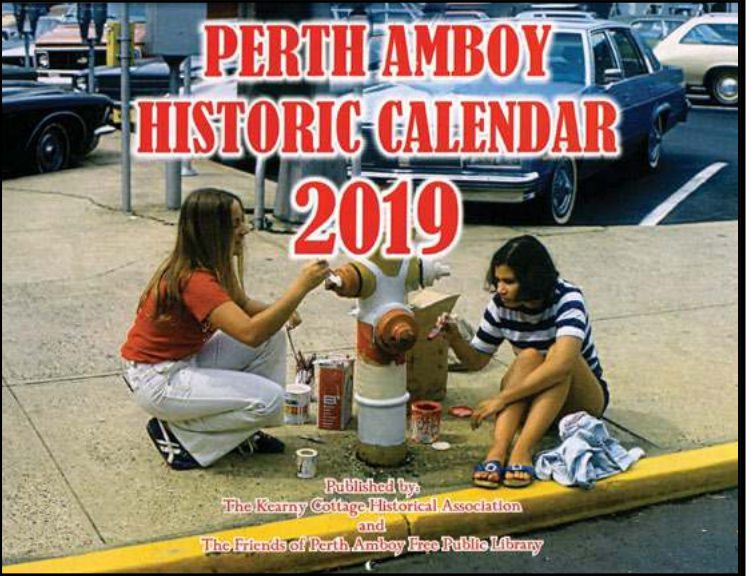
Kat and Tuna are very good and sweet boys that now find themselves in need of a new home. Kat's parents are divorcing and aren't keeping him. Tuna is getting bullied by other cats in the home and has shut down. They're both fixed, vaccinated and tested negative for FIV and leukemia. Please don't let them end up in a shelter. Our rescue unfortunately cannot take them as we don't have a facility or fosters. Text Virginia Morales @ 1.732.486.6382 if you'd like to meet them or adopt. Adoption application and donation fee apply. PayPal Allforthepaws@gmail.com Allforthepaws.org All for the Paws P.O. Box 2281 Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

Have a Special Pet?
E-mail us your Pet Photos to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

Souper Sale
PERTH AMBOY - Purchase a quart of homemade soup for your Super Bowl Party! St. John’s Evg. Lutheran Church is having a Souper Sale on Feb. 3rd. The soup choices are: Chicken Noodle, Beef Vegetable & Lentil (Vegan). The cost is \$8.00 a quart or 3 Quarts for \$20.00. Orders will be taken from Jan 20th until Feb. 2nd. Contact Lorraine at 732-996-8860 or kookie.mc@verizon.net to place your order. Pick up will be on Sunday Feb. 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. at the Church, 664 Amboy Ave (use the side door on Meredith St.)

**Pancake
Breakfast Buffet**
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks are having a Pancake Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, February 3, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at 601 Washington Ave. Cost: \$9 pp \$5 for kids under 7 years old. Join us for a served buffet of pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, potatoes, sweets, breads, coffee, tea & juice. Menu variations each date. Proceeds will benefit our general fund and or the Wildwood fund. For more information, call 732-727-7170.

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.

Meet the Author:
KristyAnn
'Errico

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - Just in time for Valentine's Day, join us Tuesday, February 5, 7PM at the Woodbridge Main Library to Meet the Author: Kristyann D'Errico! Former Woodbridge based hairdresser, Kristyann D'Errico, has compiled stories of her craziest dates in her self-published memoir, Color Him Crazy, Dating Memiors of a New Jersey Hairdresser. Color Him Crazy pulls no punches! For years, D'Errico has not only been giving her clients perfect coifs; she's also been entertaining them with stories of her dating experiences! D'Errico will do a reading and give us some insight into her first book!

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event. The author will be selling the book for \$10 and will accept cash only.

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Meet the Author:
Thais Sherell

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - Join us at the Woodbridge Main Library on February 11 at 7PM to Meet the Author: Thais Sherell. Sherell will do a reading and give some insight into her latest novel, Good News Buster. Good News Buster follows Roosevelt Johnson a descendant of sharecroppers and self-made businessman with spiritual roots. Sherell will also provide insight into her other works—Between the Pages and One Awesome School. In addition to readings and insight Sherell will incorporate a performance related to her writings.

Thais Sherell is an author, licensed educator, performer, and motivational speaker who is passionate about community transformation and conflict resolution. She has written for a diverse group of magazines, journals, and companies, and she has written and produced stage plays and screen plays - credits which garnered attention from Oprah Winfrey's staff. She is the recipient of several community arts awards, humanitarian awards, and has received recognition in The Bronx Times, The New York Carib News, Bronx News 12, Scope Magazine, and Bronx Talk AM, to name a few. Her projects combine education, business, and spiritual guide posts to bring awareness to community concerns and introduce alternative conflict resolutions. Learn more about Thais at www.Nspired101.com

Copies of her book will be available for FREE at the event. This program is free and open to all!

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Vendors &
Crafters Wanted

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville is looking for vendors and crafters for our annual Flea Market/Craft Fair. Spaces are one for \$15.00 or two for \$25.00. There are a limited number of tables available for an additional \$5.00. The date is June 1, 2019, with a rain date of June 8, 2019. The hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information please call 732-257-6353 or email to churchoffice172@optimum.net

Valentine
Flower Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will be offering several choices of Valentine bouquets at \$10 each on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Ave. across from Sacred Heart Church. Brighten your home or express your love with beautiful, long lasting vibrant colored Valentine flowers. For more information, call Virginia at 732-721-1521.

Prayer to the
Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity *(make request)*. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee *(3 times)*.

Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands *(3 times)*.

(Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.)

A.L.S.

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LOOKING BACK



WOODBIDGE - Congregation Adath Israel Synagogue. Built in 1949 and located on Amboy Avenue. The Congregation was incorporated in 1913 and employed its first Rabbi in 1945. It was active until 1990.

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Senior Scene
Happenings

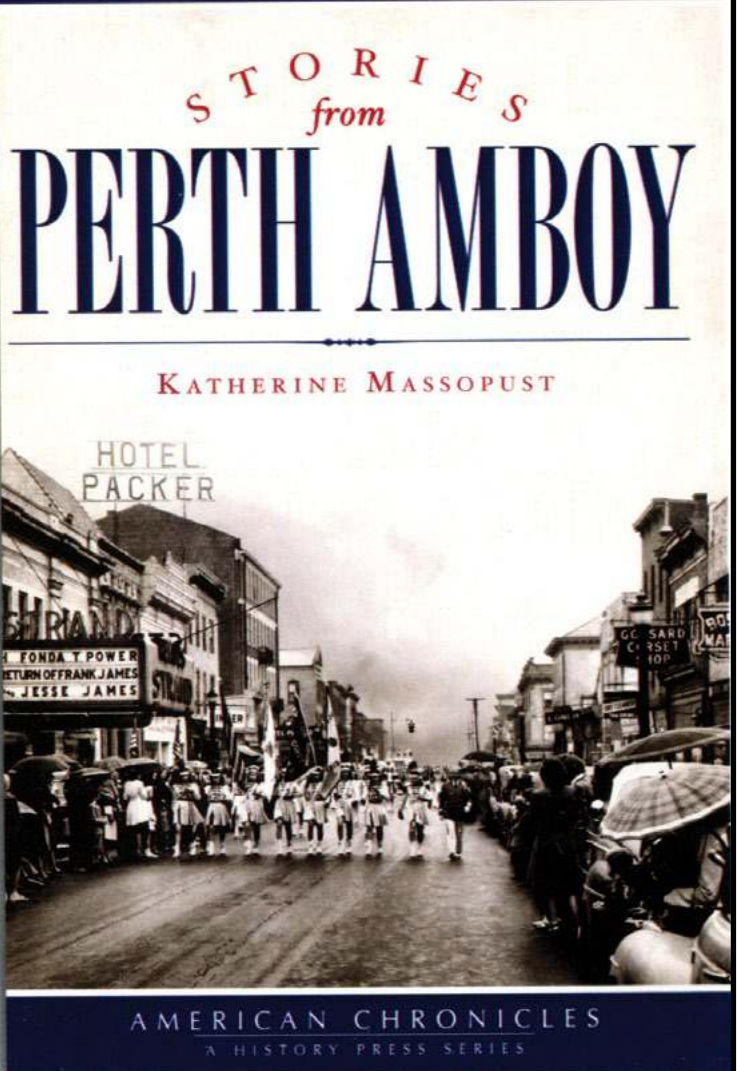
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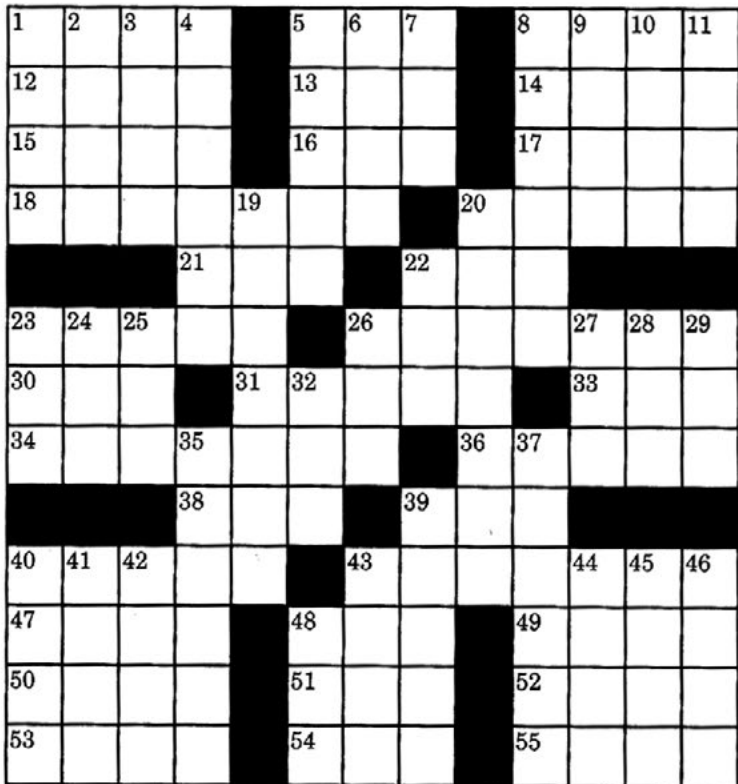
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- Dug, as for gold
- Affirmative vote
- Narrow mountain pass
- Not true
- Restaurant employees
- In the past
- Live (at)
- Sticky substance
- Answered in writing
- Makes a cat's sound
- "The two shall become _____"
- Writer's tool
- Object
- Less rough
- Lend a _____, help
- A Gershwin
- Talk wildly
- Female voice range

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- Physician: slang
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- Lunch time, for many
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- Direction of a sunrise
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- Exceeded the limit
- With a lack
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- Lass
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- Do a tree surgeon's job
- Take a spouse
- Freudian subject
- Line, as of seats
- Distress call
- Extremely little
- Capital of England
- Main course
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