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2018 Ends on High Note; 2019 Brings New Beginnings

PERTH AMBOY - Ground-breaking for new Waterfront Park 12/12/18. (LtoR) Councilman Joel Pabon, Council President Bill Petrick, Freeholder Director Ron Rios, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Representatives from by Najarian Associates, Councilwoman-Elect Milady Tejada



PERTH AMBOY - Honorable Judge Peter Jimenez Jr. swears in Councilman Joel Pabon as his family looks on.



PERTH AMBOY - Honorable Judge Peter Jimenez Jr. swears in Councilman William Petrick as his family looks on.



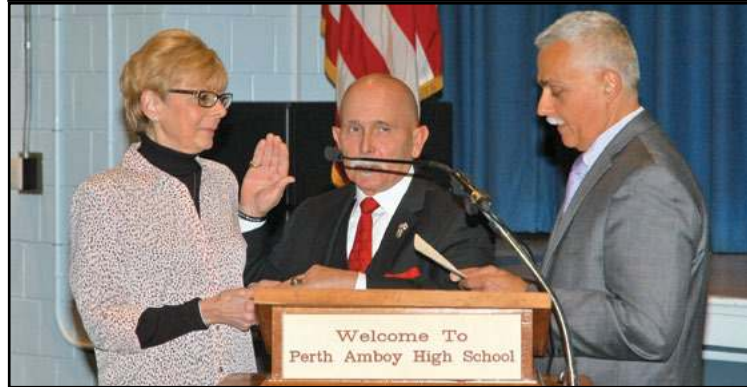
PERTH AMBOY - Milady Tejada's family looks on as she is sworn in as Councilwoman by 19th District Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez



PERTH AMBOY - Newly elected Board of Education Member Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe is sworn in by Board Secretary Derek Jess. Looking on are Councilwoman Milady Tejada, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez. Holding the Bible is retired Board Member Obi Gonzalez.



PERTH AMBOY - Board of Education Member Anton J. Massopust is sworn in by Board Secretary Derek Jess. Daughter Katherine and Son, Anton hold the bible as Wife Marcella looks on.



PERTH AMBOY - Board of Education Member Ken Puccio is sworn in by Board Secretary Derek Jess. Life Partner Lillian Dix holds the Bible.

*Photos by Paul W. Wang

Gross, Noble Re-Named Council President & Vice President *Henry, Gross, & Noble Sworn-In Following November Election Win*

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - Mickey Gross and Christine Noble were unanimously re-named South Amboy's Council President and Vice President at last Wednesday's reorganization meeting.

Gross, Noble, and Mayor Fred Henry were also sworn in after their November re-election. Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly and South Amboy native Craig Coughlin was on hand to swear Mayor Henry in and spoke highly of Henry's work in South Amboy.

"The fun part about swearing in ceremonies is they are a look into the future, it's a time of hope and optimism of looking forward and to all of the good things that are possible," Coughlin said. "You [Mayor Henry] have been on council since I left back in 1992 and you have served admirably, and you have made such a difference in the community. Your two terms as Mayor have been just terrific for this city."

Mayor Henry thanked Coughlin for taking time out of his schedule to take part in his swearing in ceremony and recognized the strong relationship he has with the city's council.

"We've got people that work together, we don't always agree on everything which is fine, and it works out better that you don't always agree because other ideas come out that way," Mayor Henry said. "I want to thank the council for all the support they have given over the years and look forward to working with them again. We all work together, we argue like any family will, but we get things done, and there are a lot of good things happening in South Amboy and will continue to happen."

Middlesex County Freeholder Deputy Director Charles Tomaro was also on hand to help swear in Mickey Gross. Tomaro spoke about his personal relationship with Gross that goes back over 20 years.



SOUTH AMBOY - Mayor Fred Henry is sworn in by Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin. Henry's Wife, Linda holds the bible.



SOUTH AMBOY - Councilman Mickey Gross is sworn in by Middlesex County Freeholder Deputy Director Charles Tomaro



SOUTH AMBOY - Councilwoman Christine Noble is sworn in by Mayor Fred Henry as family members look on.

relationship with Gross that goes back over 20 years.

"I've happened to know Mickey since 1996 when I first got elected to the Edison council and I happen to work with him on a lot of his projects," Tomaro said. "He convinced my wife to

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Pabon, Petrick, Tejeda Sworn in; Petrick Re-elected Council President

1/2/19 City Council Reorganization Meeting



Master of Ceremonies
Randy Convery



The audience listens

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Mayor Wilda Diaz offers some
remarks



Bill Petrick is sworn in as Council President by City Clerk Victoria
Kupsch



The 2019 Perth Amboy City Council

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – Master of Ceremonies Randy Convery welcomed everyone to the YMCA auditorium in the Public Safety Complex for the Inauguration Ceremony of the newly elected and reelected City Council Members. The Perth Amboy Fire Department Honor Guard gave the Presentation of Colors. Perth Amboy Firefighter Javier Cruz sang the national anthem. The Invocation was given by Pastor Ehi Oboh of the Perth Amboy Police & Fire Chaplain Corps.

The election results were given by City Clerk Victoria Kupsch. The results of the November 6, 2018 election were as follows:

Joel Pabon – 4,924 votes;
Milady Tejeda – 4,512 votes;
William Petrick – 4,244 votes.

After the elected Council Members were sworn in, each of them gave some remarks.

Councilman Joel Pabon went first. He thanked everyone present. “The last few years, the numbers (of voters) have increased tremendously, especially that day (election day) it poured. The numbers spoke for ourselves. There are no losers. Those of you who have tried it

(running for office) know. We walked the entire City. We were out there almost every single day. A special thanks to Lisa Nanton, Renee Skelton, Jose Espela, Nilda Rivera, and Judge Pedro Jimenez.” Pabon then mentioned Master of Ceremonies Randy Convery, “We have a lot of good young people in the City. My phone is on 24/7. No question is a dumb one. I thank each and every one of you. It was a lot of hard work done out there. Let’s move the City forward.”

Councilman William Petrick spoke next, “A thank you to my wife and children. Thank you, Lisa Nanton, Fernando Gonzalez, and Nilda Rivera who volunteered her time, the Caba family, Bob and Barbara Sottillaro, and former Council Members. I’d also like to thank local Democratic and Republican Party and Independent Voters. We look forward to the next four years.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda spoke next, “I want to thank everyone of you and everyone who took time to come here today. I’m here to be a part of a team. It’s a team that works together to make what we promise to take the people while

campaigning. We will hold to our promises and make sure everyone out there knows who we are. This is a City of different races. We have to make decisions not only for one, but for everyone. Thank you for everyone who cast a vote. Thank you, Perth Amboy! I love you!

Mayor Wilda Diaz congratulated the Council Members. “You have been residents of our community for years. I believe difference of opinion is an opportunity to learning.” Diaz then addressed Tejeda, “I’m grateful for your message. Councilwoman Milady Tejeda is the first Latina in 40 years to serve as Councilwoman. There are many milestones.” Diaz then continued, “I want to thank Fernando Gonzalez for serving as Councilman. There’s so much that still has to be done. Our constituents trust us to meet their needs. There’s still much ahead we can’t do without working together. We have to work together through difficult times. I trust you all understand we are a blessed community. There is a lot of work and so much to be done. May God

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South Amboy Council Approves Manhattan Beach Project

Vote Passes 3-2 Despite Significant Push Back From City Residents

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
SOUTH AMBOY - City Hall was at maximum capacity last Wednesday as the South Amboy City Council voted to approve the Manhattan Beach Project by a vote of 3-2.

Council President Mickey Gross along with Councilwomen Zusette Dato and Christine Noble voted in favor of the project, which will bring 501 residential units to South Amboy by 2025 and could potentially grow to 1,750 units over the next 25 years. Councilmen Brian McLaughlin and Tom Reilly, who have voiced their concerns about the project over the last few months, voted no.

The city held a nearly four-hour public hearing before the vote despite holding a previous public hearing on the project during the city's business meeting on December 5. Multiple residents lined up at the microphone once again to voice their concerns about the future impacts this project would have, and a large contingency of local union workers were on hand to fight against the project's open shop agreement.

"Three-quarters of the people in this room feed their families that work for the trades. You guys got a 25-year pilot, we got nothing," Councilman Brian McLaughlin said.

Joel Whitley from Sherman Group, the owner of the Manhattan Beach property, was on hand to talk through the agreement and answer any questions the council or residents had. He mentioned while the project is

open shop, the parking garages will be built by union labor and the redeveloper BNE will make their best effort to hire local workers on the project.

"We have a commitment in our redevelopment agreement that we signed four years ago, that commitment includes a commitment that we do the best we can to hire locally in the town," Whitley said. "It's a commitment we intend to live up to through all phases of this."

"Another commitment that they made in connection with this project was that it would be open shop, which means that they will look and accept bids from both union and non-union labor for all parts of the project," he added. "They have also agreed to commit that specifically the parking garages will be built with union labor."

Councilmen McLaughlin and Reilly motioned to postpone the vote before the public hearing after new details emerged following the December 5 meeting, including a new report from Superintendent of Schools Jorge Diaz stating the school system could not take on a significant increase of new students.

"We have a report from the Superintendent of Schools that I have in my hand which clearly contradicts what was in the planning report," Reilly said. "In summary the district is already struggling with funding the current increases of student population which will be exasperated by the loss of state aid. This does not take into account the impact from the new devel-



A large crowd at the South Amboy Council Chambers *Photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

opment which will undoubtedly financially burden the district further without consideration of funding from the pilot."

This report comes two weeks after Mayor Fred Henry was told by the Superintendent that the city could handle anywhere between 200-300 additional students. Mayor Henry assured residents that he and the Superintendent had met again on Wednesday and the city will do what they need to do in order to support the school system.

"[Business Administrator] Glenn [Skarzynski] and I had a meeting with the Superintendent this afternoon and we basically promised him, we pledged to him that yes we are going to help fund the schools," Mayor Henry said. "I realize that it's a little bit of a different way to do things, but we have pledged that we will definitely entertain whatever they need."

"Redevelopment is done all over the place in the state of New Jersey, but this is one way of doing things that allows us to

help fund the school in different ways," he added. "Tom you can disagree with it but I think I'm good for my word on that, the Superintendent and I shook on this and we will definitely help fund the school."

South Amboy has also become a potential location for Offshore Winds facilities, a process that the state has bought into that will move New Jersey toward a goal of 3,500 megawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030. Matt Greller, an attorney specializing in federal legislative regarding energy, spoke to the council about the possible industrial entities that South Amboy could bring in rather than build the Manhattan Beach Project.

"When we talk about the location of this property, the ability to build 100 acres for this property and the former JCP&L site in addition to those north of New Jersey Transit, you have the opportunity to build the entire hub for the entire Offshore Wind industry for the United States," Greller said. "Just yesterday one of the Offshore Wind developers committed to \$25 million next year alone, that's from one private entity which pales in comparison to the \$7.3 - \$9.6 million over 25 years that this [project] will generate apparently for South Amboy."

"Why are we trying to move ahead with both when we can realize as a community, as a county, and as a state that we can do so much better, so much bigger without any of these concerns and issues for the local community in terms of traffic and schools?" Geller asked. "The projection is 40,000 jobs for Offshore Wind, hundreds

could come here that's pro-labor, pro-union."

Mayor Henry explained to Geller that the city has been involved in talks with the state and potential Offshore Wind clients about building in South Amboy. However, he mentioned that this was a situation where they could have both.

"We have spoken with three different companies, we've had them down here with the Speaker of the Assembly Craig Coughlin, the state is obviously very much involved in wanting to do this," Mayor Henry said. "We showed them the properties mentioned and they are very interested. It's not that we don't want to deal with them, we do want to deal with them, but again it's a situation where we can probably have both."

Despite the new details, the council voted against delaying the vote on the Manhattan Beach Project, and the redevelopment was approved.

"The Mayor and the Council are elected and sworn to act and serve the interest and be the voice for the city and its people as a process," said John Coy, a labor representative from the Central Labor Council of New Jersey. "It seems there's an unwillingness to meet that obvious will of the people to postpone the vote. Certainly, there's a disconnect here. They are asking tonight for better answers. I think giving it a little more time and giving it consideration that the people are asking for is the answer."

All council members were in attendance. The next city council meeting will be held on January 30 at 7:00 p.m.

South Amboy Reorganization Meeting

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go back to school to become a health inspector and now she's the health inspector in Edison and she absolutely loves it."

The city also introduced new Law Director Francis Womack, who will be replacing John Lanza in 2019. Womack, a practicing attorney, was a member on the North Brunswick Council from 2000 - 2004 and served as North Brunswick's mayor from 2004 - 2019.

"I lived in North Brunswick for many years until I moved to South Amboy in 2002," Dato said. "I know him to be an experienced attorney, a wonderful Mayor and just a great man. Welcome aboard and we know you're going to serve us well."

Councilman Tom Reilly thanked Lanza for his work in South Amboy that lasted over 30 years.

"I want to extend thank you to John Lanza, our former Law Director," Reilly said. "John was with the city 32 years and did a terrific job and I want to extend my thanks. He had actually served as Law Director when my mother was sitting on the council, so it's been a while."

Residents were once again on

hand to speak about the Manhattan Beach Project, the redevelopment which was approved by the council in December despite significant push back from city residents. Brandon Russell, who ran against Mayor Henry in November's election, believed that the decision to move forward with Manhattan Beach project was rushed and that the tax break the property owners received was "reckless".

"When we're talking about millions of dollars. I would say at least 10 years is enough time to sit on a property like this or at least see what negotiations are going to lead to," Russell said. "I think bringing more people to South Amboy is eventually what we're going to need, but I think we need to do it under the right circumstances, and given the tax breakout the way we did it was just very reckless and wasn't necessary in my opinion and I stand by it, and I think a lot of people in this town do agree with it."

Mayor Henry thanked Brandon for following the project and asking questions and believed that the success of the project will change Brandon's opinion on Manhattan Beach down the road.

"I really do hope that you continue to follow this because as you follow this, you're going

to realize that this wasn't reckless on our part in getting this done," Mayor Henry said. "I hope that somewhere along the line we will change your mind on that because this will benefit the city of South Amboy to no end."

Many residents were disappointed that the city approved Manhattan Beach despite rumors that Offshore Wind facilities were interested in building in South Amboy. Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski explained that the city has met with those companies and have a third meeting setup for next week.

"Yesterday NJ.com listed three wind international entities that applied for leases for the wind energy program in New Jersey," Skarzynski said. "We've already met with two of them, the third of them is coming in on Wednesday. We are aggressively pursuing the wind project, it's just a matter of who is going to come to the table and want to put their site here."

All council members were in attendance for the reorganization meeting, with Councilwoman Zusette Dato joining in by conference call. The next city council meeting will be held on January 30th at 7:00 p.m.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Take It for What It is Worth: Potpourri

When I was growing up, there were two sexes. Slice it or dice it anyway you like: it was male and female. Slice and dice it anyway you want, chromosomes don't change. I know there is a medical term for when people are born with both sets (hermaphrodite). No wonder there is so much confusion with 63 categories of sexual orientation.

When I worked for two other business, I knew two people to become the opposite sex. They underwent hormone treatments, but not complete surgical procedures. They were happy. No one said anything or harassed. We were too busy with our own personal lives.

Now some states will allow on driver's licenses, you can put an X if you feel uncomfortable with the sex you were born as. I read where some couples do not want to identify the sex of the child when it was born, and they want to identify that baby as an "It." When puberty happens, and the hormones come in, I think it might be a part of a problem.

Now, this is out of the way, it's too much for me.

Let's get down to brass tax.

I like to have the radio on when I'm falling asleep. Sometimes in the middle of the night I pick up on conversations that are of interest to me. One such matter concerned how the Chinese Government are not living up to the trade agreement and they are still ignoring and stealing our patents. This is not right and should be dealt with more swiftly. The United States produces great innovations and it's a shame that they are stolen from us without more stringent consequences to the perpetrators. It's been said that the Chinese Government completely ignores trade agreements bro-

kered through many Presidential Administrations.

Now, North Korea may be acting up a bit. Let's start getting tough again.

What's going on or not going on with the wall. With the government shutdown, certain government employees are not getting paid although once the government gets back up and running again, they will get backpay. In the meantime, these employee's bills keep piling up. Some of these employees who are not getting paid are TSA Workers who do airport security and I don't know how this will affect their performance. The Democrats, Republicans, and the President need to come to some kind of agreement and not to advance your own political careers but what's best for the American people who pay your salary.

These are important matters. Those who have filed their income tax early and are expecting refunds which normally come in February may not come until late March or early April due to the government shutdown. You know the reason why these people file early because many depend on that refund to cover their expenses from the November and December holidays.

Lastly, we want to finish up the importance of teaching children about saving for a rainy day and beyond which we wish we could turn back time and followed much earlier in life. Compound interest piles up and here's the proof: if you want to make over \$1,000,000 in a month: here's what you do: Start with one cent and double the amount every day and see how long it will take to reach \$1 million. You will be shocked. I know I was. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Border Wall or Foreign Aid?

Happy New Year! For starters, as we all know by now the U.S. Government has a shutdown over this Border Wall and this may last for a while. One side of the political side wants

to build the wall; the other side doesn't want the wall. But here's the real story behind this WALL. It will cost billions to build the wall, but at the same time the other side wants billions for foreign aid. I'll bet there's some kickbacks on this - like always. Is the President

holding Congress hostage? Or is he just playing games? Your guess. You decide on this - billions for a wall or billions for foreign aid? Oh, by the way Mexico wants \$87,660,000 in foreign aid and not for a wall.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Democratic Socialists

I agree with "The New York Times" when they warn Nancy Pelosi not to give too much power to the newly-elected House Democrats who call themselves "Democratic Socialists." They will be a minority of the Democrats in the House of Representatives.

I don't enjoy being unkind or insulting toward anyone, even the Republicans in the Congress, a sizeable minority of whom are really scary "Survival-of-the-Fittest" Social Darwinists whose dream it is to abolish all of the safety-net programs, but, to me, you have to be a total and complete mo-

ron and idiot to call yourself a "Democratic Socialist," and that includes Bernie Sanders who I like and agree with 90% of the time.

First of all, they are not true socialists because they do not advocate abolishing our capitalist economic system.

Second of all, if you believe that anyone can be elected President of the United States who calls herself/himself a "Socialist", then you must live in DreamLand and have drunk the Kool-Aid.

Third of all, where I DO agree with them is in their belief that our federal government should do more and spend more to help the poor, the near-poor, the lower-middle-class, and the

middle-class who are struggling to survive and to pay their bills.

They need to INFORM and EDUCATE the public to the fact that almost every single one of our traditional allies (if not all of them) have federal governments that do more and spend more (in proportion to their population sizes) than we do in the USA to help their citizens. And, to paraphrase Al Pacino in the movie "And Justice For All", for us in the USA to be right about this, all of these many other countries have to be wrong.

I don't think so.

Sincerely,
Stewart B. Epstein

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Assembly Approves Bill to Make Nutritious Food More Available, Affordable in Desert Communities Access and Finances Often Barriers to Healthy Meals

Press Release 12/17/18
TRENTON –With approximately 41 New Jersey municipalities meeting federal criteria to be classified as low-income and having little access to supermarkets, healthy, affordable food options, such as fresh produce, can be scarce. To help eliminate such barriers, a bill sponsored by Assembly Democrats Adam Taliaferro, Carol Murphy and Anthony Verrelli to establish a two-year food desert pilot program that would make nutritious food more available was approved 77-0 by the full Assembly Monday.

“For many New Jersey residents, consuming a healthy diet is a matter of access to healthy food and the means to purchase it,” said Taliaferro (D-Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland). “While families may want to eat well-balanced meals, finances are often an issue. In many instances, nutritious food can be costly.”

The bill (A-4704) directs the Department of Agriculture to

create a two-year program that would establish year-round, weekly produce markets in three food desert communities, including one in a rural area. As defined by the bill, a food desert community is a municipality or area of the state where residents have limited access to supermarkets, grocery stores, and farmers markets.

“The markets will allow residents to purchase fresh, healthy produce at a reasonable cost,” said Murphy (D-Burlington). “When people are able to get fresh fruit and vegetables right in their community, they are more likely to purchase them.”

Food at the market would be supplied by one or more partnering providers approved by the Department of Agriculture. These providers would be required to:

- Accept cash, credit, debit, and food vouchers for produce at any market operating under the program
- Offer reduced price produce packages

- Include recipes using the produce as well as storage guidelines detailing how to keep produce fresh
- Donate excess produce from the markets to local food banks and nonprofit organizations for distribution to the needy

Providers would work with local public schools and community organizations to operate the markets.

“Food insecurity is not just a local issue, it is a national issue,” said Verrelli (D-Hunterdon and Mercer). “Through this pilot, we want to show families that healthy, nutritious meals can be within their reach.”

The bill is modeled after “Produce in a SNAP” — a series of community markets, supported by the Hungry Harvest food rescue program, which sells low-cost produce in food deserts throughout Baltimore.

Introduced in October as part of Speaker Craig Coughlin’s anti-hunger bill package, the legislation now heads to the Senate for further consideration.

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PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430.

Kearny Cottage Open

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

Historic Surveyor General's Office

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

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

Proprietary House Open

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

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. Jan. 9 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Jan. 16 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Jan. 30 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

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Márquez-Villafañe, Massopust, Puccio Sworn In As Board of Education Members; Puccio Elected President; Vasquez Vice-President

1/3/19 Board of Education Reorganization Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – At the 1/3/19 Board of Education Reorganization Meeting, newly elected Board Member Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe was sworn in first. Márquez-Villafañe is the youngest female Board Member serving in New Jersey. Re-elected Board Members Anton J. Massopust and Ken Puccio were sworn in next.

Márquez-Villafañe made some remarks: “Thanks to everyone who voted. I want to thank my running mates, thank Obi (Gonzalez) – she gave me her blessings. It was incredible.”

Board Member Anton J. Massopust stated, “I thank my family, my running mates and the people who voted for me. I will do my best for the students, staff, the Board of Education, and the people of Perth Amboy. Thank you.”

Board Member Ken Puccio stated, “I want to thank my running mates, the Board Members and the people who supported me. It’s my fourth term. I’m very thankful to my Life Partner, Lillian. Thank you.”

Board Secretary Derek Jess read the election results. The votes went as follows: Ken Puccio – 3,238 votes; Anton J. Massopust – 2,977 votes; Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe – 2,785 votes.

Ken Puccio was nominated for Board President and was voted in unanimously. Tashi Vasquez was nominated for Vice-President. The only “No” vote was from Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe.

During the meeting, Board Member Junior Iglesia stated that he wanted the language in the resolution which was being voted on that the public should be given knowledge what is being discussed during executive session without divulging personal or sensitive information.

Board Attorney Isabel Machado stated the language could be

changed to be more specific.

The Board went into executive session at 6:07 p.m. and returned at 8:37 p.m.

During the first public portion on agenda items only, Resident Stanley Sierakowski asked about p.4 B.1. Notification from the Planning Board that an application has been made affecting the premises located at 853 Convery Blvd., 593 Dorothy Avenue, 889 Convery Blvd. and 895 Convery Blvd. by the Pautential Property Management, LLC requesting bulk variances to subdivide the referenced property and to attach to the existing Garden State Discount Liquors.

Board Secretary Derek Jess stated that Garden State Liquors wants to expand and that the property is near the site of the new Perth Amboy High School.

Sierakowski then asked, “Did anyone ask what type of expansion?”

Jess answered, “No.”

Sierakowski then suggested, “That’s a very large space. Look into it. Thank you.”

President Ken Puccio gave the Board President’s Report, “The name of the new Seaman Avenue School will be the Rose Lopez School. We received a letter written by Rose’s husband, Mr. Jose Lopez thanking the Board of Education for naming the new elementary school the Rose Lopez School.”

Mr. Jose Lopez who was present at the Board Meeting came up to speak at the podium, “It was like winning the lottery – we were shocked. It’s overwhelming. Years ago, I went to the Richardson School and there’s a display (On Dr. Herbert Richardson). Rose was also a musician. She played the accordion. She worked as a musical therapist in New York City. I wondered what I could do with her college degree.” Mr. Lopez then suggested that he would like to donate some items for a

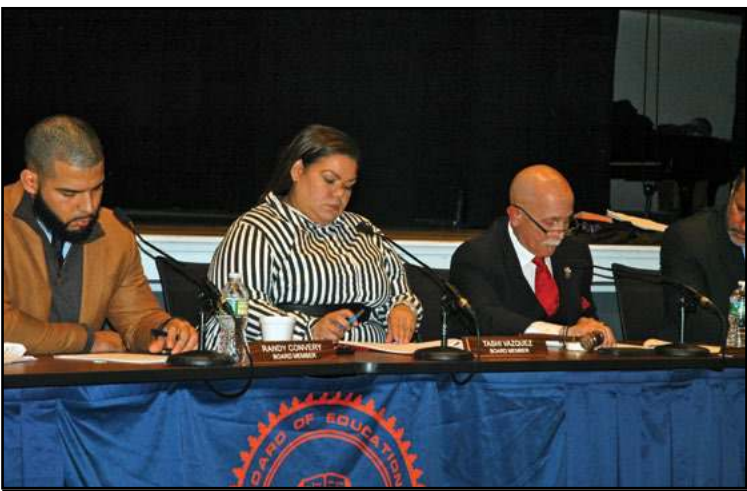
display at the new school, “We went to Samuel E. Shull School. I heard his degree ended up in a bakery. If you accept the memorabilia (for a display), I don’t want it to end up in a bakery. There was a book written in the 1980’s by Vera B. Williams, “Something Special for Me.” This book talks about Rose who plays the accordion. It could be just like her. I don’t know how she wrote that book, which could be about Rose. The year she (Rose Lopez) died, she took the accordion and said “I can’t hold it anymore and she put it on a stool. Just like the picture in the book. Vera B. Williams did not know Rose.” Mr. Lopez then gave each Board Member a copy of the book.

There was a discussion on P.7.FIN-12) 2). Approval to award a contract to the Yannuzzi Group, Inc. for the High School Court Yard Demolition, Edward Engineering at the amount of \$72,500.00. Under the supervision of Mr. Nicholas Crupi, Director of Buildings and Grounds and Mr. Derek J. Jess, School Business Administrator.

Another topic of the discussion was the high turnover rate in the district. Board Member Junior Iglesia asked, “When we appoint people to positions, it should be for a lifetime career in Perth Amboy. 111 staff members left. Today, 19 staff members resigned. Is there any suggestion to lower the turnover rate for our staff?”

Mr. Rodriguez came up to the podium, “We’re certainly going through great measures to retain quality staff. During our interviews, most say they have no concern for the district. Certain situations are personal. Some moved out of state. Some were part-time and got full-time positions elsewhere. We’re working with other factions that have retained quality staff.”

Iglesia asked, “The high ratio (of turnover) has an impact on



Board Vice President Tashi Vasquez, Board President Ken Puccio
*Photo by Paul W. Wang

student learning. We try to retain quality staff.”

Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe asked, “Do we have a ratio of staff leaving?”

Dr. David Roman answered, “Statistically the staff we have to the staff resigning. We want quality staff. The expectations has also been raised. One teacher expected to make \$20,000 more by going someplace else.”

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Richard Chromey stated, “Money, distance, some said this is harder than expected. 5%-6%.”

Dr. Roman said, “We spend a lot of time and money for good staff. The variables to what have to be done is a different perspective.”

Board Vice-President Tashi Vasquez thanked everyone for supporting her as Vice-President. “I am humbled. I look forward to leading this district with my colleagues.”

During the second public portion, Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak, “About 30 years ago, a developer was approved for 1300-1600 units of houses. Part of the area was supposed to have a school and a firehouse. That was removed. It had to be voted on in the City Council. Does the Board know about it? Right now, in 2019, 50 acres of

Perth Amboy, the Redevelopment Agency is putting at least 400 units up. I asked if there is any provision for schools. She (the Executive Director who does not live in Perth Amboy) said “No, it’s the responsibility of the Board of Education.” I know you have a liaison. Once they get the zoning changed, if you have eminent domain, can you use it? The interest of the developer - if they don’t have to zone for a school - they don’t care. They don’t care what the needs are. The Executive Director said this is not their responsibility.”

Before the Meeting was adjourned, Board President Ken Puccio stated, “I want to recognize everyone up here. We’re not paid to do this. In the last three years, the Board has come together collaboratively. Up here, we’re a team. We all work together. All of us together will work with students, community, and staff.” Puccio then gave special thanks to Board Member Anton J. Massopust, “He has dedicated 60+ years to the community.”

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. All Board Members were present.

Statement by City Historian Anton J. Massopust

PERTH AMBOY - It appears that many people making decisions in the development of the City are not Perth Amboy natives and do not know about the history of this special City and its historical significance. Very often people “in charge” have different objectives that do not include the importance of the history of Perth Amboy. It’s often pushed to the wayside. It should be noted that memorabilia and artifacts that are related to various structures of historic nature such as schools, old buildings, and organizations

should be preserved in some way. The artifacts and historic memorabilia are often cast aside in lieu of progress. Historic figures, and the many others who have had an impact on Perth Amboy and the Country should be remembered by its citizens. The significance of their contributions should not be forgotten, and should be maintained to preserve the heritage of the City.

Anton J. Massopust
City Historian
Perth Amboy

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Perth Amboy Council Reorganization Meeting

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bless you and the City of Perth Amboy. I look forward to working with you.”

Resident Dorothy Carty-Daniel then came to the podium and sang the Lord’s Prayer. The Benediction was given by Pastor Ehi Oboh of the Perth Amboy Police & Fire Chaplain Corps.

A brief reorganization meeting was held after the ceremony. William Petrick was voted unanimously as the President of the City Council.

During the first public portion, Resident Ken Balut spoke, “There’s a new Council, new beginnings for Perth Amboy. What about the \$4 million Kushner owes us? He can’t build a road in Perth Amboy, but he has built parking garages in Long Branch. It’s amazing how he (Kushner) has gotten away with this. We’re second

class citizens. It’s disgusting. It’s about time we did something and doing what we have to do to finish.”

During the main part of the Council Meeting, the Council voted on an amended meeting schedule.

During the second public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski stated, “When you see the Board of Education on TV, it has the date and says: “Board of Education” on a strip on the bottom. When I see the Council Meeting on TV, it doesn’t say what it is. You should instruct everyone who does it (the taping) to do it.”

Sierakowski then changed the subject, “The Attorney General of New Jersey says he is going to look back 20-30 or more years. The state didn’t follow through with settlements. For instance, the Anchor Marine settlement – High and Washington. He is going after all the cases. Someone should contact

the Attorney General. If anyone put it in a trust fund – was it used for remediation or diverted. Find out where the money went.”

When it came time for Council Comments, Councilman Helmin Caba spoke first. He congratulated the winners of the Council and Board of Education Election and to the citizens of Perth Amboy, “They paid attention to the election.” Caba then stated he hopes the trend of more voters coming out on election day continues.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry thanked the public and those who ran in the election. He wished everyone had a happy holiday season.

Joel Pabon said, “Thank you.” Milady Tejeda wished everyone a happy new year.

Council President Bill Petrick thanked everyone for the amazing turnout.

Perth Amboy BID Hosts Program on January 10th
About Building New Ways of Selling in 2019

Sales Coach Milton Paris Shares Three Traits Executives Need to Sell Effectively

Press Release 1/4/19

PERTH AMBOY – The City of Perth Amboy and its Business Improvement District (BID) are hosting a business networking event and a program about new methods for selling products and services in 2019. The program for local businesses is titled Building New Ways of Selling in 2019 and the content will be presented by **Sales Coach Milton Paris**. During the BID’s networking session, each business professional will have the opportunity to present an “elevator pitch” about their company.

The BID’s Business Skills Program and Networking evening will be held on Thursday, January 10th, beginning at 6 PM in The Barge Restaurant. The Barge is located at 201 Front Street, which is just across the street from Perth

Amboy’s beautiful waterfront. The cost is \$20 a person which includes a seafood buffet dinner, the Mr. Paris’ program, networking opportunities and a \$5 coupon from The Barge.

Space is limited, so register online today at the BID’s Eventbrite page (<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/perth-amboy-business-improvement-district-7755747845>), contact the BID office at 732-442-6421 or email Executive Manager Junel Hutchinson (jhutchinson@perthamboynj.org). Be sure to bring plenty of business cards to share during the business networking part of the evening.

Mr. Paris, president and founder of Getting Ahead in Business, will present new sales methods that business professionals can immediately use to kick their 2019 selling programs into high gear. He will also ex-

plain why – **tenacity, chutzpah and listening** – are three most important traits for successful selling and how business pros need to practice these abilities until they become habits.

Mr. Paris will also discuss his proven Piggyback Approach to Networking. He will explain how the Piggyback method strengthens business executives’ networks by generating referrals for their associates and colleagues.

Create Great Elevator Message

Mr. Paris will also:

- Offer tips on creating an effective elevator message -
- Present the concept of 24/7 networking as a way to boost sales in 2019
- Help develop a “Nothing is Impossible with a Positive Attitude” approach to selling

In addition to helping businesses, Mr. Paris hosts the Get-

ting Ahead in Business program each Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 pm on 1450 WCTC-AM. His book is titled “Two Hundred and Fifty Statements and Thoughts to Live By in Sales.” He also writes a column called “Getting Ahead” for the Gannett Company.

Keep up with BID’s 2019 Activities by Visiting Its Facebook Page

For regular updates about the programs and events the Perth Amboy BID will present in 2019, visit the BID’s Facebook page. To get a complete overview of the business development programs available from the BID, including façade grants, contact Executive Manager Junel Hutchinson at 732-826-0290, ext. 4048, or by email: JHutchinson@perthamboynj.org. Local business and property owners can also ask

about joining the BID’s board of directors.

About the Perth Amboy BID
The Perth Amboy BID serves local businesses, property owners, the community and visitors by scheduling and presenting a year-long schedule of special events. The programs include business seminars, skill-building programs for employees, and such festivals as the Taste of Perth Amboy. The BID also provides façade grants to small businesses that make permanent improvements to their storefronts or buildings. In addition, the organization helps maintain and enhance the City’s streetscapes by installing information kiosks, planters and directional signs as well as seasonal decorations.

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Middlesex County Breaks Ground on Perth Amboy Waterfront Park

Press Release Dec. 12, 2018
PERTH AMBOY - Celebrate the newest of our County parks! On December 12, Middlesex County broke ground on a new waterfront park, located on High Street in Perth Amboy, near the local campus of the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School.

The origins of the park began in 2014 when the County acquired 5.85 acres of property along High Street. Two more waterfront parcels joined this to make a grand total of 9.9 acres. 2.75 acres of the 9.9 total were conveyed to the County from the City of Perth Amboy.

There will be two phases of construction for this new park, which is being developed by Najarian Associates. Phase one, which will be completed in Spring 2019, is centered on site work and preparation: the ground will be graded to support two “levels” for the finished park. Phase two will feature all kinds of amenities and improvements. These include:

- An artificial turf field for different sports like football and soccer
- A second turf field for baseball and softball
- A comfort station/maintenance building
- A playground for our younger residents
- Parking
- A walkway to help you fully experience the waterfront
- Benches, signs and other amenities to make the park more comfortable and accessible.

Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios said, “Together, we’ll watch this space evolve into something truly special for our residents. This roughly 10-acre area will be a great space for students at our vocational school to play sports, study and relax. Our residents will be able to use the park and its amenities for games, family gatherings, and more. I look forward to continuing to work with our partners towards the completion of



Conceptual Design of Waterfront Park



Conceptual Design of Waterfront Park



Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez and Representatives from Najarian Associates



Mayor Wilda Diaz



Freeholder Director Ron Rios

this project which will benefit all of our residents.”

“This new park will be a great addition to community of Perth Amboy,” said Middlesex County Freeholder Charles Kenny, Chair of the Infrastructure Management Committee. “I know all our residents will enjoy exploring a new place to relax and enjoy life in Middlesex County.”

“I look forward to the remediation and renewal of this park,” said Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz. “The City of Perth Amboy is in dire need of Open Space and this property has been vacant for over 20 years. Now, our residents and the residents of Middlesex County will have new grounds and facilities to help them stay fit and healthy,

as they enjoy historic Perth Amboy and our beloved waterfront area, and I am extremely grateful to the Freeholders and the County for creating this initiative.”

“The Perth Amboy City Council would like to express our gratitude to Freeholder Director Ronald Rios and all our Freeholders, for sharing our vision to create a landmark, state of the art park to be shared by the children of our community and the students of our vocational technical high school,” said Perth Amboy Council President William Petrick. “We should note that while there have been many challenges and hurdles which needed to be overcome in order to make this project happen, our Freeholders made the invest-

ment in time and money and for that we are thankful.”

“The key to the continued success of the City of Perth Amboy and Middlesex County are projects like this one, that add to the quality of life of residents and produce lasting results,” said Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (LD-19). “I am so glad to see this project taking place in Perth Amboy and cannot wait to see it completed!”

“This park project represents a real partnership between the State of New Jersey, the City of Perth Amboy, and Middlesex County, which will bring benefit to students, residents, and visitors alike,” said Speaker Craig Coughlin (LD-19). “I look forward to the completion of this project!”

“This park will be a wonderful asset for our students,” said MCVTS Superintendent Dianne D. Veilleux. “We are grateful that with this park, students at our Perth Amboy school will have a home field for the first time. It’s an ideal place for them to stay active and experience the outdoors.”

Funding for this park was provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, with additional contributions by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (\$4,126,928); the New Jersey Office of Natural Resource Restoration (\$1,354,972), and the State of New Jersey’s Green Acres Program (\$1,250,000).

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If you are a senior, age 60 and older, who needs your snow shoveled, or a student or resident who wants to volunteer, please email Jaclyn at kellyj@southamboynj.gov or call (732) 525-5965.

Grand Opening: Burger King

*Photo by the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (BID)



PERTH AMBOY - Officials from the City of Perth Amboy, Mayor Wilda Diaz and directors from Business Improvement District (BID) officially welcomed the team from the new Burger King restaurant at 182 Smith Street to the community. Shown standing by the ordering and serving counter at the Burger King are Shahzad Dac, president of operations, Isaac Rosario, who is managing the restaurant, and Mayor Diaz.

Three Kings Day -PRAHD, Perth Amboy 1/5/19

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PRAHD Board and Mayor Diaz (C)



A large crowd awaits the 3 Kings



Mayor Diaz



Reading to the kids



The 3 Kings Arrive!



The 3 Kings



Excited Children receive gifts

Three Kings Day -Olive Street Community Center, Perth Amboy 1/6/19

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Mayor Wilda Diaz



Activities for all



Let's hear it for the 3 Kings!



Police welcome the 3 Kings



Group photo



The band plays



Some remarks



A large crowd



Group photo



The 3 Kings Arrive! Jorge Martinez, Rene Harrif and Paul Almeidinha



The 3 Kings hand out gifts



The 3 Kings hand out gifts

Tom's Tax Tips

The New Business Deduction
Stop Worrying and Start Preparing

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

A new deduction is available to businesses with qualified business income (QBI). While that's great news, new deductions (especially ones with lots of rules) can bring anxiety and confusion. Never fear! Ensuring you receive a maximum deduction will come down to providing the proper information. Here is some knowledge to help you cut through the confusion:

What is the QBI deduction?

In short, it's a 20 percent deduction against ordinary income, taken on your personal tax return, that reduces qualified business income earned for most pass-through businesses (sole proprietorships, partnerships and S-corporations). It's not an itemized deduction, so you can take it in addition to the standard deduction. To qualify without limitations, your total taxable income needs to be below \$157,500 (\$315,000 for married couples) for 2018. If your income exceeds the threshold, it gets complicated.

What you need to know:

• **If your total taxable income is above the income threshold, your deduction may be limited or nullified.** If your income is below the threshold, the calculation is pretty straightforward. If not, additional phaseouts, limitations and calculations come into play. The first limitation to consider is whether or not your business is qualified. Certain specified service trades or businesses (SSTBs) are excluded from the deduction altogether if taxable income is over the threshold. If your business is not an SSTB, other calculations related to W-2 wages and basis in qualified business property may be required.

• **Schedule K-1s for S-corporations and partnerships have new codes.** Businesses with partners and shareholders are now required to report information related to the QBI deduction on each Schedule K-1 they issue. Based on the draft versions of the forms, the new codes will be in Box 17 for S-corporations (V through Z) and Box 20 for partnerships (Z through AD). If you receive a Schedule K-1, check to see if the new codes have values associated with them. If not, contact the issuing business to correct the mistake. Schedule K-1s without the required data will delay your tax-return filing.

• **Certain data needs to be collected.** For the most part, the data required to calculate your deduction will be included on the normal forms needed to file your taxes. Here is list of common documentation to watch for that may be required to calculate your QBI deduction:

- o Business financial statements
- o Forms W-2 and W-3 issued by your business
- o Purchase information related to business assets
- o Schedule K-1s
- o Forms 1099-B with cost/basis information

• The sooner you close your books, the better. The new deduction means more work. Knowing your final business net income as soon as possible gives you extra time to work through the additional necessary calculations. If your business is required to issue Schedule K-1s, even more time may be required.

• More guidance is expected from the IRS. In August, the IRS published guidance to clear up some of the confusion regarding the deduction, but it didn't cover everything. The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) responded with 11 specific items that still need to be addressed.

With proper planning and preparation, you can rest easy knowing that obtaining your shiny, new QBI deduction is in good hands.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding your tax situation please feel free to call.

Coffee Talk with
Trivia Night

EDISON - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring "Trivia Night" on Saturday, January 26, 2019. A night of fun, questions and answers will begin at 6:30PM at the OLP Parish Center on Franklin St, Edison. Admission is \$20 and includes admission, a sub sandwich, chips and a soft drink. Coffee, tea and desserts are available. BYOB (beer & wine only). Reservations are requested for teams of 6. For more info, call Emil Ferlicchi at 732-261-8280 or Jim Burke at 732-236-7356.

Coffee Talk with
Rabbi Metz

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

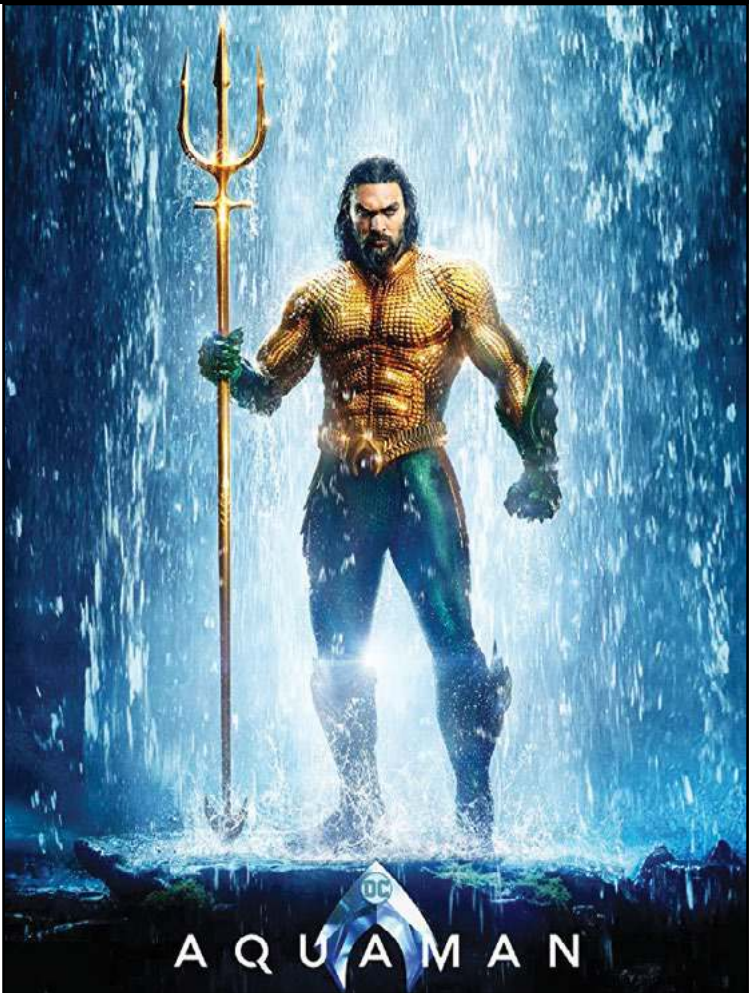
Ask the Rabbi

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

MOVIE REVIEW: AQUAMAN

By: Anton Massopust III
"My father was a Lighthouse Keeper; my mother was a Queen of Atlantis. They were never supposed to meet, and I was never supposed to be born. I'm the bridge between the two worlds - a son of the land. and the king of the sea. I am Aquaman!"

Jason Momoa plays the King of the Sea in "Aquaman." In "Justice League," Aquaman helps the defeat Steppenwolf and defends the Earth against DarkSeid and his minions. Our underwater hero has some new problems to deal with now. He just really just wants to be left alone in peace and take care of his father. He does what he can to help the surface world, but when a beautiful young girl who is the princess of another kingdom named Mera (Amber Heard) comes to find Aquaman. She asks him to defeat the Ocean Master, the second Prince of Atlantis who is the true heir to the throne, but he wants to bring all the forces to the ocean to bear. He wants to conquer the human world as well as ocean world. He takes all he pollution in the ocean and dumps it on the shore. Aquaman challenges him for the throne and is defeated, but Mera saves him. They both go away from Atlantis on a quest to recover the King's trident. If Aquaman wields the trident, he will have the power to unite all the kingdoms and defeat Ocean Master. They follow the clues to where the trident is located. Aquaman's old enemy Black Manta (Yahya Abdul-Mateen II), a fierce underwater pirate wants revenge on Aquama because Aquaman had left Manta's fa-



ther to die.

Can our heroes complete the quest and unite all the kingdoms and bring peace before a war that would ravage both worlds? Jason Momoa is probably the best part of Justice League. He's got a very dry wit and brings new life to a character that doesn't get much respect in the superhero community. He can fight and talk to fish. He can command the ocean. That's not too shabby. He's actually very funny. His origins are similar to Thor. Where does he truly belong? With tons of great action, adventure and lots and lots of different kinds of creatures,

the best part of this film is the fight between Aquaman and his old nemesis Black Manta. That's worth a movie ticket any day of the week. My only problem with "Aquaman" is the movie is a little long. There are jump scares and nowarning when huge explosions happen. There's a little too much of that. The underwater CGI is a little strange, so it makes some of the story hard to follow. This is a fun superhero movie for anyone, even if they didn't know anything about Aquaman. So, dive in.

Book Sale

SAYREVILLE – There will be a Book Sale on Saturday & Sunday, January 19th & 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ONLY \$10 for a bag of books or \$15 for a box of books. Location: Sayreville Free Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, Parlin, NJ 08859. For More Information 732-727-0212. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sayreville Public Library.



Baby & Me
Story Time

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY -- It is never too soon to share the wonderful world of literature with children! The new Baby and Me Storytime Series at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library invites very young children (ages birth through 24 months) and their enthusiastic adult caretakers to explore language and literature through rhythm and rhyme, finger plays and very simple stories. Each story time will last about 45 minutes, with time for parents and children to enjoy one another's company and the library's resources afterwards. The series will run alternating Wednesdays at 11:00 am from September 5th through December 19th.

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information, please call the library at 732.826.2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

Tip-A-Pint
Fundraiser

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

A \$20 pp entrance fee will be collected at the door. Participants will enjoy unlimited free beer and wine, a hot and cold buffet plus a performance by the D.B.Kelly Drum & Bugle Corp. Proceeds will support the efforts of the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

2019 Amboy
Guardian
Publication Dates

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- January 23
- January 30
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Must-Know New Year News from the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library!

Press Release 12/10/18
SOUTH AMBOY — New Year, New You? Not entirely! The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library is putting clichés aside as it announces its plans for the first month of 2019. Join them as they celebrate exciting first-time programs and welcome back old favorites. As we all already know, there’s something for everybody at your local library!

Tax season is once again upon us, and the library is happy to offer its services to those who welcome a hand while preparing their returns. Individuals earning less than \$64,000 annually are eligible to sign up for the free VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program starting in January. Contact the library for additional information about this valuable service!

Need help troubleshooting or learning to use your computer, phone, tablet, e-reader, or other device? Stop by the library! Our ongoing Digital Café

program offers tech assistance three times weekly: Mondays and Wednesdays from 12pm to 2pm, and Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8pm.

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers: give yourself the gift of some much-needed R&R by bringing your little ones to the Dowdell’s thrice-weekly toddler programs! Every Monday from 1pm to 2pm, join us for Toddler Magnet Fun, where your young ward can build with colorful magnetic shapes while listening to infant-friendly music. Swing by on Wednesdays between 1pm and 2pm for Toddler Stay & Play, where kids participate in a different creative activity every week. Finally, each Friday, join the party at a Move ‘N’ Groove Toddler Playdate, where neighbors meet, stories are shared, and everybody has a chance to boogie down!

The Dowdell is encouraging young people to make self-care a priority in the new year.

Encourage your child or teen to join the make-it-yourself merriment in Sadie’s Studio, where they’ll have the chance to create lip gloss (January 3), sugar scrubs (January 24), and bath bombs (January 31) from scratch. All MIY self-care programs will run from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

On January 21 from 2pm to 4pm, the Dowdell will host its first-ever Escape Room Challenge! Participants will put their wits to the ultimate test in groups of up to ten collaborators, working their way through a devilish sequence of clues, riddles, puzzles, and scavenger hunt-style obstacles to find their way out of Sadie’s Studio. Registration is preferred but not required; as such, the library encourages you to reserve your spot today. Be sure you don’t miss out on this inaugural event!

Are you Fortnite-obsessed? Experience the world’s favorite online game in a whole new

way at your local library! On January 14 and January 28 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, the Dowdell is hosting a two-part live-action Fortnite experience. Build your character on the 14th, then duke it out with other contenders during the 28th’s Battle Royale. Kids of all ages are welcome!

Curious what else is going on at your local library? (We can never fit everything here!) Stop by in-person or visit our website to view adult and children’s activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O’Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.



Spaghetti Dinner

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

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.

Saturday Storytime
SEWAREN – The Sewaren Public Library warmly presents: Saturday Storytime with special assistance from Kara & Elizabeth. Stories, crafts, snacks, and more! 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 1st & 3rd Saturday of every month! (Starting Oct. 6th). Bring only imagination. Interested? Contact us at : 732-634-7571 or email us at sewarenlibrary@gmail.com The Sewaren Library is located at 546 West Ave.

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

Make Time for Good Health

By: Sandra Arango-Fahmy, D.O.

Time is of the essence, especially when you’re juggling multiple responsibilities along with a busy schedule. While we cannot add minutes to our days, we can use the minutes we have more wisely. There are a few things you can do to more effectively use your time, and improve your health.

Cook in batches. Once every week or two, cook extra-large portions of things like pasta sauce, chili or soup, and freeze them in family-sized portions. When you need a quick meal, simply thaw them and cook. This way, you have a fast, healthy meal that you did not spend time cooking from scratch.

Slash your screen time. One of the simplest time-savers is to cut back on the time you spend watching television. Binge-watching may feel good at the time, but a study found that people who pack in a few episodes of their favorite show back-to-back are more likely to feel depressed. Plus, you’re likely sitting still when you watch all that television, which is known to lead to weight gain, diabetes, and other chronic diseases. Be selective with what you watch and how much of a show you watch. At least if you’re intentional about what shows you watch, you won’t consume whatever is on and later realize it was a waste of time.

Work with your body’s sleep cycle. Experiment with your schedule and bedtime until you know how much sleep you need. Adults need between seven and nine hours of rest per night. When you get adequate rest, you may be less likely to waste time trying to wake up and may spend less time dilly-dallying upon getting up. You will be focused on what needs to get done to start your day, and more apt to dive right into the tasks at hand.

Make workouts fit into your

schedule. For many of us, the time it takes to drive to the gym, exercise and then go home can seem like an eternity—especially if that gym isn’t right around the corner. Instead, try to squeeze in activity—it can be beneficial even in short time frames. Take a walk while you’re on a conference call, use your employer’s gym, or start a home fitness routine to save time. The Department of Health and Human Services recommends that adults get at least 150 a minutes per week of moderate aerobic activity and get two strength-training sessions in as well. That can come down to just 30 minutes of activity a day. If you don’t have time for a 30-minute sweat session spread out your activities so they fit into your schedule. You may be more likely to stick with it when you are active during times when you actually feel like being active.

Learn to say “no.” Turning down something that you don’t have the energy to do is perfectly okay. When you manage your time in a way that works, you will find yourself more likely to spend time doing things you like and less time at events that you don’t want to attend. A study in the Journal of Consumer Research suggests using the term “I don’t” as opposed to “I can’t” when responding to a request for your time worked better at helping people get out of unwanted commitments. This is because “I can’t” implies that the topic is up for debate, while “I don’t” demonstrates your boundaries more clearly.

Follow these time-saving tips for better health while navigating your busy schedule!

Board certified family medicine physician Sandra Arango-Fahmy, D.O., is part of Hackensack Meridian Health Medical Group Primary Care, located in Suite 200, 3 Hospital Plaza, Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge. To schedule an appointment, call 732-360-4085.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

The City of Perth Amboy is initiating planning for the 2019 Annual Action Plan as part of its application for funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City expects to receive \$610,466.00 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$371,657.00 in HOME funding. Funds may be used to assist persons with low to moderate-incomes, remove slums and blight, or address urgent needs.

The first public hearing is set to be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. The second meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at the Perth Amboy City Hall, Council Chambers, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Citizens are invited to provide written or verbal comments at or prior to the hearing. Information will be made available to citizens regarding application procedures, timing, eligible activities, and other regulations related to the CDBG and HOME Programs. The housing and community development priorities of the City, as contained in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, will be reviewed and the public is encouraged to comment. Additionally, the City will be requesting citizen feedback through a survey that will be made available at these meetings and on the City’s website.

The draft 2019 Annual Action Plan will be prepared following the close of the application period and committee review. This document will be available for public review in the Office of Economic and Community Development for 30 days starting Wednesday, March 6, 2019 in order to meet the timing and submission requirements established by HUD. The City will hold a second set of public hearings on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. and Monday, March 25, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. to receive comments on the proposed Plan prior to finalizing this document.

Comments can be sent to Maritza C. Rodriguez, Business Manager, Office of Economic and Community Development, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861, gfehrenback@perthamboynj.org.

Starting Monday, January 7, 2019, applications and CDBG guidelines for FY 2019 CDBG and HOME funds will be available on the City’s website www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us or through Maritza C. Rodriguez, Business Manager, Office of Economic and Community Development, at City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. All proposals will be due by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 4, 2019.

Wilda Diaz,
Mayor

Office of Economic and Community Development

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.*

Despite desperate German resistance, Kirovgrad, Ukraine, falls to the Red Army's 2nd Ukrainian Front on January 7, 1944.

On January 8, Filipino troops begin engaging Japanese forces in the province of Ilocos Sur, Luzon, the Philippines. In Verona, Italy, the government of the Italian Social Republic tries 19 members of the former Fascist Grand Council who had earlier voted to depose Mussolini, including former Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law. Five of the six defendants in custody are convicted and condemned to death; the 13 others not in custody are convicted and condemned to death *in absentia*. (The one defendant who escaped the death penalty had written a letter of apology to Mussolini. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison.)

The British XV Corps on January 9 captures Maungdaw, an important port for delivery of Allied supplies in western Burma.

The Red Army captures Ludwipol, eight miles across the pre-war Polish border on January 10. The Soviets propose establishing a new Polish border that would be farther west.

On January 11, 660 heavy bombers of the U.S. 8th Air Force carry out attacks against industrial targets at Braunschweig, Magdeburg and Ascherleben, Germany. In Italy, Count Galeazzo Ciano, the former Italian foreign secretary and Mussolini's son-in-law, is executed by firing squad in Verona. His "crime" is having voted with other fascists to oust Mussolini from office in July 1943. (Ciano and his wife had been lured to Bavaria in August 1943 following a report that their children were in danger. Having been promised safe passage to Spain by the Nazis, they were instead handed over to Mussolini's fascist puppet government in northern Italy.) In Asia, the British submarine *HMS Tally-Ho* torpedoes and sinks the Japanese light cruiser Kuma off Penang, Malaya. About a third of the Japanese crew is lost.

British and French leaders Winston Churchill and Charles de Gaulle begin a two-day conference in Marrakesh, Morocco, on January 12. They discuss the participation of French troops in the Allied invasion of Europe and the post-war administration of France. In Asia, some 12,000 Chindits — British and Indian long-range-penetration troops organized for conducting raids — are behind Japanese lines in Burma. They are led by Brig. Gen. Orde Wingate.

In Italy, near Cassino, Moroccan and Algerian troops of Gen. Alphonse Juin's (Free) French Expeditionary Corps (*Corps Expéditionnaire Français*) cross the Rapido River and advance to the main defenses of the Germans' Gustav Line on January 13. Their success gives U.S. Fifth Army headquarters a bit of renewed optimism.

Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?
The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area)
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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, 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. Jan. 23, 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.

Sands Casino Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN – Holy Rosary Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Pennsylvania Thursday 1/17/2019. Cost is \$30 - \$20 back in play and \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. For any questions please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

Movies @ Main True Crime

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

Always Caring. Always Here.

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

Pet of the Week

Hi. My name is Bello. I'm part of a TNR program. I was dumped and lived in an apartment parking lot where I slept under garbage bags by the dumpster. My foster mommy saved me from a hard life and a cold winter. My owner threw me away. I don't belong on the streets of PERTH AMBOY. I'm looking for a home of my own. I'm super lovable and even more handsome in person. Please ADOPT ME or one of my friends. I'm fixed, vaccinated for rabies and distemper, negative for FIV and leukemia, was dewormed, had my ears cleaned, nails trimmed, and I am healthy and fully vetted. ADOPT. SPAY. NEUTER. LOVE. Adoption application & donation fee apply. All for the Paws P. O. Box 2281 Perth Amboy, NJ 08862 Allforthepaws.org Paypal Allforthepaws@gmail.com Text name & email address to 1.732.486.6382 to adopt or for more info.



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.

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Presently, we are not accepting donations of books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule is as follows: Saturday: Jan. 12th & 26th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

A Petition to St. Jude

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

2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars

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The Kearny Cottage Historical Association
and
The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library

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.

Prayer to 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.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

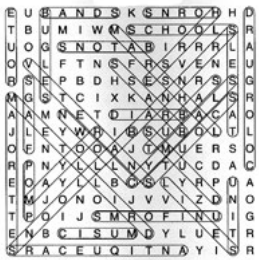
Prayer to St. Joseph for Employment

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen *A.L.*

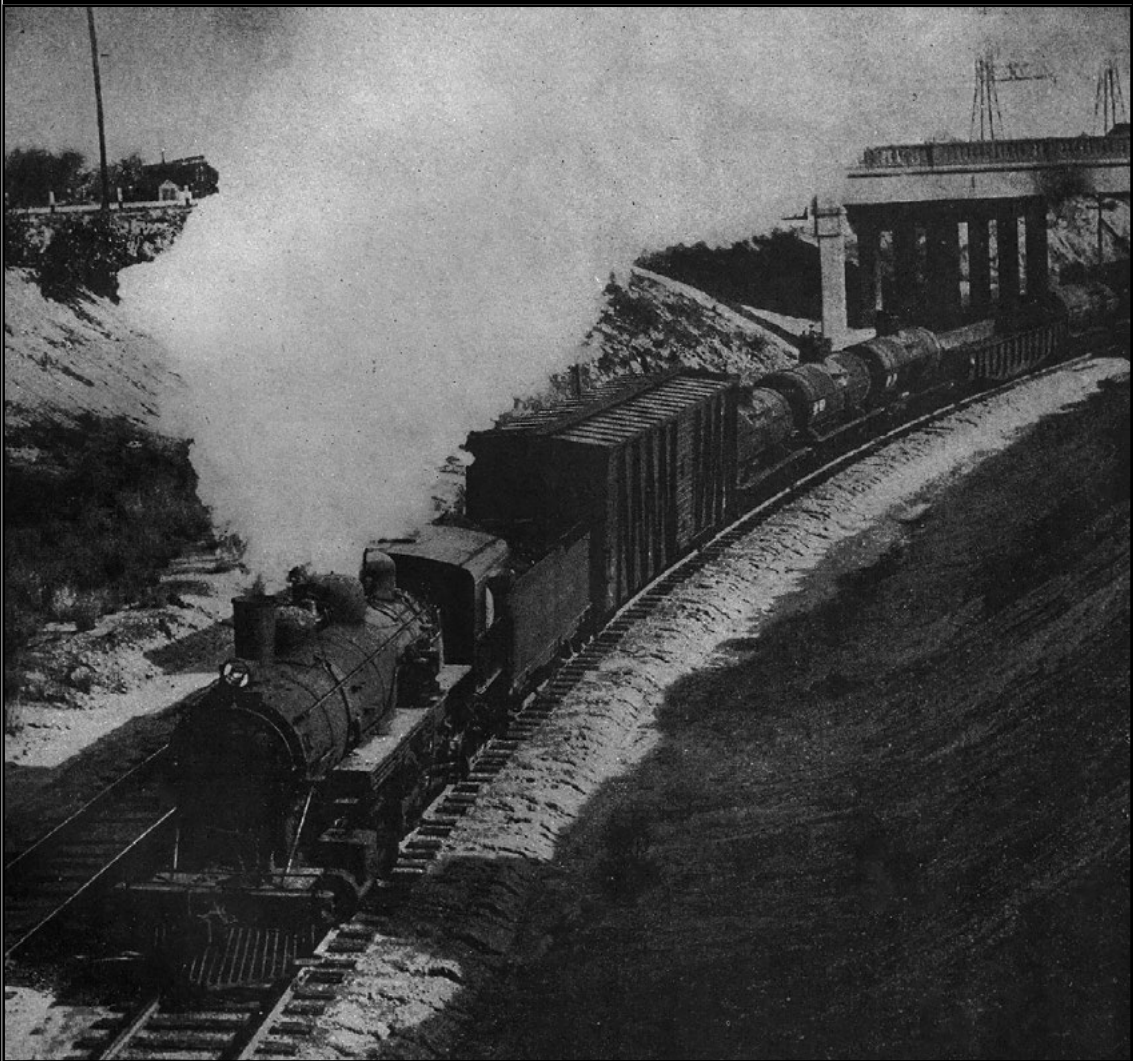
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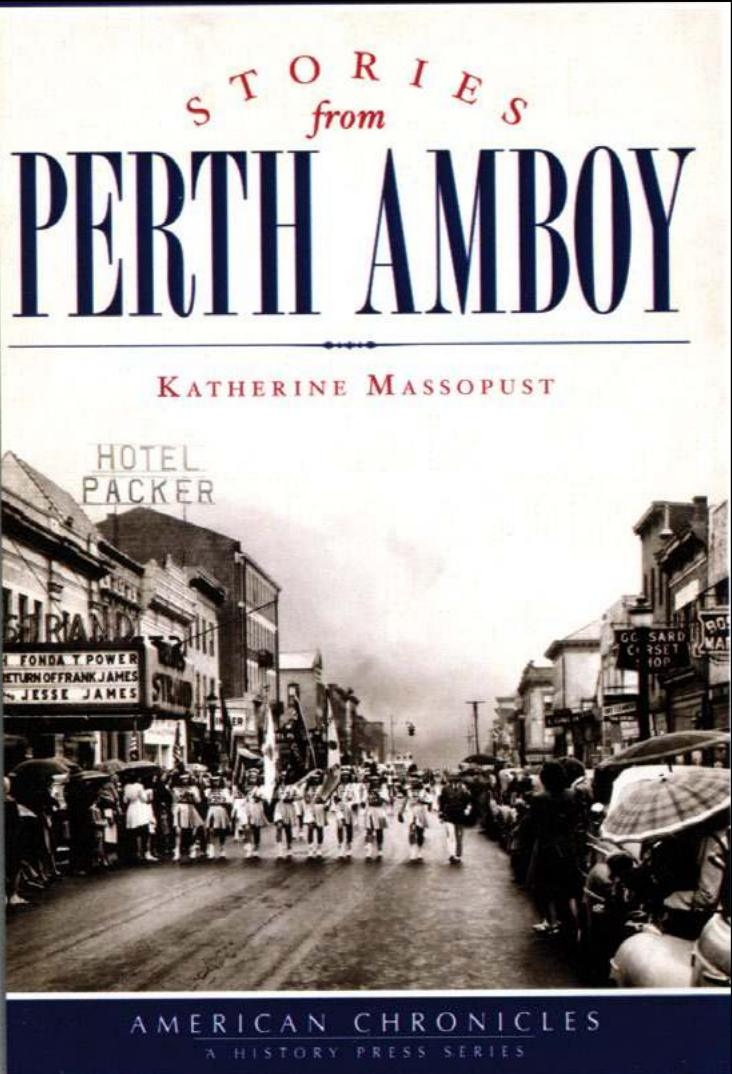
SOUTH AMBOY - Working Steam on Bergen Hill. The Raritan's first eastbound train of the day, with No. 9 on the smoky end and No. 7, a 0-6-0 switcher, behind the caboose, out of sight around the curve, rocks uphill at a ponderous five miles an hour. - from "Highball: A Pageant of Trains" by Lucius Beebe
**Photo by C.M. Clegg courtesy of Gary Petrie*
This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TUES. Jan. 8 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. Jan. 9 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
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