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## Loose Ends Come Back to Haunt 2/11/19 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – One of the topics of discussion was a Capital Budget Proposal. Former B.A. Greg Fehrenbach spoke first. “There were no proposed expenditures with the water and wastewater utilities. There are no new projects. They are finishing up old projects. The Council will receive an introduced budget to be adopted in late April or May and a bond ordinance then would be introduced.”

Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up to discuss a few of the items in the Fire Department Capital Budget Proposal. He stated, “There would be \$150,000 for a traffic/light and gate control for the new school (by the Public Safety Complex). This would be \$500,000 cost to the City. We will also be recycling equipment that can be put in other vehicles in the department.”

Acting Police Chief Roman

McKeon came up to talk about the proposals for the Police Department. “We need to get a new fingerprinting/scanning system. The one that we have now is 15 years old. We also need a new thermal plastic lining machine to paint the yellow curb lines and crosswalk lines. The new one that we’re looking to get is more efficient and it has a smaller tank. It will work much better in our parking lots.”

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano then came up to speak, “The old one that we have now has a large propane tank and it’s good to use on larger streets and big parking lots that have longer parking lines.”

McKeon then continued to speak, “We also need to purchase a wide format printer for the street signs. This new printer will use the same materials as the old one. We also need a vehicle loader and equipment

to tow our own cars. We will be training someone inhouse to do this.”

The next topic was the Handicapped Parking Committee. Council President Bill Petrick wanted it to go back to the old way.

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch said, “Only two people who were on the Committee wanted to return.”

Chief McKeon spoke up, “There’s only one officer on the Committee.”

Petrick then requested that any renewals should be going back to the way in the past.

Kupsch responded, “A lot of the new requests have been addressed. Now, we only have 31 new requests.”

Petrick suggested that the Committee should only deal with new requests coming in.

Kupsch agreed and said, “The Committee does not want to go



Deputy Police Chief  
Larry Cattano



Acting Police Chief  
Roman McKeon

over any medical records.”

Petrick concluded, “The Committee should not review medical records and with any new applicants coming in, a doctor’s note should be sufficient. Renewals will be done through the Clerk’s Office and not the

Handicapped Parking Committee.”

There was a resolution: R-75-2/19 Accepting the proposal of and awarding a contract to

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## And In This Corner...Not So Fast! 2/13/19 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – During the first public portion to address agenda items, Resident Ken Balut came up to address item R-75 - Auditing the YMCA. Balut read a letter pertaining to the YMCA’s contract under Mayor Joe Vas’s administration. It stated in 2007, there was a 20-year contract and in 2013, the Board of Education gave the YMCA \$300,000 for services. “Tax dollars are being given to the Y. The Charter School gave money to the Y. Services were to be bidded out. Did we get the Jefferson Street Parking Lot yet?”

He then turned his attention to R-86 – Granting a Waiver of Residency to Solenny Pena as Municipal Court Administrator. Balut asked, “If we’re not appointing a Deputy (Court Clerk), so it means we didn’t need one before?”

He next addressed R-92 – Authorizing a contract with Jasinski, P.C. as investigator in a personnel matter in an amount not to exceed \$9,500. “You need to have a second group to investigate employees.”

He next talked about Communication No. 21. Concerning a Neville Street Resident who complained about loud music and other disturbing activities. “This person is afraid, and that is why they don’t want to be identified. “We had a study that said we needed more parks. Fix illegal housing first.”

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez came up next, “Before I left the Council, I asked for a monthly revenue that the courts received, but there were no comparisons of the revenue (from year to year). I’m pleased to see that you’re not appointing a public defender. You can’t have a public defender who is not bilingual, especially in Spanish. They should live in town or have an office in town. You should eliminate a judge and not public defenders. I see that the courts got \$160,000 in revenue last year.”

Resident and Businessman David Caba came up next. He turned around and pointed to the large crowd and said, “It should be like this every time. Are we getting a new Police Chief?”

Council President William Petrick responded, “It’s up to the Mayor.”

Caba continued stating, “We had a special meeting to interview a candidate for the Business Administrator position, but the public was left out. Will the Mayor pick whomever she wants (as Police Chief)? I see a late (resolution starter) appointing Larry Cattano.”

Petrick responded to Caba’s last statement, “This was not acted on at Monday’s Caucus Meeting, but it was discussed in Monday’s (2/11/19) closed session. This is just a recommendation. If the Council wants this resolution (Late Starter – Resolution R-95-2/19 – Recommending Lawrence J. Cattano be appointed as Chief of Police for the City of Perth Amboy).

Resident Robert Mesi came up to speak. He mentioned Larry Cattano’s father, and what a great guy he was. “I recommend Cattano for Chief.”

The new CEO of PRAHD Kim V. Ruiz came up to speak and said, “I support Chief McKeon who is the Acting Police Chief

to become Chief. He has been very supportive (of our organization) and he has been very hands-on. We had security concerns for our students, especially the after-care program, and he helped us out a great deal.”

Resident Gregory Pabon came up to speak. He stated, “As a citizen, I can campaign for whomever I want. I support McKeon. I think he will do a better job. I never use my Chaplain uniform when campaigning.”

Monsignor John Gordon came up to speak, “As the Police Chaplain Coordinator, Acting Chief McKeon is very inspiring. In emergency situations, he’s making an impact. I do respect our Deputy Chief (Cattano). I see the way McKeon works with the rank and file and I support him.”

Rev. Michael Leach came up to support McKeon for Police Chief. “I also respect Deputy Chief Cattano. On any given day, we have children and seniors (that attend activities). Chief Roman has always shown his concerns for us. We’ve had shootings and threats. Bullets

go through our buildings. We had a level of insecurity. Now, we have a bridge and a relationship with the Police and the community and feel more secure.”

Former Police Officer Jay Martinez came up to speak to talk about R-95. He talked about the leadership that Roman McKeon showed when they were both a part of the Swat Team. “McKeon was a Lieutenant at the time. You have to set and be an example. McKeon put aside his personal needs and was in the forefront. His agenda was: “Do and know your job!” Part of this approach is in his DNA. He put his needs aside. We have a cultural diversity and a melting pot here. McKeon takes community policing seriously. He takes the bull by the horns and wholeheartedly believes in serving the community. He drilled this into all of his officers.”

Dorothy Carty-Daniel questioned if R-95 (late starter), “Is

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the firm of Magone and Company, P.C. for audit services regarding the agreement City of Perth Amboy/Raritan Bay Area YMCA operating a facility at the Public Safety Complex in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Law Director Peter King explained, "This is to do a forensic audit of the last 10 years to try to get back money from the Y."

Councilman Joel Pabon then stated, "\$25,000 is a lot. I hope we get something out of this."

King then explained, "This is to go through all of their (the Y's) documents."

Fire Chief Mullen came forward to talk about R-76-2/19 - Authorizing the proper City Officials to submit an application to FEMA for the Port Security Grant Program 2019 to be used for the replacement of Marine 5.

"The new boat will be at zero cost to the City. To maintain the boat will be between \$10,000-\$12,000. The existing boat is falling apart, and we will be trading it in."

Greg Fehrenbach gave an explanation of R-79-2/19 - Accepting the Safe & Secure Communities Program Grant in the amount of \$60,000 administered by the division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety. "This would be to offset wages and salaries of Police Officers."

CFO Jill Goldy then added that the money is going to surplus.

Business Administrator Frederick Carr talked about R-80-2/19 - A local Arts Program Grant from Middlesex County Office of Arts and History for the 2019 Arts Program in the amount of \$2,800. "This is the CDBG grant for an oral history program."

He also explained R-81-2/19 - A Grant to provide services and innovative approaches for at-risk youth in Middlesex County in the amount of \$56,580. "This is also a CDBG grant."

On Resolution R-83-2/19 - Accepting a grant from the MCO of Arts and History through the Perth Amboy Office of Economic and Community Development/Historic Preservation Commission in the amount of \$4,500.

Carr explained that this is for oral history.

Council President Bill Petrick disagreed. At the time, no one was present to speak about this.

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano spoke about R-89. A contract to NAPA Autoparts for the purchase of a tire-changer in accordance with Sourcewell, a national co-op in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$13,599.99. "This equipment can change up to 22-inch tires. The old one we have now is not able to."

Fehrenbach gave an explanation on R-94 - An emergency contract with A & D Industrial Pump Repair Companies for Emergency Repairs to the Ranney Well 4 MGD Pump at the Runyon Water Treatment Plant

in an amount not to exceed \$26,629.00. "The pump had given way and it was better to replace to it."

When it came to the public portion, Resident Ken Balut spoke first, "It was about time that they did the audit of the Y. They owe us over \$2 million. The Charter School is paying them to use the facilities." He also suggested that parties involved should have a practice run to make sure all the equipment installed runs properly before the school opens up. He then talked about the different lawsuits involved with the City and what is the City's liability. "Our liability is \$250,000 on lawsuits. It used to be \$100,000. Did you know we were changing our liabilities?"

Law Director King explained, "That number is actually down because the figure was based on old cases."

Balut then asked, "Can we get a list of those cases?"

Balut then talked about handicapped parking spaces. He stated there is handicapped parking on his street that are not in compliance. "What are we hiring the private investigator for regarding sexual harassment? You should hire investigators to investigate lawyers."

Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman came up to speak next, "Last Tuesday (2/5/19) there was a strong smell of gas on Amboy Avenue. The Fire Department response was wonderful, and we need to support them more. The KinderMorgan pipeline exposes us to too many chemicals. There are issues with the sewer system. Our EMT's are exposed to these chemicals. People are knocking on doors in Ward 6 District 5 and telling people it's mandatory to install solar panels. These people do not have permits." Hubberman then asked, "Can the Council implement an environmental committee? We have been having terrible smells lately."

City Clerk Kupsch responded to one of Hubberman's concerns. "Solicitors have to come to our office and have to be approved by the Police Department."

Resident Renee Skelton came up to speak. She remarked about the grant given the Historic Preservation Commission (R-83). "This is for a research project." She stated it will help establish boundaries for poten-

tial historic properties. She then stated why she came to speak before the Council. "The private buses that were parked on Sayre Avenue have been gone since July 2018. The Zoning Board never voted on this matter. The Zoning Board just told their representatives (for the owner of those buses) to come back to secure the buses and not make them an eyesore. The bus company did this on their own (move the buses) but I see they are back on the Zoning Board Agenda. No one in the neighborhood knew this. This will affect our property values. The Zoning Board should have postponed this meeting. It's too late to cancel the Zoning Board Meeting. Is there some way to pass an ordinance so people know that if a matter is not resolved, it has to be carried over to the next Zoning Board Meeting?"

Law Director King responded, "The Zoning Board should have requested to carry this matter over."

Fehrenbach then added, "There could be a challenge to the Zoning Board."


Law Director King then told Skelton, "You can address this matter when they (the Zoning Board) ask for comments from the public." King then told the Council, "You have control over the Zoning Board to make suggestions."

Resident and Businessman David Caba came forward to speak. He stated, "I have been in Perth Amboy for 36 years. Based on the last time I was here, it was said there was zero Chaplains as of now. It's nothing against the Chaplains, but what are they being used for? Is it for the good of the City, or for political purposes? We went from 2 to 90. I know one who has integrity and doesn't attend Council Meetings. God cannot be used as a toy, and we need answers."

Acting Police Chief McKeon came up to answer Caba's concerns, "Between 28-30 of the Police Chaplains were reinstated. We need a letter from their church, and they have to have a brick and mortar building. Sgt. Zaleski is in charge of the Chaplains. They are called when there is a death notification or a hostile situation. They

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have an office in our building. I remember how they counseled the firemen when the Fire Chief passed away. They don't cost the City any money. They have helped us when we needed someone to cook and when we have tours for children."

Council President Bill Petrick said, "I remembered seeing some of the out-of-town Chaplains passing out campaign lit-

eratures in the City when they were in their uniforms."

McKeon said, "I know that this happened, and it was stopped."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "I know Chaplains are present 24 hours/7days a week and we commend those who are active."

McKeon then explained, "They (Chaplains who are out-of-towners and in uniform working on campaigns) are no longer working in Perth Am-

boy."

Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak, "In November and December, there were three accidents involving City garbage trucks. You need at least two people working on them. Was the vehicle put out of service? You need appropriate staff." He then talked about the new fire equipment that will have the foam. "Buckeye is donating \$100,000 towards it. Did the City every consider having a Wind Service come in? I'm

always walking Convery Blvd and the Waterfront and I always see excavating signs on those streets. When are you going to talk about the future of our City? There are four spills on the agenda tonight. Cleanups and remediations are always going on. Stop greenlighting these projects. Look at Denmark and see what they are doing."

Council President Bill Petrick responded to Mackiel's comments about Wind Services, "The State did not allow some

of these projects."

Mackiel concluded with, "We need to move away from fossil fuels."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry was not present due to illness.

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# And In This Corner...Not So Fast!

## 2/13/19 Council Meeting

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this a common practice (of an appointment such as this)? Because I never heard of this being done before (the Council being involved in recommending an appointment of police chief)."

Council President Petrick answered, "We were never involved before."

Daniel continued stating, "We are a Faulkner B City. The Chief of Police or Fire Chief is appointed by the Mayor. If you vote "Yes," what happens? I've been involved with the Police Department since Yuro was the Chief. I worked with the DVRT (Domestic Violence Response Team). You (the Council) don't have the ability to do anything after your recommendation. Where is it going? You can't enact it. At the end of the day, it's the Mayor's decision."

Resident Kareem Mann said, "My family has owned a business for over 50 years. We've made a full circle. The Mayor has done a good job, and all I want is for all of us to come together. The Chiefs have done a good job, too."

Businessman Adele Tawfik said, "Someone already holds the Chief position. Why are people from other cities here (at the Council Meeting)?"

There were six more communications that were added on 2/13/19's Meeting Agenda - all from either retired chiefs from Perth Amboy or current chiefs from other municipalities supporting Deputy Chief Cattano for the Police Chief position.

Tawfik then said, "The Acting Chief (McKeon) is doing a great job."

A young woman came up to speak, "The Acting Chief (McKeon) has inspired me. He is caring and loving. Why remove someone who is doing a great job? What are you basing your recommendation on? I believe in the Chief (McKeon) and the Mayor."

Councilman Helmin Caba responded "The Council is not pushing for this (Resolution)."

Council President Petrick also responded, "We have an Acting Chief who is holding the title of Captain. Only one person has held the title of Police Chief in the last few years."

Law Director Peter King added some comments, "He (Ben-

jamin Ruiz) is terminated, but he is fighting that decision and a Judge will render a decision in 40 days."

Petrick commented again, "There's a conclusion drawn by some of us that this would be a late-starter. There are three Council Members present to vote to see if it will be put on as a late-starter. We conduct business in the open to hear what the community has to say. We generally have the same people (residents) who come to the meetings."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next and said, "I personally didn't think the late-starter R-95 should be here on the agenda. All three (Ruiz, Cattano, McKeon) have all been responsive when I called them. Whoever the Mayor puts in that position, we will have to work with him."

Councilman Caba said he agreed with Pabon. "We don't have a say in the choice."

When City Clerk Victoria Kupsch took a vote of the three Council Members that were present regarding putting late-starter R-95-2/19 on the agenda, no-one seconded the motion. "Since we have no second, R-95-2/19 dies."

During the last public portion, Ken Balut came up to speak. He talked about the Chaplain (Rev. Michael Leach). "She spoke about crime, but it's not reported. The Chaplains know, but the public didn't. The City should report about OD's and maybe they can be reduced. Our last B.A. (Cruz) recommended having a Deputy Court Clerk." Balut then read Cruz's comments about being invited to a special church service in Newark celebrating Senator Corey Booker's decision to run for President in 2020. He then had a complaint about the salary of \$143,000 for a Recreation Supervisor. "The Chief of Police didn't stand up to defend the Police and their low pay. Certain people are being taken care of, but you are not taking care of the salary of the Police. Crime is not being publicized. Investigate what's going on in the courts."

Law Director Peter King responded to Balut's last statement, "We investigated why the Court Administrator left. It was for personal reasons because they had to care for a sick relative. It was stated in a letter."

Former B.A. Greg Fehrnebach

said, "The court said they need a Deputy Court Clerk. Through attrition, this position will not be filled because of budget concerns."

Businessman David Caba said, "I asked questions about the Chaplains, and we're all here to work together. "I've been here since 1991. I've fought for the community this long. I am not here because I'm against the Chaplains, but what is the purpose of having so many? The Acting Chief said it's not political, one of the Chaplains was a treasurer of a political campaign. There was a Chaplain that came to support a candidate for position of Police Chief but stayed away from politics. Stop using God as a toy! The person who is a Chaplain and was a treasurer (for a political campaign) has never shaken my hand."

Businessman Adele Tawfik came up again and asked if Benny Ruiz (the Last Chief of Police) has been terminated. Law Director King responded, "He has been terminated, but he is fighting it on appeal. The termination is based on certain actions. I and his (Ruiz's) representative have presented evidence as to why he should or should not been terminated."

Resident and former member of the Zoning Board Roisin Dowling stated that she had talked to the Council at a previous meeting about a person who is on the Zoning Board who resigned in 2018. " In January of this year, the Zoning Board put that person in a position." She mentioned his questionable background. "Why was that person put back on the Zoning Board?"

Bill Petrick responded, "That person resigned from the Board."

Dowling was puzzled to why this person was allowed to come back and put in a position on the Zoning Board, "What are you guys afraid of?"

Councilman Caba then spoke, "The Zoning Board votes for their own chairs and secretary. We have no say on who they appoint."

Petrick then commented again, "We're going to ask the lawyer. Have you gone to the Zoning Board and asked them these questions about the individual who resigned?"

Law Director King respond-

ed, "The Council appoints the members to that Board, and the members vote for their officers and secretary."

Fehrenbach added additional comments, "The appointment (of the secretary for the Zoning Board) is not consistent with the City's Ordinance, but the Zoning Board Attorney disagrees. Actions are being taken."

Resident Gregory Pabon came up to speak. He stated, "I'm not here to argue. As a private citizen, I can support and campaign for whomever I want. The man who spoke can shake my hand. The people (Chaplains) who were at a political campaign headquarters in Chaplain uniforms were not from Perth Amboy. I will not speak about this again. I'm leaving it in God's hands. I will pray for all, including him. I will humble myself and go and shake his hand."

Resident Dorothy Carty-Daniel said, "I don't come up here to criticize you (the Council) or beat you up, but I think the Council is its own worst enemy. This is a wonderful town, but it's a secret. The first Mayor I remember was Flynn. At that time, each Council Member had a specific job. Each Council Member should have a report on what's happening in town. Promote yourself more. You need to let every citizen know you are doing something worthwhile."

Two young women from the We Love You Foundation (part of the UN Initiative) came up to speak, "We are asking if we can help you in any way. Some of the activities that we have done in other towns have been donating books, street cleanups, walkathons for Haiti, and blood drives."

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez came up to speak regarding the Y, "We have given them \$24,000 each month since 2008. Maybe it was a contract with the prior Mayor. I compliment the Council for taking this action (to have the Y's books audited). Woodbridge Township took over their Y and made it a community center. With the profits they made from that, they were able to buy a private club."

Resident Vince Mackiel came up next, "Last year I asked the Council about what's happening with the Transit Bridge between Elm and Market Streets. I wrote

to Transit about this problem. A lot of people in town don't have cars and walk."

Fehrenbach responded, "When we first notified NJ Transit, they said it's the County's problem. The County said it's NJ Transit's problem because of the steel erosion."

Mackiel continued, "I talked to DPW Director Frank Hoffman who told me that the County can do it. The Community can benefit from the trains."

Fehrenbach stated, "The steel structure had to be fixed first before the County can pour the cement. Transit will deal with it with the upcoming construction period."

During the Council Comments, Helmin Caba thanked everyone for coming. "Those who can't come can call us or contact other City Departments. We don't have the resources to be able to be in contact with everyone."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next, "In the past three weeks, the Mayor, Councilwoman Tejada, myself, and Department of Recreation Supervisor Kenny Ortiz have met with the Board of Education. We need to have a dry run at the New Seaman Street School (to make sure the traffic signals, gates, and anything connected to the traffic in that area) is cleared up before the school opens. The Board of Education pulled up a map that showed how the traffic flow will be. We should be able to do that. There's a possibility of opening up Elizabeth, Cortlandt, and First Street to improve Traffic. We need to sit down and talk about this. They are talking about building another school which will be in a congested zone."

Council President Bill Petrick said, "There has been a discussion on multimedia outlets about why the Council can't get a boat ramp. This would be an Administrative decision."

For the consent agenda R-64-2/19 thru R-69-2/19 and R-73-2/19-R-94-2/19 was moved by Councilman Joel Pabon and seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba. R-70-2/19 thru R-72-2/19 were pulled per request by B.A. Frederick Carr. They all were regarding contracts with public defenders.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry and Councilwoman Milady Tejada were absent.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

What's the Point? Why Bother? The Greatest Love of All

There was a big discussion at the 2/13/19 Council Meeting regarding the late-starter resolution (R-95) to recommend appointing a new police chief.

First of all, it should not have been on the agenda since the last police chief (Benny Ruiz) is appealing the termination of his position by the City of Perth Amboy. Like Yogi Berra said, "It's not over 'til it's over!" A ruling on this decision by a judge should take place in around 40-45 days to determine if Ruiz was terminated justifiably. If the judge decides in Ruiz's favor, he can get his backpay and waltz right back into his job. This should not have even been brought up for discussion.

If there are certain appointments that a mayor makes that really doesn't need an approval by the Council, why even bother putting it on the agenda if it's a moot point. Councilman Joel Pabon said on the meeting on the Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting, that he has gotten along and had cooperation with all three individuals (Ruiz, Cattano, Roman). Pabon also stated that no matter who comes into the position of police chief, we are going have to work with them. So, I say end of story.

Now, moving right along, I am so tired of when a person is appointed or elected to a position, whether it be on the Council, Board of Education, or an administrative position that their ethnicity or their gender has to be touted. As long as the person has the qualifications, is a citizen and works for all of their constituents, that's all that should matter.

People are fond of saying, "Oh, my God, there's someone in a high position and now I can be just like him or her (President or Governor or any other high office). That's very nice, but you have to be own motivator. Somebody

had to be the first at something. Just make it your mind-set and say: "Hey, it could be me!" You don't need someone in a certain position who looks like you to achieve.

Sometimes just by the way you live your life, you probably are a role model to somebody else and didn't even know it. There were many businesses that were successful who were owned by minorities before there were any minority mayors in Perth Amboy. They just went for it. They didn't say, "Oh, my God there's no one who looks like me in the mayor's office and I can't be successful." Kudos to those who didn't wait for someone else to look like them to achieve a higher office to be successful.

There is a reason why WWII produced the Greatest Generation of which I'm proud to say my father and some of my older relatives were a part of. They didn't let opportunities pass them by and they didn't blame others for their woes. They just put their nose to the grindstone and carried on. Like I've said before my father did not go to high school. Once he got out of the service, he went to a trade school to learn to become a mechanic. He and my mom raised ten children and had three successful businesses. My mom was an equal partner with my dad and kept all the books for the taxi business, and when the need arose, even drove the cab.

My father's reading material every day consisted of the bible, and daily newspaper. My father could hold a conversation with everyone, and people often asked which college he attended. So, this just goes to show you with determination, a thirst for learning, and how you view the world and how you treat others can be your best contribution. *C.M.*

Too Big to Fail?

Looks like New York City lost 25,000 jobs and \$ 27 BILLION in new tax revenues because Amazon walked out for a reason, and you're going to hear

different stories about it. It was said that Amazon is in the RED and losing money, and many cities across America wanted an Amazon HQ. Amazon didn't lose anything. They will find another major city to do busi-

ness and we know that's where (Pay to Play comes in) deal or no deal. Is your town ready to do business with Amazon?

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Tai Chi/Qigong for Health

This program is designed to empower participants 18 years of age or older to make wellness an important part of their lifestyle. It combines the principles and practice of Tai Chi and Qigong with free flowing movements that are easy to do, yet very effective in calming your mind, relaxing your body and balancing the emotions.

Tai Chi was originally taught as a high level martial art but is now practiced slowly and gently for its numerous wellness benefits. Qigong (energy skill) exercises are single, repetitive movements that are both easy to learn and are the foundational basis for quality Tai Chi practice and promoting health. These principles include correct posture, stability, balance and coordination, which can be applied into all of your activities of daily living.

Thurs., Feb. 21<sup>th</sup> - March 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.  
Sat., Feb. 23<sup>th</sup> - March 30<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
Cost: YMCA Members - \$75 Community Members - \$85  
Classes held at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Radiant Lotus Women's Qigong

PERTH AMBOY - Radiant Lotus Women's Qigong (RLWQ), created by Daisy Lee, is a simple way to return to our foundational basics of breath, movement, and mind work. These essential elements of Qigong assist in promoting balance amidst the often-hectic schedules of life. Slowing the breath helps to center and create inner peace within ourselves, so we are better able to deal with everything that comes our way daily.

Movement is essential for energy to travel openly and smoothly through meridians pathways in our body, improving circulation as well as an overall feeling of well being.

The mind work of Qigong is a reminder to us that how we think is our choice and our beliefs are reinforced continually in our environment at home/work/school, etc.

This six-week program invites women to learn more about caring for themselves, as they so often care for others. These classes help to release stagnant patterns of thought, which allows the mind and body to de-stress, and to feel more balanced and free to embrace life in a more positive, affirming way. Come and experience all that this gift of Qigong has to offer. All ladies are welcome, no restrictions, we can all do this!

When: Tuesdays - Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> thru March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 7 - 8:15pm; Saturdays - Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> thru March 30<sup>th</sup>, 11am - 12:15pm  
Where: Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 367 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy Cost: Members \$75 - Community \$85. To register call the Y @ 732-442-3632 or www.rbaymca. For more information, contact Lori (Instructor) at (732) 750-1212, or e-mail her at jerseygirl62@mac.com

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November 12, 2018

Vincent Mackiel  
PO Box 2419  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

Dear Mr. Mackiel:

Thank you for contacting NJ TRANSIT Executive Director Kevin S. Corbett regarding the condition of the sidewalk at the Market Street Bridge crossing. I have been asked to respond on Mr. Corbett's behalf.

I contacted the appropriate department regarding this issue and was advised the Market Street sidewalk is closed as a result of the current bridge project underway by Middlesex County, who owns the roadway in question. The bridge has deteriorated to a level that requires major steel and concrete work and the sidewalk will remain closed for the duration of this project for the obvious safety reasons.

Once again, thank you for writing and for your continued support of NJ TRANSIT and public transportation.

Yours truly,

*Dionna L. Sumner*  
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Acting Senior Director, Customer Service and Transit Information

What do you think?  
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## Tom's Tax Tips

### Tips to Protect Yourself From Tax Scams

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A. 1-800-801-1099

Too many people downplay the threat of identity theft because it hasn't been witnessed or experienced firsthand. This false sense of security can leave you exposed, especially during tax season. Here are some tips to keep your identity safe from scammers:

**1. Be naturally suspicious.** Understand that there are people out there trying to get your information, and others willing to pay for it. With that knowledge, be suspicious of anyone asking for personal information - especially your Social Security number (SSN). Even when a known vendor asks for your SSN, ask what they will be using it for and refuse most requests unless you deem it necessary.

**2. File your tax return as soon as possible.** A popular tax scam is to file a fake tax return and deposit the refund into the thief's account, all before you get the chance to file your own return. You close the door on scammers once your tax return is filed with the IRS.

**3. Shred (don't just crumple) your documents.** Get in the habit of shredding all paperwork before it's thrown out to keep personal information from falling into the wrong hands. If you don't own a shredder, contact your bank or other local community services as they often offer free shredding services on specific days.

**4. Keep your Social Security card safe.** Only carry your Social Security card with you when it's needed for a specific purpose. Your wallet or purse is not a good permanent spot for your card. Any criminal would have a treasure trove of personal data if it were to get lost or stolen along with your driver's license and credit cards.

**5. Periodically check your credit reports.** The three major collection agencies (Experian, Equifax and TransUnion) are legally required to provide you with a free credit report each year. Take advantage of this service and review the reports. Correct any errors and use this report to monitor your accounts for any potential identity theft.

Be smart when handling your personal information. Don't get caught off guard by identity theft, especially by being careless. If you think you are a victim of a tax scam, alert the IRS right away and go to [identitytheft.gov](http://identitytheft.gov) for more information.

Ads Sell! Call Carolyn  
732-896-4446

### New Documentary: Perth Amboy's Historic Town Clock



Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Did you know that the City of Perth Amboy has an official Town Clock? A new film documentary entitled "Perth Amboy's Historic Town Clock" reveals all details on such.

Producer & historian John Dyke explains "In 1869 the Mayor, City Council and Aldermen purchased a large Town Clock. At that time the tallest structure in the community was the Simpson Methodist Church tower. And there, at 85 feet above High Street, the four-sided clock was installed and maintained by the City. In fact, this year is the 150th Anniversary of our Historic Town Clock!"

Here, this documentary explores the interior & exterior of the tower, as well as the workings of the clock itself. Rare historic images are mixed with live footage resulting in an exciting adventure. So, if you're interested in seeing an 1869 era Perth Amboy, tune into local Comcast Channel 34 and check out the schedule for this unique film.

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### Grand Opening Dulce's Sweets, 222 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 2/8/19 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



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### Museum Pass Program

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have generously provided FREE passes to some of the area's most popular museums! Museum passes offer a great way for family and friends to experience educational and cultural fun.

Picking Up and Returning Passes: Passes can be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Patron must present the library card under whose name the pass was reserved. Only Adult patrons whose cards are in good standing will be able to check out Museum Passes. Passes are good for a total of three days and are **NOT** renewable. Passes can be returned at the Circulation Desk or at the Book Drop after hours.

Late, Lost or Unreturned Passes: There will be a \$5 amount late fee each day the pass is past due. The maximum fine will not exceed \$25.00. Passes not returned within 14 days after the due date, will be presumed lost and borrowers charged the full replacement cost.

Replacement costs for items are as follows: **Lost museum pass:** Full cost of the pass. Replacement costs vary according to the museum and listed on the catalog record for each museum.

**Pass Case:** \$1

**Museum Passes available:**

- **American Museum of Natural History**, New York, NY | free admission and 1 free exhibit or show
- **Grounds for Sculpture**, Hamilton NJ | pass admits 4 people
- **Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum**, New York, NY | pass admits 6 people

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## 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. 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Gift Auction

**PERTH AMBOY** – Come find your treasure at the St. Ann Society of Ukrainian Assumption Church Under the Sea Gift Auction. Sunday, March 3, 2019. Doors Open at 12 Noon – Drawings begin at 2 p.m. Admission \$10 pp. Hundreds of fabulous prizes and baskets – 50/50 Raffle. Gift Card Raffle – It's Your Lucky Day Raffle. Free Cake, Coffee and Tea. Delicious food available for purchase! No outside food or beverage, please! Assumption School Auditorium, 370 Meredith Street, Perth Amboy. For tickets and info, call the Assumption Church Office: 732-826-0767.

## Arturo Alfonso Schomburg The Afro Puerto Rican Contribution to African American History Month Kim Ruiz, CEO – Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD)

Press Release

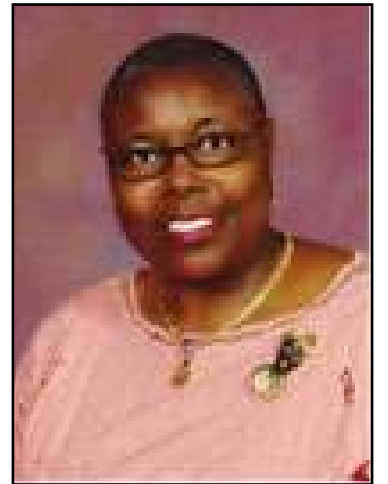
**PERTH AMBOY** - This month the country celebrates the history and achievements of African Americans. We celebrate the contributions, large and small, made by the descendants of Africans; contributions that have made our country great. It is important to note that the primary center for African American History is named after Arturo Alfonso Schomburg, a Puerto Rican of African and German descent. The renowned Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, located in the New York Public Library's 135th St. branch in Harlem, has at its core Schomburg's collection of over 10,000 books, manuscripts, prints, photos, letters and any other evidence he could find documenting African contribution to history.

Schomburg was born and raised in Santurce, Puerto Rico. He was intensely involved in

both the Puerto Rican and Cuban independence movements from Spain during the 1890s before the Spanish American War.

Stung by the remarks of a teacher in Puerto Rico who told him “Negroes have no history,” he dedicated his life to proving that teacher wrong. Schomburg understood that knowledge of history was the route to racial dignity. In his 1925 essay, *The Negro Digs up His Past*, he wrote: “History must restore what slavery took away, for it is the social damage of slavery that the present generations must repair and offset.”

In honor of African American History Month on Friday, February 22, from 12 Noon to 2 p.m.; The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) will present the organization's Sixth Annual Arturo Alfonso Schomburg African American History Month Award to Anna Wilkins Daily,



Anna Daily

an individual who exemplifies excellence and commitment to the African American community. Attending this event will be special guest Dean Schomburg—grandson of Arturo Alfonso Schomburg.



## Coffee Talk with Rabbi Metz

**PERTH AMBOY/EDISON** - Wednesdays, February 20, 27 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 southbound side of Route 1.)

## Ask the Rabbi

**PERTH AMBOY/EDISON** - "Ask the Rabbi" is back: Wednesdays, February 20, 27 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.

## Martha Washington Visits New Jersey

**WOODBIDGE** - Historical Association of Woodbridge Township Presents..... Martha Washington Visits New Jersey a dramatic performance by Alisa Dupuy. In commemoration of George Washington's birthday, the audience will meet his wife, Martha, who accompanied her husband to his New Jersey winter headquarters in 1777 and 1779. Back by popular demand, this is the second visit by Alisa Dupuy to Woodbridge. Ms. Dupuy is the founder of The Ladies of History and did a dramatic reading of Sleepy Hollow in October 2018. Light refreshments will be served. The event takes place on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge.

For further information contact Brenda Velasco, Township Historian: 732.428.2403.



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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.*

The Royal Navy light cruiser *HMS Penelope* is torpedoed and sunk off Anzio, Italy, with the loss of 415 crew members on February 18, 1944. It earns the dubious distinction of being the last British cruiser to be lost in the war. The Germans conduct their heaviest night raid on London since 1941 as the *Luftwaffe* intensifies “the Little Blitz.” The American raid on the Japanese base at Truk Lagoon is completed. Over the two days of the raid, the Japanese lose two cruisers, four destroyers, several other warships, 140,000 tons of cargo shipping and over 250 airplanes. In Italy, a third attack in as many days by Indian troops fails to dislodge the Germans from Monte Cassino. New Zealanders manage to force their way across the Rapido River near the town of Cassino, but ultimately are pushed back.

The Allies begin the “Big Week” bombing campaign against German industrial cities on February 19. First target: Leipzig, on which 2,300 tons of bombs are dropped. Danish saboteurs attack rail lines round Aarhus, Denmark. Unable to withstand sustained Allied air attacks and heavy ground artillery fire, the Germans halt their Anzio counterattack and withdraw.

On February 20, the ferry boat *SF Hydro* — carrying “heavy water” for nuclear-weapons research from Telemark, Norway, to Germany for safekeeping — sinks on Lake Tinn, the largest lake in Norway and one of the deepest in Europe — up to 1,500 feet deep. The vessel had been sabotaged by the Norwegian Resistance. The British Admiralty announces that the Royal Navy had engaged in an 11-day battle with U-boats in the Strait of Gibraltar, during which three ships have been sunk and several damaged.

On February 21, organized Japanese resistance ends on Eniwetok.


In Europe, on February 22, planes of the U.S. Eighth Air Force, flying in dense clouds and freezing conditions, bomb the Dutch cities of Enschede, Arnhem and Nijmegen by mistake. More than 800 civilians are killed. In the Mariana Islands, Japanese bombers and torpedo planes attack the ships of U.S. Task Force 58, led by Adm. Raymond Spruance. In Moscow, Joseph Stalin announces that three quarters of Soviet territory has been liberated and that the Red Army has advanced over 1,000 miles in some places.

U.S. Navy planes on February 23 attack the Japanese-held islands of Saipan, Guam and Tinian in the Mariana Islands. In Asia, “Merrill’s Marauders” (U.S. Army 5307th Composite Unit [Provisional]) begin U.S. Lt. Gen. Joseph “Vinegar Joe” Stilwell’s Sino-American advance into northern Burma. In the Marshall Islands, American forces complete the occupation of Eniwetok Atoll. U.S. losses are 339 killed, 750 wounded. The Japanese garrison has been wiped out. Of 3,400 troops on the island, only 66 prisoners are taken. In Italy, Maj. Gen. Lucian Truscott replaces Maj. Gen. John Lucas as commander of the U.S. Fifth Army’s VI Corps at Anzio.

On February 24, the U.S. government announces that, so far, American casualties total 19,499 killed, 45,545 wounded, 26,339 missing and 26,754 captured.

## Children’s Author Event

PERTH AMBOY - Acclaimed children’s author Artie Bennett is coming to Perth Amboy Free Public Library (at the Children’s Library in rear) on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., as a part of Read Across America for story time and merriment galore! Artie Bennett is Author of: "The Butt Book", "Poopendous", "Peter Panda Melts Down", "Belches, Burps, Farts--Oh My!" and “The Universe’s Greatest Dinosaur Jokes and Pre-Hysterical Puns” Drop by in droves. You won’t want to miss “The Dr. Seuss of Your Caboose”! The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. For more information call 732-261-2610 or at 201-381-1903. Light refreshments will be served.



## 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. 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). If available, Artist Luis Rosario will be drawing complimentary caricatures. For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Check us out on the web: [www.FOLPerthAmboy.com](http://www.FOLPerthAmboy.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, Mar. 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.

## 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](http://woodbridge-library.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?eventid=6873).

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.woodbrigeli-brary.org](http://www.woodbrigeli-brary.org).

## Pet of the Week

Urgent...ADOPT this 1-year old female cat or owner is taking to shelter. She's fully vetted, vaccinated, spayed & Negative for FIV and Leukemia. She needs a new home asap. Kitty isn't good with a 2-year-old and is stressed so now she's being kept secluded in a spacious bathroom but receiving minimal human interaction even though she is safe and content. Hoping to find a better fit for her so she can have freedom. She is a great companion that will have a conversation with you and will snuggle and purr when it's cold. She understands when you tell her NO and to go lay in her bed (just like a dog). She will do anything for a treat and LOVES to get brushed. You can tell what she is feeling by looking at her tail. She appreciates "me time", so it's best to let her tell you when she wants love. She prefers to sit on the window sill or a cat tree. She is best if no other animal or small children are around. Adoption application & donation fee apply. Text 1.732.486.6382 Allforthepaws.org



## Have a Special Pet?

E-mail us your Pet Photos to [AmboyGuardian@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

SAYREVILLE - There will be a St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Sayreville United Methodist, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Cost: Adult \$12.00 Seniors/Students/Children between ages 5-12 yrs. \$8.00 Children under 5 – Free Dinner of Spaghetti & Meatballs.

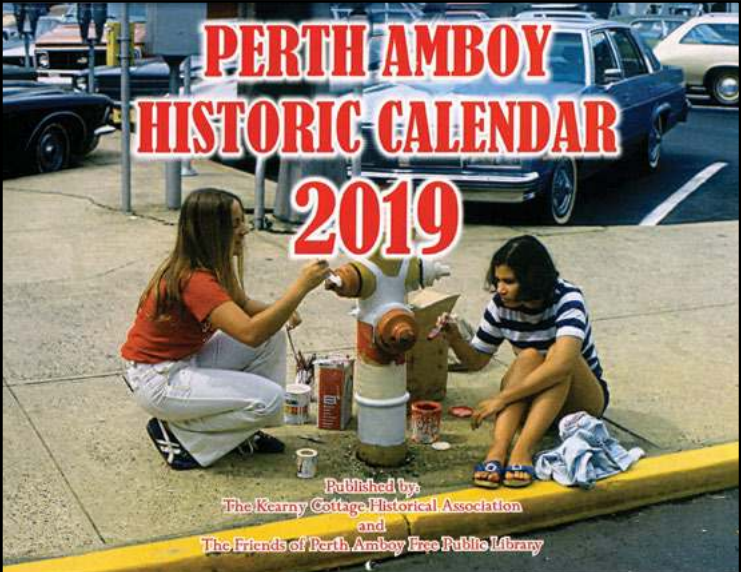
Dinner includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Roll, Beverage, Dessert, Take Out Available.

For questions or reservations, please contact Winsome Melvin – 732-432-9072.

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## 2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.  
Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.  
*Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.*

Miraculous Invocation to St. Therese

Oh Glorious St. Therese, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles. The greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (*mention here*) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.

*Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, TV picture, or receive roses, also can get a strange scent of roses in home even if no roses present. Must promise publication. J.M.P. 2/20*

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Prayer to St. Jude

*To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.*

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (*Here make your request*) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

*Thank you, Saint Jude K.A.P.*

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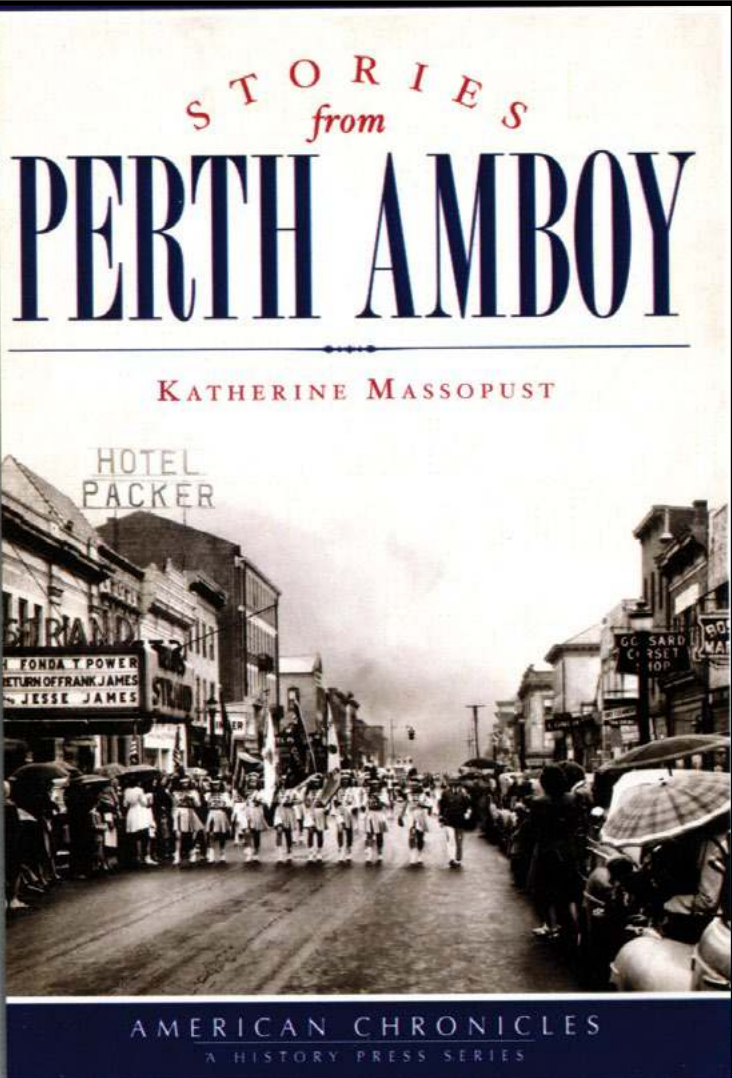
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- TUES. Feb. 19 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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- WED. Feb. 20 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Feb. 21 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
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- THURS. Feb. 28 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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- MON. Feb. 25 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
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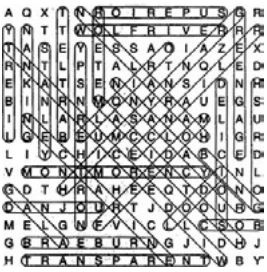
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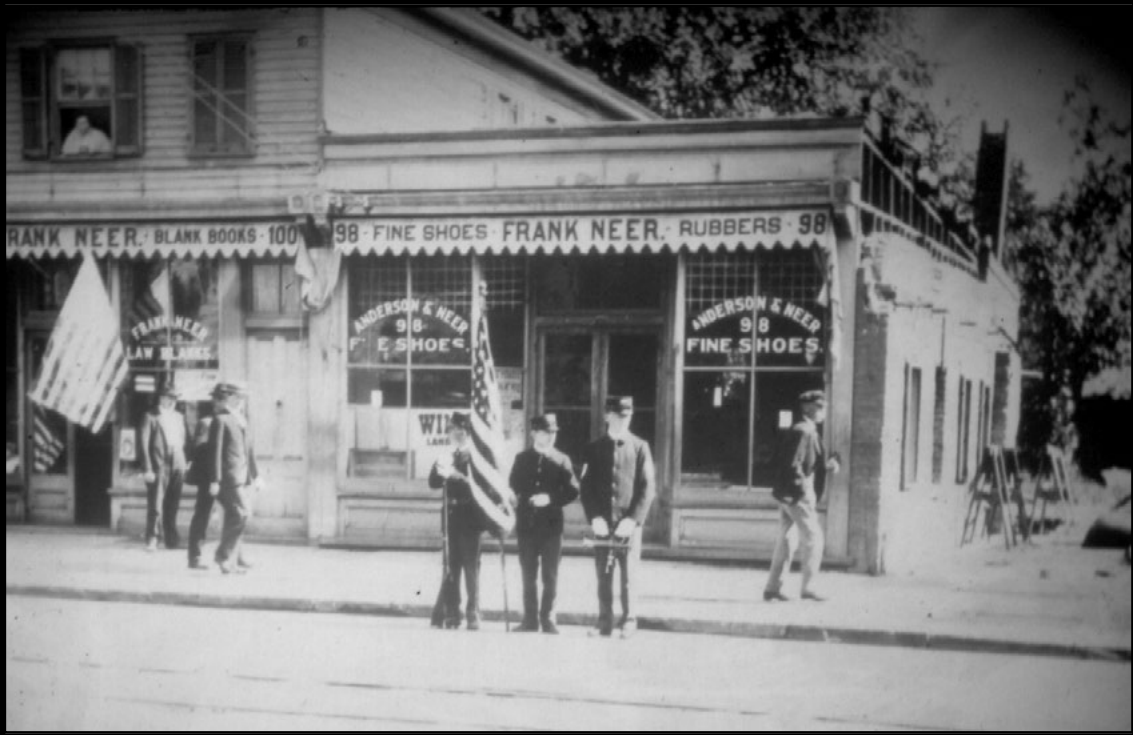
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY -Frank Neer Blank Books, Anderson & Neer Fine Shoes on Smith Street circa 1920's  
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Thank you, St. Jude  
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