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## Mayor Fred Henry's State of the City Highlights Technology, Redevelopment & A Positive Outlook for South Amboy's Economy

By: Carolyn Maxwell

**SOUTH AMBOY** – On 3/21/19, Mayor Fred Henry announced that those present were going to be a part of history because this will be the first South Amboy State of the City that will be televised through a fiber-optic system. The Council Meetings will be televised and available for public viewing on the South Amboy website. Two digital signs will be placed by the library and high school (on O'Leary Boulevard) and a permanent sign is in front of City Hall. Henry then mentioned the recent personnel changes, Glenn Skarzynski, who became the Business Administrator a little over a year ago, and the new CFO (Chief Financial Officer) Dan Balka.

Henry was pleased to announce that the Police Department received their accreditation. They are rewriting and enacting new policies and procedures. The NJ Police Chief Association did an audit of our records and an inspection and no deficiencies were found. I'd



Mayor Fred Henry delivers the 2019 State of the City Address  
\*Photos by Katherine Massopust

like to thank Police Chief Darren Lavigne and his Department. I'd like to thank the Police Department for being the City's protectors and our peace-makers.

Home values are going up. Houses that were selling for \$278,000 in 2010 have increased in value by around 11% and are now worth \$304,000. We are selling million-dollar homes in the City. In 2017, we

had a surplus of \$2.3 million and in 2018 that surplus increased to \$2.4 million. Standard and Poor has increased the City's ratings from A- to A+. This is due to a strong budgetary performance and growth, especially in resources. S&P is happy with our direction. I'd like to thank our CFO and financial experts.

Henry mentioned the Ferry, the Manhattan Beach Project,



(L to R) Dr. Jorge Gonzalez, Barry Rosengarten, Council President Mickey Gross, Mayor Fred Henry

and Debt Restructuring which helped in having a zero increase in our budget. Progress benefits everybody. You can't project the future, but we have smart redevelopment plans. He quoted FDR, "People acting together as a group can accomplish things which no individual acting alone could ever hope to bring about."

Henry then thanked the Public Works Department. Bulk pick-

ups in town have been a great success. So far, we've had 90 tons of recyclables picked up.

He then talked about City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz who in the past year has been instrumental in securing a total of \$1,600,000 in grant money for City improvements.

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## Successful St. Patrick's Day Parade, Rundown Property & Ferry Service Topics of Discussion 3/20/19 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust

**SOUTH AMBOY** – During the Council Comments part of the 3/20/19 Council Meeting, Councilman Thomas Reilly thanked everyone for a successful St. Patrick's Day. "It was well attended, and the businesses did well. I applaud Mickey Gross (Chair of the parade) and crew for that." He also stated that there are new businesses in town such as JAVA Dave's. "There also is a ribbon cutting this Saturday – a new dental business on Bordentown Ave." Reilly then added that Government Week is April 7 thru April 14. He also stated that on April 17 the volunteers in town will be celebrated. "We will be doing something with the school kids."

Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz about the Hole in the Wall. Rasimowicz stated

that they are currently working on it. He also stated that the Bridge on Washington Avenue on the border of South Amboy and Parlin that work was being done. "As for lower Main Street, we don't have a start date, we're waiting to get authorization by the State, and we're set to go."

Council Vice President Christine Noble thanked the Parade Committee and all the honorees.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski noted that the Dowdell Library will be celebrating 105 years of serving the community. "Elaine (Gaber) does a great job."

Law Director Francis Womack thanked former Law Director John Lanza stating that he helped make the transition go smoothly.

Council President Mickey Gross stated, "Mark Herdman had run a drill about dispensing pills during an emergency situ-

ation. Now he will be giving a presentation in St. Luis along with myself next week at the National Conference (National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO))."

The Amboy Guardian reached out to Herdman to explain further what his presentation will be about. He stated that South Amboy had worked with Middlesex County Health Department about a drill of a plan of dispensing medication in case of an attack (such as an anthrax attack by terrorists) for a community with a population less than 10,000. The drill had taken place in June 2018. "Instead of everyone going to the PODs (Point of Dispensing (at designated spots)), we would bring the medication to them." Herdman will be giving the presentation on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 in St. Luis.

Gross then thanked the people

behind the scenes who do all the work. He then stated the fireworks will be on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. "We'll blow everyone away. We want the fireworks to be a homecoming. Mark your calendars for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. I promise it will be a good show." Gross then introduced the new CFO (Chief Financial Officer) Dan Balka.

Mayor Fred Henry thanked Mickey Gross and everyone on the parade committee, the Police and Fire Departments and First Aid Squad. He also mentioned it was the 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tournament of Champions in New Jersey. "Back in 1989 the girls' basketball team won. Christine Noble was on that team. All the fire-trucks greeted the team when they came back and celebrated. We had a great time."

Henry then added, Standard and Poor's have increased our

rating up by two notches. It was a great jump. I'm very pleased what's going on in the City. Financially, we are going in the right direction."

During the public portion, Resident Jackie Giordano asked a few questions. "The building by the train station - the roof blew off. What's going on with that? Is the owner of the property responsible?"

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski answered, "Ultimately, yes. We've just had a meeting with the Mayor, Law Director and myself about this."

The building in question is on the corner of Broadway and John Street. "We are currently in contact with New Jersey Transit. As a City, we can take it down, but the City will have to pay around \$100,000 to do so. If the owner demolishes the

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## South Amboy State of the City



South Amboy High School Students Sing the National Anthem



Mayor Fred Henry with his wife, Linda

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holders were given thanks, especially Freeholder Director Ron Rios. The Freeholders, along with Conrail have begun work on the Hole in the Wall. Work will begin in a few weeks on lower Main Street.

Henry was proud of the fact that Governor Murphy made a recent visit to South Amboy which highlighted the City's smart development. Sites mentioned were: Venetian, the YMCA, and Woodmont Cove. He compared this to Michelangelo's vision. Woodmont Properties built units that are fully occupied. I want to thank SARA (South Amboy Redevelopment Agency) Executive Director Eric F. M. Chubenko and Asm. Craig Coughlin (Attorney for SARA) who helped make those projects come to fruition. SARA has taken dormant and contaminated land so they can be developed. I want to thank the Planning Board and all the professionals who approved those plans. There were a lot of naysayers who spoke against some of these projects, but those naysayers and Superstorm Sandy did not deter us.

Some of the new projects were undertaken by B&E and Sherman Capital which were approved by the Council. The process took many years. Three renewable energy companies are interested in investing in the City and building on an eyesore.

Henry was hopeful to have shovels on the ground by September when talking about the Ferry.

The Historical Society was mentioned next. He mentioned a vintage baseball game that they played using 1860's rules. The cemetery tours are always popular, and they will be having an upcoming open house soon featuring genealogy. He thanked the Historical Society for keeping South Amboy's history alive.

Henry then mentioned the children's summer programs which will have an additional two weeks added. He was excited about the joint fireworks taking place with Perth Amboy again and recognized Council President Mickey Gross and Barry Rosengarten from Perth Amboy who is the Chair of the Fireworks Celebration.

Henry recognized Code Enforcement Director Jay Elliot and South Amboy's Green Team. The City recently acquired a tractor which will be

used on the beach for cleanups. The City will be eligible for more grants. The summer trips have been expanded. More programs for our senior citizens will be expanded, especially when it comes to warning them to avoid being victims of scams.

The Municipal Alliance in South Amboy will be sponsoring teen dances and antidrug programs. He praised the library staff who has education and entertainment activities almost every day. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, the library will be celebrating its 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Henry recognized Business Association President Dr. Jorge Gonzalez and Councilman Tom Reilly. Three businesses have either opened or will be opening soon in the City. The town will continue to have a strong partnership with the schools.

Companies that come in under PILOTs (payment in lieu of taxes) have created revenue. We will be purchasing digital signs for the schools and library this year.

Henry then made a plea for people to volunteer for the Fire and First Aid Departments. We especially need people to volunteer for the First Aid because that Department is getting smaller.

I want to thank volunteers in both departments for their dedication and sacrifice.

Our recent St. Patrick's Day Parade was successful.

He thanked the honorees and Grand Marshals. I know that Mickey Gross who is chair of the St. Patrick's Day Committee has already started working on next year's parade. I want to thank my staff and especially my Secretary, Kathy Kudelkak for all her help and all the duties that she performs. She continues to excel. He also thanked Camille Tooker who is the former B.A. who came out of retirement, but came back to work as the Mayor's Confidential Aide. He again thanked B.A. Glenn Skarzynski for keeping South Amboy on the move. He thanked the Council who always have their hearts in the right place when it comes to what's best for South Amboy.


He acknowledged his family and was pleased to announce that his daughter recently made him a grandfather and his son became engaged.

After that announcement, Camille Tooker gave the Mayor a bouquet of flowers sprinkled with green and white carnations whom he presented to his wife, Linda.

As he presented the bouquet to her, he spoke lovingly how much her support meant to him. She has seen him in good times and bad times, always defending him. "I love you, Linda. I am committed to South Amboy, its smart growth, and doing what's best for the City."

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building, NJ Transit asked two things: a \$35,000 escrow and a safety class (a 4-hour course on operating safely around an active rail line) for the demolition team.”

Skarzynski stated that the land still belongs to the owner regardless who knocks down the building. Mayor Fred Henry added, “If it doesn’t come down next week, we can get a court order to take it down ourselves. We take that expense. He (the owner) is ultimately responsible. He owns the property. It will be a lien on it.”

Skarzynski added, “He owns two corners. NJ Transit owns the middle piece. If any property becomes available for purchase, we (the City) would love to buy it for parking. He (the owner) is not intending to sell

it. NJ Transit does not want to part with the middle piece.”

Council President Gross said, “We’ve spent hundreds of hours on this problem. I’d love to knock it down and be over with it. It’s frustrating. It’s an eyesore.”

Giordano then asked about the status of the Ferry.

B.A. Skarzynski answered, “Spring 2020. It will be open. The City will be done with what we have to do the middle of this summer. We have to do dredging. We’re confident to make it a reality.”

Giordano then asked about the Art District. “There was a falling out...?”

Skarzynski answered, “The Art District is still around. We’re forming a new non-profit which will tentatively be called: Mayor’s Civic Enrichment Fund (working title). In addition to the Arts, Youth Athlet-

ics, the South Amboy Historical Society, and other groups in the City will be involved.”

Resident Brandon Russell asked about the budget and a new fire truck in 2020.

Skarzynski answered, “The purchase of fire truck will be an internal decision by the Fire Department.”

Russell asked if the \$700,000 in PILOT money will be going to the school district. Skarzynski answered that the City already received those funds from Woodmont for 2019.

Russell then asked why the minutes of the October 22, 2018 meeting were not on the City’s website.

City Clerk Laura Kemble-Kalantsis stated she will have to see if they are done.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato was not present at the Meeting. The next Council Meeting will be on April 17, 2019.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

College or Trade School? Revisited

With spring here, and graduation right around the corner we decided to discuss the topic of traditional college versus vocational training.

Make no bones about it, we know that there are certain fields where a traditional college education is needed. This is especially true when it comes to professions such as medical, scientific, technology, law, education, or certain other career choices.

Recently I was listening to WCTC with Bert Baron and he had on a realtor who will be giving out scholarships to students in Middlesex and Union Counties. The catch is that these are only those who will be going to trade schools.

He realized that everyone is not suited for a traditional college education, and the trades offer opportunities to go into fields that are needed. Plus they have high paying salaries. He then rattled off some of the trades such as plumbers, electricians, etc. that will always be in demand.

I agree with that assessment. There was another program I listened to where a popular financial advisor had a list of careers that would no longer be needed in the near future. He got quite a backlash from some callers who challenged him. They said that they had retired from some of those careers, made good money, and have a good pension. The host then asked those callers, "What year did you graduate from college?"

Some said in the late '70's or early '80's. The host then proceeded to say, "What was in demand 30 years ago, is not necessarily what is in demand today."

The same financial advisor talked about one of his client who owned a huge mansion where he had miles of fiber-optic cables installed on his property a few years ago and bragged about it. He thought that this would enhance the value of his home. Now with the

onset of today's technology, it was a huge waste of money.

We know the prestige of going to college, especially if you are the first person in your family to pursue a higher education.

As hard as it may seem, a parent or guardian or whomever is paying the tuition has to think long and hard about career choices. Even if you feel you have to take a year off and work before making a final decision, I don't find this to be a problem.

Sometimes you may find what you really want to do during that year. I'm sure some people have done so.

There is a small percentage of people who did not go to college or attended college and dropped out and became very successful, especially in the technology field.

Another excellent choice is the armed forces because they teach you marketable skills. The bottom line for me is that you truly have to do some soul searching (the student and parent must decide what is best). Not going to college does not carry the stigma it used to. If you feel the need to go back to college, it will always be there. *C.M.*

If you do choose to go to college, you should pick a major that is necessary for your choice of career. Pick a school which has a good program for what you want to do. Distance can be an issue. In-State is always cheaper, but other schools may have other things to offer. There are options when it comes to tuition. There are App's that show you what scholarships are available with what skills you have.

Whatever you choose, remember these decisions are important. Most high school graduates have limited expenses. Now is the best time to pursue your dreams. The older you get, the more difficult it is to go to school. My advice - go to school now while it's easier for you. Either way, the choice is yours. *K.M.*

New Zealand Shooting

As we all know by now there was a mass shooting in New Zealand. There are many dead and wounded by an Australian Nationalist. Now, the Mainstream News Media is only going to tell us what we want

to hear about this shooting, but there's conflicting stories about this shooting that will still come out in the future. Here are some facts that are very interesting:

#1 There was shooting at two Mosques.

#2 More than one shooter.

#3 It was on Facebook and live streamed.

#4 The Facebook video was

taken down for a reason.

#5 Now all of a sudden, the Prime Minister wants ALL GUNS turned in. New Zealand is part of the Green New Deal and gun control is in it.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

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The Renee J. Bradley Foundation for Domestic Violence 2019 Scholarship Luncheon

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Renee J. Bradley Foundation for Domestic Violence 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship Luncheon will take place on Sunday, April 7, 2019. The Scholarship Luncheon will be from 3-6pm and hosted at the Cathedral International Family Life Center Banquet Hall in Perth Amboy, NJ.

This year's luncheon will be hosted by the Reverend Dr. Danielle L. Brown, Pastor of Church Life, Cathedral International. The keynote speaker will be Phyllis Adams, MA, MSW the Chief Executive Officer of Women Aware. Honored Guest will include Bishop Donald Hilliard Jr. Senior Pastor, Cathedral International, Reverend Dr. Deniece Reid, Campus Pastor, Cathedral International and Minister Carole Dortch-Wright the Communications Director of the Cathedral International.

This event is created to raise awareness to domestic violence and to award Perth Amboy, NJ High School Seniors attending a 4-year university Scholarship opportunities. The foundation

successfully launched a year ago and strives to work with the local community leaders, churches and organizations to help bring an end to domestic violence. The foundation believes that strength, compassion, love and education are four major unlocking relationship-changing, life-saving keys. \*Proceeds will go towards the Renee J. Bradley Foundation Scholarship Fund; Ticket Donation will include lunch and raffle ticket entry for door prize.

The mission of the Renee J. Bradley Foundation is to teach, mentor and educate young adults in general and specifically youth adults of color about the importance of healthy relationships and the signs of domestic violence. Our vision is "To Stop Domestic Violence through Strength, Compassion, Love & Education."

Foundation Goals:

- To mentor and coach young adults about the dynamics and realities of healthy relationships.
- To educate young adults about the unhealthy impact of many

societal socialization norms regarding various gender roles and expectations.

- To educate young adults of color about the cultural dynamics and realities of domestic violence and healthy relationships.
- To increase prevention and awareness of domestic violence in the lives of youth adults through preventive education, seminars and resources.
- To help support children of domestic violence victims by establishing a scholarship fund.
- To provide a safe place for young adults to dialogue and receive trained peer or professional counseling for abuse/domestic violence.

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- Education
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- Solution

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**“Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me?”**

OLD BRIDGE - The Institute of Weight Loss at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge, is sponsoring an “Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me?” seminar Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The informative event will focus on weight loss surgery including discussion on Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Gastric Sleeve and concerns surrounding weight loss surgery as well as its successes. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in Suite 404, Medical Arts Building, 3 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME (1.855.846.3463).

**“Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts”**

WOODBIDGE - The Center for Bariatric Surgery at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding a free seminar “Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts” Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 p.m. at the Medical Pavilion in Woodbridge, 740 US Highway 1, Iselin, NJ. Center for Bariatric Surgery Medical Director Karl Strom, M.D., will discuss the benefits of weight loss surgery. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

**Aromatherapy Education**

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy’s Integrative Health & Medicine Services is holding an Aromatherapy education session Tuesday, April 16, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall A, Raritan Bay Medical Center, 530 New Brunswick Ave. This program explains what Aromatherapy is and how it can benefit your overall well-being. It will provide some simple tips for use at home. Registration required. For more information and to register, call 732-324-5257 or email [integrativehealth@hackensackmeridian.org](mailto:integrativehealth@hackensackmeridian.org).

**Total Joint Replacement Education Session**

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is sponsoring a free Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, April 5, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., in the Human Motion Institute office, concourse level, 530 New Brunswick Ave, Perth Amboy, NJ. The class will educate attendees on what to expect before, during, and after surgery. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.





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# Perth Amboy Rail Station Upgrade Still Years Behind Schedule

Activity Milestone	Original	Current	CSLQ	Actual
03 - Board Approval Design Contract :	Jul 2010	May 2013		May 2013
04 - NTP Design (Contract or In-House) : 60% Design	Feb 2011	Jun 2013		Jun 2013
05 - Design 30 Complete :	Jan 2012	Aug 2013		Aug 2013
06 - Environmental Complete :	Jul 2013	Jan 2019		
12a - Package to Procurement - Primary :	Jan 2014	Jan 2020		
07 - Design 100 Complete :	Jul 2013	Jan 2020		
12b - Advertise Primary Contract :	Jan 2014	May 2020		
13 - Board Approval Primary Contract :	Dec 2013	Sep 2020		
14 - NTP Primary (Contract or In-House) :	Jan 2014	Oct 2020		
18 - 50 Complete :	Dec 2014	Oct 2021		
19 - Project Complete :	Dec 2015	Oct 2022		
20 - Closeout Complete :	Jun 2016	Oct 2023		

By: Ron Miskoff  
PERTH AMBOY - People have talked about the reconstruction of the Perth Amboy Rail Station for longer than most people can remember, maybe as far back as the 1960s.

Although the project is technically underway, not a single shovel has been put into the ground. Officials say it is still in the design stage as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is reviewing the blueprints.

But the project is officially at least seven years behind schedule, and all of the funding — more than \$47 million — has not been earmarked yet. From a passenger point of view, nothing is happening.

The original plans call for the addition of four new elevators and a platform similar in height to other NJ Transit stations in New Jersey. That would enable travelers to step on and off trains instead of what they have to do now: climb or descend several steps to get on and off a train. Besides that, passengers have to descend 26 steps to reach the concrete sidewalk where they can climb onto the train. When they return from their trip, they have to climb those same 26 steps to reach the parking lot or street level.

Thus it is difficult or impossible for the elderly and the handicapped to reach the train.

Under the original schedule posted by NJ Transit, the project should have been completed in June 2016.

But according to a document called “Perth Amboy Station – ADA Improvements,” the schedule for the completion of the reconstruction has been pushed back to October 2023. That’s more than seven years later than previously announced. The new schedule was quietly noted last week in a document not seen before. The Amboy Guardian obtained the document through a request under the N.J. Open Public Records Act.

According to the document, the project currently is listed as “0% complete.”

That does not mean that nothing has been done on the project. Both NJ Transit and FTA spokespersons have said that the design phase is 30 percent complete and engineering plans are awaiting FTA approval before the next phase can commence. But that phase of the project was scheduled to be done by January 2012, according to the document.

Mayor Wilda Diaz announced in Dec. 2016, “NJ Transit has committed the necessary fund-

ing totaling nearly \$47 million to renovate and improve the Perth Amboy Station.” That means that the project was already three years behind schedule when NJ Transit approved it. It is listed as having been budgeted in May 2013.

The mayor is exasperated. Asked for a statement concerning the delay, Noelia Colon, Mayor Diaz’ spokesperson, said she asked NJ Transit for an explanation. This is what NJ Transit told her:

“The improvements to the Perth Amboy train station await the review of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Until that review completes, the project remains at 30-percent design. We look forward to completing that review and advancing this project for the benefit of our customers in Perth Amboy.”

In fact, there is some question about whether the money to pay for the project has been made available yet through federal funding. Mayor Diaz, meanwhile, said she has been waiting “the last eight to 10 years” for the station to be improved and made compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law in 1990 and went into effect around 1993. The ADA specifies certain milestones that need to be completed in public buildings. The train station is literally years behind schedule under ADA.

As requirements for compliance to the ADA are nearly 30 years old, Diaz blamed NJ Transit for being “extremely slow in submitting the paperwork to the FTA.”

In a telephone interview Diaz said that New Jersey’s federal representatives have been helpful in moving the project along. She mentioned Sen. Cory Booker and Rep. Frank Pallone but especially noted the work that Sen. Robert Menendez has done to move the project along.

“Booker, Pallone and especially Menendez have followed up,” she said. “They have followed up. Their aides had conversations with representatives from the FTA... we need this train station to be ADA compliant so people can use a station that meets federal standards.”

She said, “Menendez didn’t forget about us.”

Still, a spokesman for the FTA said the foot-dragging, if there was any, came from the New Jersey side, not the federal government.

A spokesman for the FTA — the federal agency which is

empowered with awarding the funding — said NJ Transit is lax in its part of the job.

In a statement labeled as “FTA Final Background Response,” Steven Taubenkibel, a public affairs specialist for FTA, said on Wednesday, March 20, in an email that NJ Transit has still not submitted a grant request to FTA for the Perth Amboy station project.

“FTA will consider a grant application once it is received,” Taubenkibel said in an email to the Amboy Guardian. “All environmental reviews take various times to complete; however, making appropriate ADA improvements to an historic station requires a critical review and ensuring the character of the historic station is maintained while making it accessible to commuters.”

Taubenkibel went on to write, “FTA anticipates completing its review of NEPA [National Environmental Policy Act], ADA and the Historic Preservation Act for the Perth Amboy station later this year.”

Section 4(f) of the National Historic Preservation Act prohibits the US Department of Transportation from approving transportation projects requiring use of protected resources, including significant historic sites (such as Perth Amboy Station) unless the federal agency can demonstrate that there is no prudent or feasible alternative and the project sponsors use all possible planning to avoid, minimize, and mitigate harm to the historic resource.

Mayor Diaz said she would like to see construction begin by the end of 2019 or the beginning of 2020. She said she hurt her back three years ago at the Perth Amboy station and had to get off her train in Woodbridge. In fact, several people who live or work in Perth Amboy were interviewed for this article, and many of them complained of physical problems dealing with the station. Many have shifted their use of rail travel to stations in Metuchen, Woodbridge or South Amboy.

Also, because the Perth Amboy station lacks elevators and a high-level platform to board trains, the number of people who use the station is probably lower than it might be if those aspects were available.

“All of the money is not in-house yet,” said Laurie McCabe, a chief of staff for Sen. Joe Vitale and Assembly members Yvonne Lopez and Craig Coughlin. “We were supposed to have shovels in the ground in January.”



View of Perth Amboy Train Station  
\*Photos by Ron Miskoff



Perspective shot shows the lack of a high-level platform at the Perth Amboy train station.



Passengers have to descend (or climb) 26 steps to reach the tracks at the Perth Amboy train station.

Vitale, Lopez and Coughlin all represent the 19th district — where Perth Amboy is located — although none of them were made available to comment for this article. In addition, Rep. Pallone did not respond to requests for comment.

But McCabe said she was investigating whether the entire structure of funding for the train station might be tied too close to other projects, thus holding up the train station. One project that she said seemed to be blocking funding for the rail station is the Portal Bridge. It is a rail bridge near Secaucus Junction that carries rail traffic into and out of New York City.

The bridge, which spans the Hackensack River in Kearny and Secaucus, has been in the news lately because of its cantankerous two-track moveable swing-span that has held up rail traffic. Complicating the connection between the Perth Am-

boy rail station funding and the Portal Bridge has been the fact that the Portal Bridge, built in 1910, is owned and operated by Amtrak as part of the Northeast Corridor and is also used by NJ Transit.

In 2015, the Portal Bridge was considered the busiest train span in the Western Hemisphere, carrying 150,000 to 200,000 passengers per day. If a passenger takes a train to New York City from Perth Amboy or South Amboy, he or she will travel over the Portal Bridge on the way. It has received almost as much publicity at the Gateway Project, the proposal to increase and repair the train tunnels connecting New Jersey and New York City.

McCabe said she was hoping to get the Perth Amboy train station uncoupled from the Portal

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# Hackensack Meridian Health Expands Bear’s Den Innovation Hubs to All Network Hospitals

*The Network Established a \$25 Million Investment in Innovation to Bring Breakthroughs in Health Care Delivery to Market*

Press Release 3/15/19  
EDISON/PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health, New Jersey’s largest and most integrated health network, is pleased to announce that it is expanding the successful innovation program, Bear’s Den, to all hospitals to encourage the network’s 34,000 team members to bring forth their best ideas to improve care delivery and enhance patient satisfaction.

“Bear’s Den has been a winning strategy for Hackensack Meridian Health by supporting the next breakthroughs in care delivery and it’s time to include our dedicated team members who know best how to innovate from their valuable frontline experience,” said Robert C. Garrett, CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health.

To date, Bear’s Den has supported two major innovations through a \$25 million fund: Pillo, a health robot for the home and PurpleSun, the only technology with a 90- second disinfection cycle to eliminate microorganisms to prevent hospital-acquired infections.

The Wall Street Journal called PurpleSun a “Game Changer in Health-Tech” and noted that PurpleSun is living up to claims it can partner with large health care providers to meet their important needs in the era of value-based care, which rewards hospitals and providers for keeping patients healthy and out of the hospital.

Launched in 2017, Bear’s Den features a panel of experts, including CEO Robert C. Garrett, leading physicians, key network executives, venture capitalists, patent attorneys, who gather regularly to vet proposals from entrepreneurs. The health network’s novel incubator has vetted many products and strategies to streamline care delivery, reduce infections, lower hospital readmissions and help patients partner in their care with physicians.

“Innovation is in our DNA at Hackensack Meridian Health,” said Andrew Pecora, M.D., president of physician enterprise and Chief Innovation Officer.

Hackensack Meridian Health joined with the New Jersey Innovation Institute, an affiliate



Cutting the Ribbon  
*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



Refreshments for Guests  
*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



Hammey, Andrew Pecora, M.D., Sandra Elliott  
*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



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of the New Jersey Institute of Technology, bringing together engineers, scientists, health care experts and others to launch innovations to improve health care delivery. Hackensack Meridian Health created an Innovation Center where aspiring companies present their concepts to the center’s ideation group. Those deemed ready are presented to the “Bear’s Den” group of Hackensack Meridian’s Innovation Center to decide on investment.

By creating designated space in the network’s 17 hospitals, staff members from Bear’s Den will meet team members on site to discuss their ideas. Additionally, entrepreneurs will periodically visit the hospital locations and share their inspiring stories with team members to encourage them to innovate.

Increasingly, health care organizations are turning to technology to help achieve the “Triple Aim”: to improve patient outcomes, enhance the patient experience and reduce costs. While U.S. health care spend-

ing has grown from five percent of GDP in 1960 to 17 percent in 2016, life expectancy in the U.S. has decreased in the last two years for the first time since the great flu epidemic from 1916 to 1918.

The first company Bear’s Den funded was Boston-based Pillo Health, a leading in-home digital care management company. Pillo leverages voice-first technology and artificial intelligence to connect patients at home with their care teams and family members.

Pillo will soon be part of a study lead by Laurie Jacobs, M.D., chair and professor of Medicine, Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. The study will include about 100 patients who receive care for congestive heart failure from physicians at Hackensack University Medical Center, the network’s flagship hospital. Pillo reminds people to take medication at the appropriate time, dispenses their medications, digitally coordinates prescription refills and connects individuals

in their homes with physicians, caregivers and loved ones.

One of Pillo Health’s primary goals is to support improvements in medication compliance. Prescription non-compliance adds a huge financial burden to the U.S. health care system, costing billions of dollars per year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hospital admission rates increase for non-adherent patients with chronic illness by up to 69 percent, according to the CDC.

Meanwhile, PurpleSun utilizes a form of ultraviolet light energy to disinfect care areas. It has been piloted in operating

rooms, post-acute care units, intensive care and emergency departments and has reported a 98 percent effectiveness in eliminating microorganisms in those areas, according to recent reports published in the American Journal of Infection Control.

Although significant progress has been made in preventing health care-associated infections, there is much more work to be done, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Infections. On any given day in the nation, about one in 31 hospital patients has at least one health care-associated infection, according to the CDC.

## Creative Art Contest for Sayreville Students

SAYREVILLE – There will be a Creative Art Contest for Sayreville Students on May 3, 2019 Hosted by the Sayreville Shade Tree Commission held at: Sayreville Senior Center from 6 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. We are looking for students of all ages (including adults) to express what a tree means and represents to them. Whether a favorite tree, a memory involving a tree, the beauty of a tree, whatever the passion we want you to show us through art. We hope that this challenge inspires our youth to get involved and show just how amazing Sayreville really is. Categories: Elementary (Grades K-5); Middle School (Grades 6-8); High School (Grades 9-12); Three Dimensional; Adult Only (18 and over); Group Project. Prizes will be awarded in each category at the event. Please notify the Shade Tree Commission by April 22nd. If you will participate or you need additional information at: Phone: 732-814-9964; Email: heather.sayrevilleshadetree@gmail.com; Facebook: @sayrevilleshadetree

## Annual Cabbage & Noodle Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John’s Evg. Lutheran Church is having a cabbage & noodle sale. Orders taken March 11th through March 30th. Pick up will be at 664 Amboy Ave (use the side door on Meredith St.) on Sunday March 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Contact Lorraine at 732-996-8860 or kookie.mc@verizon.net to place your order. Cost: \$6.00 for 1 pound or buy 3 lbs or more, save \$1.00 per pound!

## Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John’s Orthodox Church will be holding their Cake Sale at \$13.00 Each. Cakes: Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune(Lekvar), Apricot, or Raspberry. Orders may be called in from April 1st-3rd, 2019 to 732-826-7067 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon. Please call early to be sure your order gets in. Orders may be picked up on April 10th or 11th at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Orders can be picked up after 2:30 p.m.

## Bus Trip Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

**Holy Rosary Seniors**  
HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip just to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see “I Do, I Do” Wednesday, 8/14th. Cost \$98. Deposit of \$50 required. Includes bus, luncheon, and show tickets. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. Any questions please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.



CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, NJ  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
and  
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
2019/2020 PROGRAM YEAR

They City of Perth Amboy is planning for the FY 2019/2020 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership programs which are funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist persons who have low-to-moderate incomes, remove slums and blight, and/or address urgent needs. Last FY 2018/2019, the City received the allocations in the amount of \$610,466.00 for CDBG and \$371,657.00 for HOME.

Public Hearings are being scheduled in the initial stages of the 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan. The information received from interested individuals at the hearings will assist the City and the Development Advisory Committee in the preparation of the 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan. The hearings are designed to obtain resident’s views and to respond to questions. Residents are invited to provide written or verbal comments at or prior to the hearings. Information will be made available to citizens regarding application procedures, timing, eligible activities, and other regulations related to the CDBG and HOME Programs. As contained in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan the housing and community development priorities of the City are as follow: provide a suitable living environment; provide decent affordable housing and create or expand economic opportunities. These priorities will be reviewed and the public is encouraged to comment.

The first public hearing is set to be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at the Council Chambers of Perth Amboy City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. The draft 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan will be prepared following the close of the committee review. This document will be available for the public review in the Office of Economic and Community Development from Monday, April 1, 2019 to Wednesday, May 1, 2019 in order to meet the timing and submission requirements established by HUD. The City will hold a second public hearing on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at the Council Chambers of Perth Amboy City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861, to receive comments on the proposed plan prior to finalizing this document by Friday, May 10, 2019.

Comments can be sent via email to Frederick Carr, Business Administrator [fcarr@perthamboynj.org](mailto:fcarr@perthamboynj.org) or through mail at 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Wilda Diaz, Mayor  
City of Perth Amboy

Frederick Carr, Business Administrator

Perth Amboy Rail Station Upgrade  
Still Years Behind Schedule

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Bridge funding but because federal funding was involved, she was not sure that could be accomplished. The Portal Bridge tab is much more expensive than the Perth Amboy Rail Station. The latest estimated cost for replacing the bridge is \$1.5 billion, which dwarfs the cost of upgrading the Perth Amboy Rail Station.

As a result, she said all of the funding for the rail station has not been authorized by Congress. Despite state funding, for the Portal Bridge, the Donald Trump White House is withholding money for the project.

As a result, the withheld funds are affecting the Perth Amboy rail station, although the station is non-controversial.

McCabe said she was aiming this week for a letter to be sent to the Department of Transportation and signed by Coughlin, Vitale, and Lopez, along with Mayor Diaz, to demand that the train station, which has already received promises for a major part of the \$47 million needed for the project, move ahead even as federal and state officials dicker over the Portal Bridge. A spokesperson for the two New Jersey senators and Pallone also said they were working on drafting a separate letter to get the train station project moving.

Fish Fry

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks are having a Fish Fry Every Friday during Lent-Starts on March 8 to April 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 601 Washington Ave. ALL FRESH FISH! We will be offering--Fish Platter, Shrimp Platter, Scallop Platter, Combo Platter, Fish Sandwich, Shrimp Cocktail, Steamed Clams and more. Your Choice: Fried or Broiled. All Dinners Include--French Fries, Coleslaw, Soup, Desert, Coffee and Tea. Take out Available. Look For our Weekly Menu on Facebook & Public TV. For more info call: 732-727-7170

South Amboy  
K of C Events  
Easter Bunny  
Brunch

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their Easter Bunny Brunch Sunday, April 14th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amby. Bring your camera to get pictures of the Easter Bunny with your children. Cost is \$10 Adults, \$3 for children aged 2 to 12. Under 2 are free. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Mets Trip

SOUTH AMBOY - For all of you baseball fans, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus hold their annual trip to Citi Field to see the Mets battle the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday, June 15th. Game time is 7:10 p.m. Coach leaves the K of C parking lot at 3 p.m. Cost of \$135 includes round trip motor coach transportation, reserved ticket to the game, \$24 worth of Mets Money that can be used anywhere in the ballpark. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information call Steve at 732-727-1707.

Golf Outing

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their 10th annual Golf Outing Thursday May 23rd at Cruz Farms in Farmingdale. Cost of \$100 includes 18 holes of golf, dinner, lunch, and a riding cart. Prizes will be raffled off at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Registration is at 8:30 and tee-off is at 9 a.m. Hole sponsorships are also available. For more information call Ray at 732-721-2025 or 732-406-2340.

Spring Car Show

SOUTH AMBOY - For all of you car owners, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Spring Car Show Friday night June 7th from 6 to 9 p.m. The car show will be at the parking lot of the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Awards will be presented to the best contestants. Please bring a non-perishable food item for local food pantries. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Fish Fry

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Catholic School and St. John Paul II Parish at St. Stephen’s Worship Site are sponsoring a Fish Fry at the Perth Amboy Catholic School cafeteria at 500 State Street (Rear Entrance) on Friday, March 29, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Take-out will be available at 4:00 p.m. Adult - \$10.00; Child 5-10 Years --\$6.00. Ticket includes either Fried Fish or Pierogis, Salad, and Choice of Two Sides, with Dessert and Coffee or Tea. \$1.00 Soda or Water. Wine and sangria will be available for purchase. Advanced ticket purchase suggested by Tuesday, March 26, 2019. For tickets call the parish office at (732) 826-1395.

Coffee Talk with  
Rabbi Metz

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

Bingo

PERTH AMBOY – There is now \$1000 Bingo at Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Pl., Perth Amboy on Mondays. Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Kitchen will be open. For more info, call 732-442-7799. License No: BL-1031; ID No: 387-1-29395

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY  
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy (HACPA) will open its waiting list for its four and five bedroom project based voucher units to accept by lottery 25 applications from Perth Amboy residents only. Interested parties can apply online at [www.perthamboyha.org](http://www.perthamboyha.org). Only online applications will be accepted.

Eligible applicants must be 18 years of age or older, Perth Amboy residents, and have a minimum household size of 8 persons and a maximum household size of 10 persons. Families must also meet the following Housing and Urban Development Income Limits:

8 Persons	9 Persons	10 Persons
\$71,250	\$75,530	\$79,846

The Authority will accept online applications through Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Applicants not meeting the required household size will be disqualified.

Douglas G. Dzema, PHM  
Executive Director

"If a disabled applicant needs assistance with the application process they can contact Judy Matias-Ortiz at (732) 826-3110 ext. 0

All applicants will be treated equally without consideration to race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, familial status, marital status, or disability,





## Tom's Tax Tips

### 7 Common Missing Tax Return Items

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

Want your tax return filed quickly and without error? Then double-check this list of items that are often overlooked. These missing items often cause delays in getting your tax return filed:

**1. Forms W-2 and 1099.** Using last year's tax return as a checklist, make sure all your W-2s and 1099s are received and applied to your tax return. Missing items will be caught by the IRS mismatch program. All these forms are required to be in the mail to you on or before Jan. 31. If you are missing a form, contact the company responsible for issuing them.

**2. Form 1095-A.** If you have health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace, you will need this form to complete your taxes and potentially claim the Premium Tax Credit. The deadline for employers to distribute other versions of Form 1095 is March 4.

**3. Dependent information.** If you add a new dependent in 2018, provide the name, Social Security number and birth date to have them added to your tax return. If you have a dependent that shares time with someone else, discuss the plan for who is going to claim them. Your tax return cannot be filed if there is conflict in this area.

**4. Cost/basis information.** If you sold any assets (typically investments or real estate), you need to know the cost/basis amount to calculate your taxable capital gain. Check your investment statements to ensure that your broker includes the required information. Often times it's hard to find on the Form 1099-B summary, but it might be listed later in the statement details.

**5 Schedule K-1s.** As an owner of a partnership or S-corporation, you will need to receive a Form K-1 that reports your share of the profit or loss from the business activity. Because of the new qualified business income deduction (QBID), businesses are required to report more information this year. When you receive your K-1, pay special attention to box 17 (codes V through Z) for S-corporations and box 20 (codes Z through AD) for partnerships. This is where QBID information is included. Without this, you cannot file your tax return.

**6. Forms or documents with no explanation.** If you receive a tax form, but have no explanation for the form, questions will arise. For instance, if you receive a retirement account distribution form it may be deemed income. If it is part of a qualified rollover, no tax is due. An explanation is required to file your information correctly.

**7. Missing signatures.** Both you and your spouse need to review and sign the e-file approval forms before the tax return can be filed. The sooner you review and approve your tax return, the sooner it can be filed.

By knowing these commonly missed pieces of information, hopefully your tax filing experience will be a smooth one.

## Perth Amboy Author: Marianne Komek

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - A teen diagnosis of bipolar creates quite a volatile 'coming of age'. When young Theresa, the main character in the novel Promises to Theresa by Marianne Komek, exhibits the first symptoms of bipolar, she dismisses them as simply the result of too many responsibilities. After she discovers this condition also caused her mother's erratic behavior throughout her childhood, the young girl denies her own diagnosis completely. However, excuse after excuse fails to explain her outbursts and social angst. The reader is lead on a quite convincing roller-coaster ride of actions and reactions, common for the untreated bipolar patient. Faith, family, and friends finally convince Theresa of the reality of her diagnosis and the hopes that are still very much within her grasp.

**With God's Help:**

Through her trials and triumphs, we come to fully appreciate the vital role God plays in overcoming monumental trials. Patron saints, family and friends also play a substantial part in conquering this cross – just as with any cross we carry. Hopelessness, sadness, and mounting fear all culminate in a plea

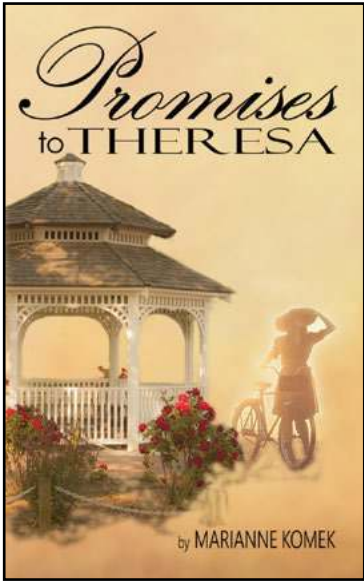
for understanding. As society begins to soften its attitude toward those suffering mental illness, those who suffer from it find solace, support, and understanding. From there we look forward to removing the stigma of the past and building up our affected brothers and sisters.

**Meet Marianne Komek:**

*Marianne Komek is a freelance journalist whose articles have appeared in the National Catholic Register, the Catholic News Service, and The Catholic Spirit, the official newspaper for the diocese of Metuchen. She has worked as a production editor and editorial assistant for publishers in New York City. Komek also tutored remedial English and taught ESL.*

*She was a youth minister for teenagers at her parish, as well as serving as a catechist for them. Komek is a member of her hometown's Friends of the Library and Women's Club. She was also the publicity chair for The Royal Garden Club By The Bay.*

*Komek serves on the Board of the Guild of Saint Benedict Joseph Labre, which offers spiritual support for the emotionally troubled and mentally ill and their families and friends. She is a consecrated member of*



*the international Apostolate of Schoenstatt.*

*In her spare time, Komek enjoys fresh sea breezes during walks along the bay. There she likes watching teenagers play volleyball on the sand. Komek also enjoys ballet, opera, and is an avid Green Bay Packers fan. Her husband, Cabbar, is a professional photographer and media artist. They have a little sixteen-year-old dachshund, Pookie, who still thinks he's a puppy, especially when he begs for treats. They can't refuse him!*

## No Foolin': April Events at the Dowdell Library

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — After a long, cold, windy winter, spring is finally here! It's the perfect time to turn over a new leaf and, down at the Dowdell Library, business is blooming. Just take a look at what's sprouting anew!

The Dowdell Library is looking forward to celebrating Chinese culture at its Celebrate! The Year of the Pig program on Sunday, April 7, starting at 1:30pm. Program attendees will be entertained by a Lion Dance outside the library at the start of the event. Art stations will highlight interesting and delightful Asian arts, while musical ensembles, a fashion show, K-pop, and traditional dance will round out the afternoon. Attendees with tickets will be treated to a taste of China and door prizes will be available at the conclusion of the program.

Looking to destress (and get a leg up on your professional life)? Sign up for the Dowdell's new Yoga for Success series! The first session will run from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on Tuesday, April 9. Registration is required!

On the hunt for the ultimate sedentary workout? The Dowdell's Yoga for Health series is waiting for you! The first session of this chair yoga program will run from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Saturday, April 20. Registration is required!

Celebrity Storytime is back by popular demand! On Thursday, April 11 at 3:30pm, join South Amboy's very own Mayor Henry and the South Amboy Police Department and get lost in the world of children's literature!

Whether you're starting a summer slimdown or just look-

ing for a simple way to improve your lifestyle, you ought to attend the Dowdell's Healthy Eating Tips seminar! Presented by registered dietician Laura Vetter of St. Peter's University Hospital, this event will start at 11am on Thursday, April 18. Enjoy light refreshments while learning more about the value of a well-balanced diet!

Tax season is nearing its conclusion, and the Dowdell 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. Drop-off assistance is available on Monday, April 8 and Thursday, April 11 from 10am to 12pm. Registration is required; 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.

Have an abiding interest in the latest technology? Every Thursday between 6:30pm and 7:30pm, stop in at the Dowdell's Adult Tech Corner, where you'll discover a new topic every week! No devices are necessary for participation.

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! Rock Along

Toddler Time with Robbie the Robot runs Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1pm to 2pm. Your little musician can join Robbie the Robot to have fun with magnetic shapes, practice shape, number, and color skills, and listen to delightful stories.

Though school's out for spring break the week of April 22, things are in full swing at the Dowdell! On Monday, participate in a Lend a Seed Earth Day planting program; on Tuesday, take to the skies with Paper Airplane Pandemonium; on Wednesday, celebrate our planet with 3-D printed models of the Earth; on Thursday, snack on MIY quesadillas, draw 3-D objects with 3-D pens, and configure your own snap circuit grid; and on Friday, lose yourself in a full day of Nintendo Switch gaming! With the exception of Friday's Switch gaming, all these events will run from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

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 sign up for our newsletter and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org). The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Fall hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 8pm; Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 5pm; and Saturdays from 12pm to 4pm.

## Volunteers Needed

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - CASA of Middlesex County is seeking volunteers to advocate for children who have been abused or neglected. When a child is in foster care, having a CASA means they are more likely to find a permanent home, spend less time in foster care, and perform better in school. Champion one of these children from your community and safeguard a child's well-being through advocacy in the court today.

Join our next information session on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-11 a.m. and learn what it takes to be an advocate and change a child's life forever.

RSVP to Nora Siklosi Szabo, at [nora@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org](mailto:nora@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org)

The event takes place at CASA of Middlesex County office, 77 Church Street, New Brunswick on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. For more information, go to: <http://www.casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/volunteer>

## Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY – There will be a Designer Bag Bingo, Tricky Tray, 50/50, and Louis Vuitton Bag Raffle (Ticket \$20.00) on Friday, April 12, 2019 at Saint John Paul II Parish, St. Stephen's School, 500 State St., Perth Amboy. Designer Bags include Kate Spade, Coach, Guess, ECCO, Michael Kors, DKNY and Calvin Klein. Doors open at 6 p.m. Game Starts at 7:30 p.m. Kitchen will be open. \$30.00 admission fee includes: one set of 12 bingo cards, includes a special game/each 3 bingo boards, and a ticket for a door prize, coffee, and cake. Reservations @732-826-1395 / 732-485-9367

*\*No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to play. No refund of any kind. If more than one player is found to be the winner on the call of the same number in the same game, the designated prize will be divided as equally as possible and when division is not possible, substitute prizes, whose aggregate value will not exceed that of the designated prize, will be awarded, but such substitute prize will be of equal value to each other. ID No. 387-1-39661; BL-1046; RL-4193; RL-4194; RL-4915*



Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade 3/10/19 \*Photos by Ray Kawka, Jr.



South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade 3/16/19 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Carolyn Maxwell





***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.*

After inspecting three forward bases in Burma on March 24, 1944, British Acting Maj. Gen. Orde Wingate, commander of the Chindits, is killed when the USAAF B-25 Mitchell bomber in which he is riding crashes into jungle-covered mountains in Manipur State, India. In response to the killing of 33 German police in Rome by the Italian Resistance the previous day, SS Col. Herbert Kappler conducts the execution of 335 Italian men and boys — at least 255 of whom are civilians and not prisoners or Resistance fighters — in reprisal. The executions are approved by Hitler personally. Those chosen are taken to the Fosse Ardeatine caves outside of Rome and shot. The Nazis then seal the caves. Not yet knowing of the Ardeatine massacre, President Roosevelt issues a statement condemning ongoing German and Japanese “crimes against humanity.” In the Pacific, the last Japanese organized resistance on Bougainville ends.

On March 25, 200 Allied aviation officers attempt to escape from the prisoner-of-war camp *Stalag Luft III* in Sagan, Lower Silesia, Prussia, about 100 miles southeast of Berlin. (The camp holds almost 11,000 Allied pilots and aircrewmembers.) Only 76 make it outside the camp (the escape tunnel is discovered before all 200 can make the break). Of these, 73 are recaptured and, on Hitler’s orders, 50 are executed. The three not caught successfully make it to safety — two to Sweden and one to Spain and then Gibraltar. Known as “The Great Escape,” the breakout inspires two books (in 1950) and a movie (in 1963).

The RAF sends 705 bombers to attack Essen, Germany, on March 26. In Ukraine, a large part of the German 1<sup>st</sup> Panzer Army (part of Army Group South) is cut off by advances by the Soviet 1st and 2nd Ukrainian Fronts. In Greece, a Political Committee of National Liberation is founded, which is in opposition to both the Nazi-collaborationist government in Athens and the royal government-in-exile in Cairo.

A British torpedo-boat squadron on March 27 destroys a small German coastal convoy in the Ligurian Sea off Vado, near Savona, in northern Italy. Allied convoy JW.58 sets sail from Iceland heading for Murmansk, Russia, carrying vital war materiel to the Soviet Union.

In Ukraine, at Odessa, in the Crimea, a seaborne evacuation of German and Romanian troops and Axis wounded begins on March 28.

The U.S. Navy on March 29 bombards the Palau Islands, part of the Carolines group, to the east of the Philippines, destroying 150 Japanese planes, six naval vessels and 100,000 tons of merchant shipping.

A siege of Imphal, Manipur, India, begins on March 30 as Japanese troops surround the city and cut the road north to Kohima. Imphal can now only be supplied by air. On the Eastern Front, Field Marshal Erich von Manstein, commander of Army Group South, and his subordinate, Field Marshal Paul von Kleist, commander of Army Group A, are sacked by Hitler for unauthorized retreats along the Dnieper River. They are replaced, respectively, by Field Marshal Walter Model and Col. Gen. Ferdinand Schörner. The RAF attacks Nuremberg, Germany, with 795 aircraft but suffers its greatest loss in a single raid: 545 airmen, with 95 planes lost and 71 damaged.

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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, Apr. 4, 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. Mar. 27, 2019. Cost \$35 pp.; \$25 back in slot play and \$5 food voucher. 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.

**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, May 7, 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.


**Palm Cross  
Sale**

SAYREVILLE - St. Stanislaus Kostka Rosary Altar Society, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville, NJ 08872 will be selling Palm Crosses 24" for \$7.00 in the church lobby on Saturday's 4 pm - 6 pm & Sunday's 8 am - 1 p.m. March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>. & 7<sup>th</sup>. Final pick up Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. You can also place orders by calling Pat 732-257-3963 or Yvonne 732-257-4634. Thank you for your support.

**Palm Cross  
Sale**

SOUTH AMBOY – The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will offer beautiful palm crosses for purchase during the weekends of March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Sales on Saturday will be from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Ave., across from Sacred Heart Church. The cost is \$8 for one cross or \$15 for two. Remember your departed loved ones during the Easter season with decorative cemetery crosses. Call Virginia for more information: 732-721-1521.

**Pet of the Week**



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**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.

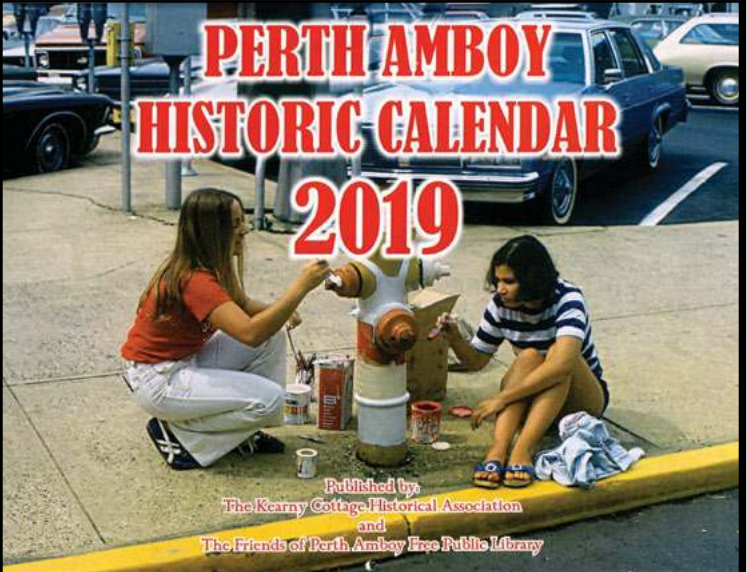
**Vendors & Crafters Wanted**

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

**Acupressure and Breath Work Event**

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy’s Integrative Health & Medicine Services is holding an Acupressure and Breath Work event Wednesday, April 3, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Raritan Room D, Raritan Bay Medical Center, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Learn simple and effective techniques for self-care. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990

**2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars**



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2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are now available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079, Perth Amboy City Hall or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.



**Novena to St. Rita**

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

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

**Remember to  
Say Your  
Novenas!**

**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: April 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</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 Book Dealers are welcome!!!!

**Total Joint  
Replacement  
Education  
Session**

OLD BRIDGE - The Human Motion Institute at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge is sponsoring a free Total Joint Replacement Education session Tuesday, April 2, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., in the Patient Education Center, 1st Floor, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. The class will educate attendee on what to expect, before, during and after surgery. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Pasta Night &  
Tricky Tray**

PERTHAMBOY – The JEMMS Foundation Inc. is holding a Pasta Night and Tricky Tray on Friday, May 10, 2019. Dinner: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Followed by Auction at 8 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy. Dinner Cost: \$10 Adults; \$6 Children under 12. Tricky Tray tickets sold separately. There will be Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle. Tickets available by email – metzgerl@ymail.com or call 732-850-4156. Bring ONE non-perishable food item and receive ONE FREE raffle ticket. To be donated to a local food pantry.

**K of C “All You  
Can Eat” Lenten  
Linguini Dinners**

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring their annual “All You Can Eat” Lenten Linguini Dinners every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday. The dinners will now be served from 5:30PM-7:30PM in the cafeteria below the Church.

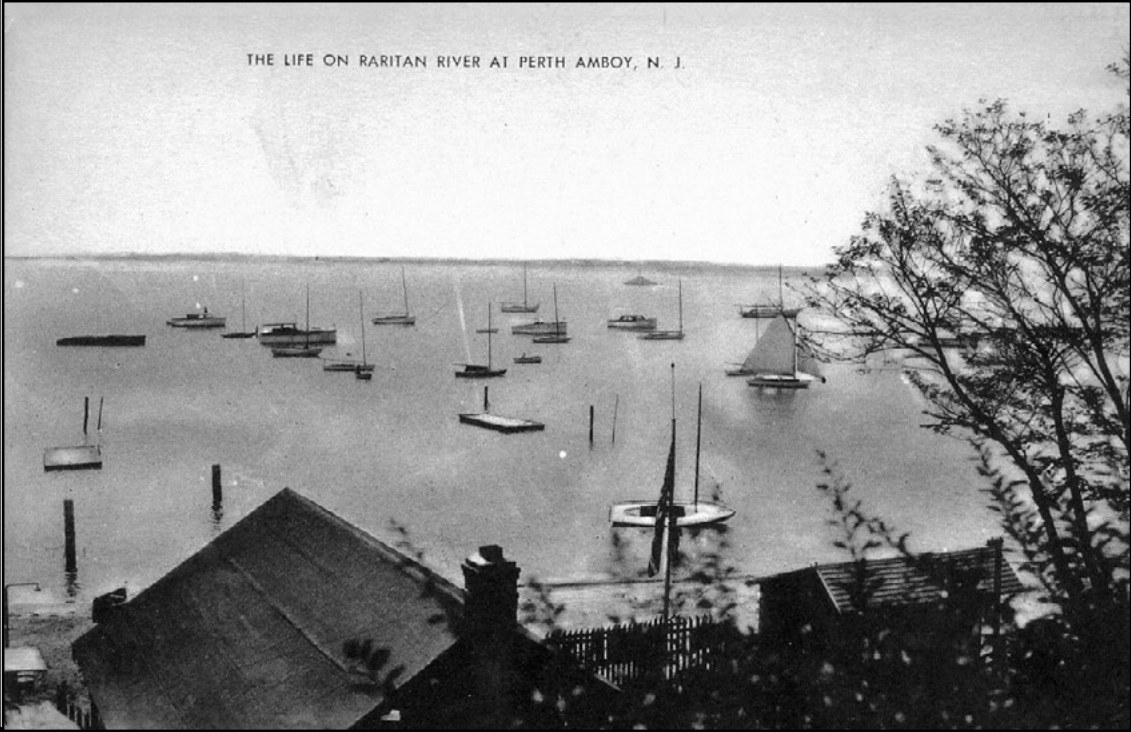
The menu includes Linguini, with a choice of Red (Marinara) or White clam sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee and desserts. And the kids favorite, homemade pizza. Bottled water, soda and iced tea are also available for \$1 each.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for Senior Citizens, \$5 for children under 12 and children under 5 are free. There is a special family price of \$20 (EAT IN ONLY). A family would consist of only 2 adults and any children under 12. No reservations necessary and take-out is available. For more information, call Tony at 732-233-4473.

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**LOOKING BACK**



PERTH AMBOY - Life on the Raritan River circa 1900's

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**Senior Scene  
Happenings**

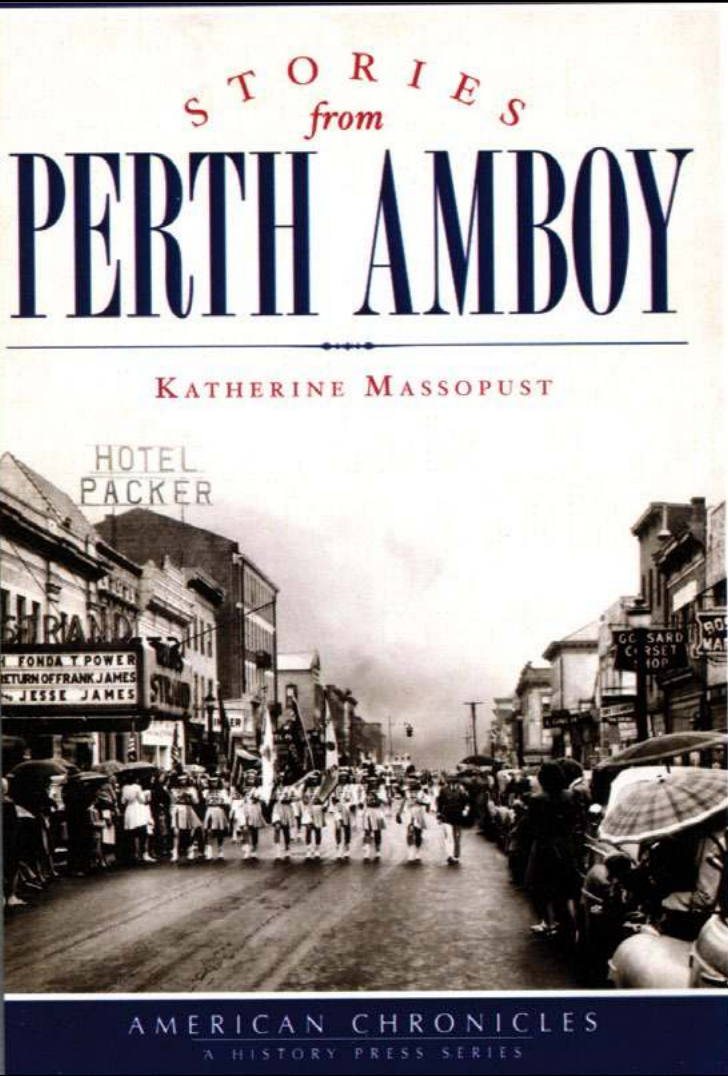
**Perth Amboy**

- TUES. Mar. 26 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. Mar. 27 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. Mar. 28 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Apr. 1 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Apr. 2 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
  - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Apr. 4 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m. Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

**South Amboy**

- WED. Apr. 3 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Apr. 8 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Apr. 22 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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

Name

Address

Phone\_( )

Initials at end of prayer

Please circle one prayer, and return form with check or money order to:

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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  
F.M.J.

Prayer To St. Clare

For Employment

Prayer To St. Jude

Prayer To Blessed Mother

Prayer To Holy Spirit

Novena To St. Anthony

Prayer To Blessed Virgin

Thanksgiving Novena

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St. Jude Novena

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OTHER



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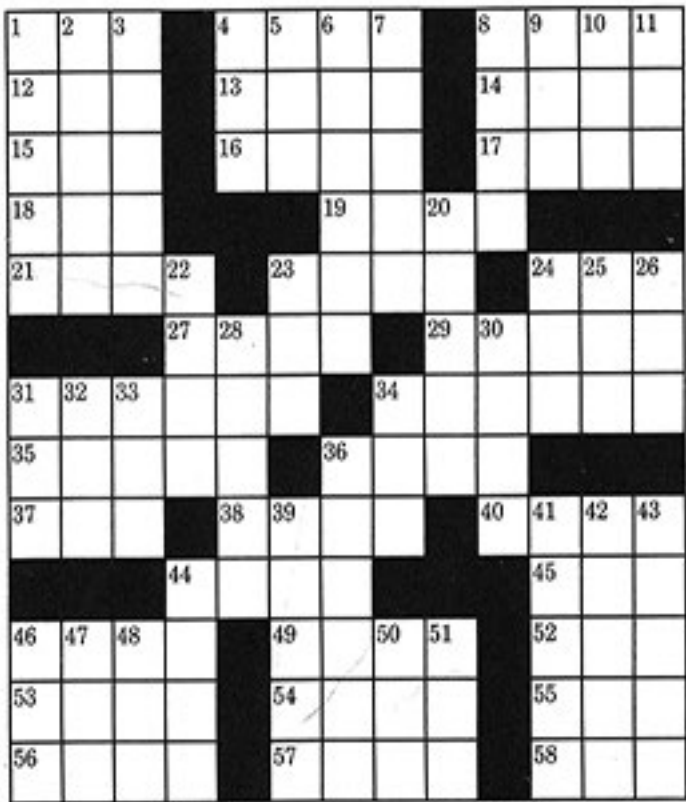
### ACROSS

1. Atlas picture
4. Elongated circle
8. Genesis man
12. In the tradition of: 2 wds.
13. Harsh sentence
14. Soda-machine possibility
15. Signal for help
16. Be bold
17. Exam
18. Blasting compound: abbr.
19. Part of "MFA"

21. Furry sea mammal
23. Serving receptacle
24. Mr. King Cole
27. Very enthusiastic
29. Newport, \_\_\_\_\_ Island
31. TV dog
34. Got misty-eyed
35. Revises (copy)
36. Typical freshman
37. Uppermost point
38. Remove wrinkles from
40. Be aware of
44. Bit of gossip
45. Rhyming heavy-weight champ

### DOWN

46. Jab
49. Operation reminder
52. Fool (around)
53. Fence bar
54. City vehicle
55. Mate of 8-Across
56. Nothing but
57. Daisy stalk
58. Family room
9. Fawn's mother
10. Gore and Jolson
11. Bathroom rug
20. Age after two
22. Final
23. Expire
24. Word with "neither"
25. Summer citrus drink
26. TV's Koppel
28. Call on
30. Singer Williams
31. "\_\_\_\_\_ sleeping dogs lie"
32. Fuss
33. Wee swallow
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ Commandments
36. Male feline
39. Takes five
41. Not wearing any clothes
42. Pimento-filled food
43. Become broader
44. In a nonchalant way
46. Old hand
47. Was a cross-country competitor
48. Petroleum product
50. Lumber-jack's tool
51. Cup edge



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