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DPW Capital Budget Proposal; Notifying Developer Kushner; Runoff Elections; Municipal Boards Part of Discussions 2/25/19 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – Department of Public Works Director Frank Hoffman came forward to list what is needed in his department. “The DPW has a tractor with a rusting frame rail. The trailer has a lot of wear and tear. The wall is coming loose from the framework. We have five salters that are in the same range, and we are looking to replace two of them due to rust. We want to upgrade one of them. There are multiple holes on the bottom of the salters that need to be replaced. We have a mini-sweeper that has 5,400 hours of use and 150,000 miles on it.”

Hoffman then went on to explain about some of the street construction projects where there is water pumped on to the roads from resident’s crawl spaces. “Some streets have sewer separations that need to tie into the storm system. We will have to open up those

streets to do this.”

City Engineer Jeffery Rauch came up to provide more detailed information. “The drain line will be close to the curb and not on the street.

Hoffman handed the Council a list of the streets that had to be done. “We also need a new bucket truck to extend up to 75 feet to cut down trees.”

After Hoffman made his presentation, Councilman Fernando Irizarry had comments to make regarding Ordinance No. 1. Amending an ordinance entitled “Wreckers” No. 621-92 as amended adopted August 14, 1992.

Irizarry asked, “Why was certain language being stricken? I thought we didn’t want wreckers that were not in the City.”

Law Director Peter King explained, “There were legal issues involved due to geographic locations.”

Council President William

Patrick questioned King’s statement and said, “Woodbridge requested that their wreckers be in town.”

Councilman Helmin Caba questioned, “How can they get away with it?”

Patrick then continued and said that maybe we can use a tower who is from out of town but has a lot in Perth Amboy. “We are here to be a voice for the people.”

King then explained, “There are two Councilmen who reviewed the policy to use out-of-town towers.”

At this point Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano stated, “It was at the time Councilmen Fernando Gonzalez and Joel Pabon who reviewed that policy.”

Patrick then stated, “We’re here to question this.”

Irizarry then mentioned, “I had asked about using an empty lot on the outskirts of town to use as towing for vehicles. Let’s

find the money to use it as a City lot.”

Council President William Patrick suggested that they hold this ordinance.

Irizarry then continued and asked about the wording in the ordinance that said past criminal activity may disqualify someone as a (City) tower.

King gave a couple of instances such as indictable offense such as being involved in murder or a robbery.

Patrick then suggested that the wording should read that a person shall be disqualified.

Irizarry then stated, “I thought it was the sentiment of the Council not to have outside towers. It happened to me personally when my car was towed to South Amboy.”

Patrick then asked that this ordinance be tabled. This was seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba (to table it).

Irizarry then thanked Law Di-



Council President
William Patrick

rector King for the work he did on this ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2 came up next for discussion. Submitting the proposition to the voters at the November 5, 2019 General

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Letter About Water Contaminants and Administrative Appointments Take Center Stage 2/27/19 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – During the public portion to discuss agenda items, Resident Ken Balut came up first. He referenced Communication No. 5 which involves issues with school buses and commercial vehicles parking on residential streets. Balut stated that there are properties on West Side Avenue and Bruck Avenue where sometimes you see 6 to 9 vans parked. “This ruins the property values, and Code Enforcement doesn’t see this. Exterior home renovations are taking place without permits. Put someone in Code Enforcement that’s qualified for the job. Also, another employee got a job through the Jewish Renaissance.”

He addressed Communication No. 6 - NJDEP issued a news release regarding the USEPA choosing a process that will delay establishing a federal maximum contaminant level 4 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl

substances know to be present in America’s drinking water. “Why was this not a news release? Does this have anything to do with the problem (a letter that residents received regarding Perth Amboy’s water)? They said the water in Detroit and Newark was fine (later it was discovered that the water in those two towns contained dangerous contaminants).”

Law Director Peter King responded, “They (the NJDEP) are just responding on what the EPA said. It’s not about our water.”

Balut continued, “This should have been a press release.”

Bruck Avenue Resident Linda Ferreira also addressed the commercial vehicle parking situation, “We are becoming a bus depot. They need to go back to where they came from or find a place to put them. They’ve parked in front of my house. They should know better than

this.”

Rector Street Resident Alan Silber came up to address R-112-2/19 - An installment payment agreement for unpaid water and sewer on 96-98 Second Street. “There was a memo regarding getting monthly water bills. The guy who owns those properties now has to pay an 18% interest? The letter that was sent to the residents (from Utility Service Affiliates) regarding the problems with our water system said that we should share this letter with our neighbors. Something like this should be a press release on the City’s website.” Silber then went on to say what some of the problems the residents may experience because of the water. The letter also emphasized that certain age groups or those who have existing health problems may be more vulnerable. “Who is going to pay for health problems if caused by the



Eleni Glykis speaks before the Council

**Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

water? This is the same kind of letter like (the water problems) in Flint, Michigan. I don’t know if it had to do with their lead pipes. You should get someone from the water department here. Are they hiding something? What is the penalty for the water company?”

Resident Sharon Hubber-

man came up, “There has been a water problem since 2012. I remember the last time I ran for Mayor. In 2016, there was a debate held in Olive Street that was given by the NAACP. I questioned the safety of our water and that some of the levels

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Election that the City of Perth Amboy adopt the holding of runoff elections as permitted by the Uniform Non-Partisan Election Law.

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke and asked, "Will this apply to Council Candidates if accepted as is?" He then stated that in that case, "There will always be runoffs. We should change the language because of multiple Council Candidates running. We need to do more research."

King responded, "Most every Mayor is elected with less than 50% of votes."

Petrick responded, "We are talking about the people who voted and not the amount of registered voters."

Councilman Irizarry had a question regarding Ordinance No. 3 – Establishing a Youth Sports Code of Conduct. "What precipitated this?"

Business Administrator Frederick Carr answered, "We had some athletes and their families acting in a non-sportsmanship action. There were one or two instances in the past."

Irizarry then stated that according to one of the sections in the ordinance, there's a Code of Conduct Committee that will send out notices within 7 days to the offenders. He then questioned, "Who is on the Committee?"

Carr said it would be himself, Kenny Ortiz (Director of the Recreation Department), and Deputy Chief Cattano.

Business Administrator Frederick Carr then spoke about R-106-2/19 Accepting a Donation of Equipment from the Law Enforcement Support Office. He told the Council, "We have already received the items. The items include: Segways, blankets, and coveralls."

Deputy Chief Cattano came up to give a more detailed information, "One of the items was a box that contained 25 blankets that can be used at the shelters. The coveralls are plastic that can be used by the Police Department to protect their uniforms from getting dirty. The Segways are to be used for Officers to supplement the two that we already have. They can be used during the warmer months."

Law Director Peter King answered questions pertaining to R-107-2/19 Authorizing a payment to Peter J. King Esq. and the Law Firm of King and Petracca, LLP for legal services rendered in 2018 beyond the regular duties of the Law Director in an amount not to exceed \$100,767.50 and R-108-2/19 – Authorizing an amount not to exceed \$50,000 with Peter J. King and the Law Firm of King and Petracca LLP. He stated, "This has to do with items involving the Zoning Board and (Benny) Ruiz. We have a complete list. All of the items have been resolved except for the case involving Ruiz. Regarding Resolution R-108, the money would be allocated for the con-

tinuation of Ruiz's case and a new case involving the Zoning Board. The hourly rate is \$150/hour. We are on Part 3 of Ruiz's case."

Irizarry wanted to know, "Where are we at regarding Rector Street?"

City Engineer Rauch came up to explain, "They are looking to take care of Rector Street from Smith to Market Street. We are going with a bond with Landings to get that paved."

Law Director Peter King then stated, "We are sending a notice to the developer (Kushner)."

Irizarry then questioned, "Why is Rector Street being paved only by certain blocks?"

Rauch then explained, "We are milling, paving, and doing restoration."

Petrick then asked, "If we can't do Rector in one shot, then charge the developer."

Rauch explained, "The bond money is dedicated to Rector Street."

King then spoke up and said, "The repairs on Rector Street will depend on if the developer will try to fight us. Letters to the developer will be sent out this week and they will have two weeks to respond."

Petrick stated, "They have not cooperated with us in the past."

Former B.A. Greg Fehrenbach came up to speak, "There has been a lot of discontent with the City and Residents about Rector Street (Landings). There was an action taken against the performance bond." Fehrenbach continued, "We have not heard back from the developer on the performance guarantee. Plans and funding have to be made first by the City."

Petrick then suggested, "We can approach the developer (Kushner) to save him some cost."

King responded that he would have to put the developer (Kushner) on notice first.

Petrick responded, "We want Rector Street done all in one shot."

Fehrenbach continued, "Funding has to be available to the CFO."

Rauch talked next and explained that funding for High Street has been awarded.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry had a question regarding R-111 An installation of a traffic control signal at the intersection of New Brunswick Avenue and Ogden Place. "How will this affect the flow of traffic?"

Councilwoman Milady Tejada then remembered that they talked about doing a dry run first.

Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up and said, "There will be a back-up of traffic on Ogden. The Police Department will be able to control that light."

City Engineer Rauch came up to provide more details, "Timing will be controlled by a device that would be in the Police and Fire Departments. The lights will have cameras that will also be installed on other lights. Studies have to be done first before any lights can be changed."

Council President Bill Petrick then stated, "We need to update our traffic lights to modern standards. The lights at State and High Streets need to be coordinated."

Councilman Irizarry then had a question regarding R-114-2/19 – Accepting the proposal of and awarding a contract to Kyle and McManus Associates for professional engineering services relating to the Housing Study for the Department of Human Services in an amount not to exceed \$52,500. He stated, "This is a new firm and I am not comfortable with this. What if they mess up and the information provided to us is useless?"

Petrick then questioned if anyone approached Rutgers (for this project)? "We may have to table and reissue."

Petrick then talked about R-117-2/19 – Referring a Re-development Plan to the Planning Board for comments and recommendation for property described as 319, 320, & 322 McGuire Place. He stated that the developer wants to put in townhouses and that this resolution is sending it back to the Planning Board.

R-118-2/19 was pulled. Authorizing execution of contracts for towing services for year 2019.


Petrick wanted to know why R-119-2/19 was on the agenda. Accepting the proposal of and awarding a one-year contract to Joseph M. Wenzel Esq. as Planning Board Attorney commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$12,000.

"We never did this in the past to approve," stated Petrick.

Fehrenbach responded, "An

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RFP was put out by the City, and the funding has to be authorized by the Council.”

King added some comments, “Some of the appointees are holdovers on some of the Boards.”

Petrick then responded, “At one the time, the period for holdovers was 90 days.”

King responded, “After 90 days, it becomes a vacancy.”

Petrick then asked King to find out the requirements regarding the Redevelopment Agency and for those members who move out of town?

Councilman Irizarry asked for more information regarding Communication No. 7 NJDEP (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection) issued a suspected hazardous substance discharge notification of a fresh acid spill due to criminal mischief in the area of 642 Johnstone St.

Deputy Chief Cattano came up and said, “It’s being investigated, and it was on the outside of the property.”

Irving Lozada who is Acting Code Enforcement Director came up to speak about the complaints on Neville Street (illegal housing, noise, and illegal parking). “We investigated and it’s a Zoning and Police matter.”

Cattano addressed this issue as

well, “There have been multiple problems with parking spots, loud music, and we seized one of the vehicles. We installed a box where we can view the speeds of the cars.”

Lozada then spoke again, “We did a reinspection of a complaint of illegal housing on that street, and the problem was fixed.”

During the public portion, Bruck Avenue Resident Ken Balut came up to speak about Communication No. 5. School Buses and Commercial vehicles parking on residential streets. “By my house, vehicles are parked illegally. Nobody sees that stuff: the trucks, buses and vans.” He then went on to another subject, “Jersey City raised the starting salary for their police officers.” He then asked, “How do out-of-town chaplains know about shootings in our town? The last Agenda had communications that were added (that were not on the Caucus Meeting Agenda). Why are ambulances taking our children to St. Peter’s Hospital instead of here? Irving (Acting Code Enforcement Director) did not meet the requirements for an Executive Assistant. Anyone with half a brain knows we have illegal housing. Money should be allocated to hire a qualified person for Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement costs us a lot

of money for not investigating illegal housing. The Mayor used taxpayers’ dollars not to support the Landings residents.”

Resident David Caba came up next, “Money to fix Rector Street has been in place. If Rector Street was fixed, it could have improved property values. Amboy Avenue needs to be fixed because that road is also disgusting. No one is holding the utility companies that are tearing up the streets accountable.”

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak, “Kenny Balut and I put in applications to be put on the Planning Board but were never called. Somebody who lost in the last election got put on the Planning Board. Some towns that have the same form of government as ours have elections in May and have run-offs. The Mayor tells Kushner that whatever he wants - goes. The Council and Mayor has a fiduciary responsibility. Can the Mayor be responsible if she encouraged someone to sue the City? You should see how people are hired. Everyone should recuse themselves from this case (filed by a City Employee) for conflict of interest.”

Councilman Joel Pabon was not present because of an excused absence.

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(for contaminants) were above normal. The Mayor tried to embarrass me. Why is the water being tested inhouse? I was told everything is fine. In New Brunswick, they altered the results of their test. Open Meetings should be held regarding our water. As a public entity, we have a responsibility to our citizens. Sometimes boiling water can increase contamination. This is a serious issue. We can no longer abide by current practices.”

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez came up next and discussed Resolutions R-107-2/19 and R-108-2019 pertaining to Peter J. King getting additional payments which would total \$150,767.50 in additional monies to perform duties beyond what is agreed upon in his contract. “I thought we had a full-time attorney to avoid this. This additional money will give him over \$250,000.00. Any time it’s anything basic for the City, now there is additional fees? You passed a resolution for a full-time attorney.” Gonzalez then asked for an explanation of R-120-2/19 – Authorizing a settlement agreement and general release in the matter of

Richard Leonard vs. The City of Perth Amboy vs. General Reinsurance Corporation in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for a settlement of claims for reimbursement of payment of medical billing.

King replied, “This is workers compensation and the City is getting reimbursed that amount.”

On the consent agenda, Councilman Fernando Irizarry moved R-97-2/19 thru R-102-2/19, R-104-2/19 thru R-113-2/19; R-115-2/19 thru R-117-2/19 and R-119-2/19 thru R-120-2/19. It was seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba. R-103-2/19, R-114-2/19 and R-118-2/19 were all removed at the 2/25/19 Caucus.

Before the last public portion, Council President William Petrick asked Law Director Peter King if he would look into why Bin Towing (on State Street) hasn’t been called by the City for their towing services. “This towing service had been approved by the City, and had all their paperwork put in, but they have yet to be called for any towing services.”

Ken Balut came up to speak for the last public portion. He questioned, “Why are our kids

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EDITORIAL

A Case for Amazon to Come to Perth Amboy

After the deal fell through with Long Island City in Queens and Amazon, maybe Perth Amboy should contact them.

Why? Location, location, location! Perth Amboy is centrally located with Rtes. 1, 9, 35, 287, the Parkway and Turnpike right here, plus access to railroad and waterways. It's ideal for a corporate headquarters for a company such as Amazon. What more can a company want? There are already Amazon warehouses near here such as in Avenel, Carteret and Edison.

Buckeye chose to come into Perth Amboy for its location. As did Target.

Amazon would bring in 20,000+ jobs for all levels of education, which would help bolster Perth Amboy's economy especially our small businesses. It would be a win-win for both Amazon and Perth Amboy.

The main sticking point in Perth Amboy especially are corporations coming in wanting PILOTS (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). You have to look at large corporations that came in without PILOTS and how effective they were (lowering taxes, supporting schools, and employment opportunities).

I remember when Best Buy/Geek Squad and U.S. Food Services came in, I don't know how many local people were employed. That should be at the top of the list.

I don't know how many times I have stated, that in Perth Amboy one of the biggest businesses are staffing agencies. Often times, they need people to work 3 shifts. The people that are working those jobs are going to warehouses in other towns and they transport the workers at a cost.

With Amazon, I decided to check reviews through Glassdoor to see the pros and cons of what employees say about the company. It depends on the State that they are working in. A lot of the cons were about supervisors. Most of the pros were that their schedules were very

flexible. The ones who were most pleased were people who can work 4 days on and 3 days off. This is extremely helpful when both parents worked and they had small children. The flexible schedules allowed one parent to work while the other stayed home. This saved money on childcare.

Another pro depending on where they were working was many of the benefits kicked in a short period of time.

I know two people who work at Amazon one of the Middlesex County locations and love it because of the flexible schedule, benefits, and overtime pay.

Everything is not one-size fits all. There are a lot of variables. You just have to decide if there are enough positive variables that outweigh the negative.

What New York should have done in Long Island City or any other town that Amazon considers is to have a series of meetings to hear the concerns and input of the residents and businesses.

Long Island City was not going to hand Amazon a check for \$3 billion. During the duration of the contract, the City was supposed to get back \$9 for every \$1 invested. Sounds like a good return on the money to me.

Remember even if some of the employees would relocate to New York, they need someplace local to live and utilize local small businesses.

You have to look not only in the present, but the future as well. You don't want to look 10 years down the road and see the same conditions that are present today in Long Island. You don't want to say: could of; would of; should of.

Modern technology has changed the way things work. The internet offers both opportunity and competition. As the internet keeps growing, more opportunities pop up.

If Amazon ever offered to come to Perth Amboy, we should jump on it. Give Jeff our number. *C.M. & K.M.*

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Crying for Amazon

Looks like New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) and his crying Democrats want Amazon to reconsider by coming back to New York City. But wait, it

was said by someone that Amazon pays no federal taxes and those workers won't be unionized workers for Amazon. Yes, it's true Amazon pays no federal taxes, but it brings money into the local economy and sales tax. For some of us commentators

that understand how business is done in America it all comes down to "Pay to Play". Let me put it this way: New York City needs Amazon.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Below Drinking Water Standards

A very important question to our Mayor and Luis Perez Jimenez. We the "Tax People" in Perth Amboy would like to know why did it take from

1/7/19 until 2/26/19 to notify us that the water we use daily was "below" drinking water standard?

Is it any wonder why so many people are leaving town, and no one wants to move into our City!!

I believe our recent water bill payments should be returned to us – it will help pay for the doctor visits several of us had to pay for G.I. problems.

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Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

What does this mean?
This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified immediately. TTHMs are four volatile organic compounds which form when disinfectants, like chlorine, react with natural organic matter in the water during the water treatment process.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. **You do NOT need to boil your water** or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified immediately.
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PERTH AMBOY - The Historic Surveyor General's Office, which is adjacent to Perth Amboy City Hall, is now open for tours. At one time, this structure was the meeting place of the East Jersey Board of Proprietors & housed their records. Presently the Surveyor General's Office is displaying artifacts from the John Watson (1685-1768) archaeological site along with other items from Perth Amboy's rich history. Perth Amboy history DVDs are also available.

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Tom's Tax Tips

7 Tax-Free Ideas to Bolster Your Business Benefits Package

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

The benefits package offered by your business is extremely important to you. How important? A survey performed by the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) found that benefits are directly tied to overall job satisfaction for 92 percent of employees. Even more importantly, 29 percent of employees cited the overall benefits package at their current employer as the top reason to look for new employment in the next 12 months. Here are some tax-free benefit ideas to help beef up your benefits package and retain your employees:

- 1. Health benefits.** According to SHRM, health insurance still remains one of the most important employee benefits. Health insurance benefits come in all shapes and sizes, so you will need to constantly evaluate plans and costs. From a tax standpoint, employers can deduct this expense, and your employees do not report health insurance premiums or employer contributions to health savings accounts (HSAs) as additional income. This includes premiums paid for the employee and qualified family members. Even better, the employee portion of premiums can still be paid in pre-tax dollars.
- 2. Dependent care benefits.** Employers are able to provide employees with up to \$5,000 per year in tax-free dependent care assistance under a qualified plan. There are a few ways to provide this benefit, but a common method is to set up a flexible spending account (FSA) that both the employer and employee can use to make contributions. The employer portion is tax-free and the employee portion reduces taxable income as long as the total benefit is \$5,000 or less.
- 3. Employee tuition reimbursement.** By offering tuition reimbursement, you can add another quality benefit to your package while investing in your employee's career. Up to \$5,250 of tuition expenses can be reimbursed tax-free to your employee each year.
- 4. Credit card points.** This is a good benefit for outside sales and employees that travel frequently. If you have a corporate credit card program, consider passing the points on to the employee. If you reimburse employee expenses under an accountable plan, estimate the value of points your employee earns on reimbursed business purchases and include it in your annual benefits presentation. Generally the IRS considers credit card points as rebates and not taxable income.
- 5. Group term life insurance.** You can generally exclude the cost of up to \$50,000 of group term life insurance from your employee's wages.
- 6. Other fringe benefits.** Some examples of other nontaxable fringe benefits are employee wellness programs, onsite fitness gyms, adoption assistance, retirement planning services and employee discounts.
- 7. Small gifts.** The IRS calls these "de minimis" benefits. Small-valued benefits are not included in income and can include things like the use of the company copy machine, occasional meals, small gifts and tickets to a sporting event.

With historically low unemployment levels, employees have more options than normal to look around if they aren't satisfied. Your business's benefits package is an important tool to help you keep your valued employees. While each is an additional expense to the employer, the perceived benefit by employees may far outweigh these costs.

Letter About Water Contaminants & Administrative Appointments Take Center Stage

2/27/19 Council Meeting

members are not fit.”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr responded to the question regarding the Code Enforcement Director position. “There are only two applicants: one from California and one that was local. Applicants (who can get the job through civil service) didn’t want the job.”

Sharon Hubberman came up next and also addressed the ordinance regarding appointments by the Mayor. “If it says advise and consent by the Council, then it should be done. By skipping that portion, you are not doing due diligence to the public. No one is above what is written.” She also talked about organizations in regards to participating at public events. “There should be no discrimination whether it be political or religious. There should also be an environmental commission.” She then asked the Council to please reconsider certain appointments on Municipal Boards.”

Eleni Glykis came up to speak. She questioned the Council if they ever received notification of her leaving her position as Library Director.

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “No.”

Glykis spoke about the misconception about people in Perth Amboy. She explained to the Council that she is intelligent and knows how to read and understand the ordinances. “You have to write an ordinance so a person can understand it. Code Enforcement doesn’t work. I know this because there are problems (with violations) in the neighborhood where I live. You have to put someone in charge that knows what they are doing.”

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez came up to speak next, “Mr. Rios (the former Director of Code Enforcement) was not a holdover. He was an appointee. We appealed Pelissier’s (Former B.A.) appointment, but it was never followed through. The Mayor has gone overboard in abusing her power. The attorney has to represent you, too. He can’t represent you and the Mayor at the same time. Do an investigation and have people come to testify under oath to see what happened in Code Enforcement. You can fire the attorney for cause. Irving (Lozada) did a great job in City Hall as the Mayor’s Aid. He doesn’t have training as a Code Enforcement Director. Don’t let yourselves (the Council) be abused.”

Resident David Caba came up next, “It’s hard to run a City when you have friends. I remember when the Mayor said that Ms. Tejada is the first Dominican Councilwoman. Ms. Tejada said she wanted to be known as the first Dominican Councilwoman to work for everybody.” Caba continued, “I haven’t seen one Dominican businessperson or homeowner to ask for Dominican representation. I said that I wanted a Dominican as long as they had the qualifications. We don’t know the whole story (about the Code Enforcement appointee) but it

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being taken to JFK Medical Center or St. Peter’s Hospital?” He then asked, “Since R-103-2/19 (Consenting to the appointment of Irving Lozada as director of Code Enforcement) was removed. Is someone else coming in (to take over that position)? If it’s a temporary appointment, it looks like it may have been full-time. It can be eliminated.”

Council President Bill Petrick then asked King to forward the information to the Council, establishing (the protocol) regarding temporary appointments.

Balut continued, “The person who had a temporary appointment to Code Enforcement had no experience. Officers issued summons to a bus company that were later dismissed. Code Enforcement is used as a hit squad. There is a serious problem. Get the civil service determination that this person was not qualified. The Mayor is putting her friends in positions. You will investigate the library, but not Code Enforcement or the courts when it comes to ticket fixing. The Council better do something.”

Resident Alan Silber came up next and continued the discussion about temporary appointments. He stated, “It’s 90 days. After that, it will be by the consent of the Council for an additional 90 days. The nepotism ordinance was changed to make it easier to hire the friends of Wilda. She knew it was wrong under Pelissier, which is why she changed his title.” Silber then turned to Lozada. “He did a good job as the Mayor’s Aide, but no one can say he’s qualified as the Code Enforcement Director.” Silber then read an ordinance regarding interim appointments.

King then followed up by reading another portion of the same ordinance.

After King finished, Silber said, “We agree how interim appointments are made.”

Resident Linda Ferreira came up again and addressed the Council Members who were just elected and reelected in 2018. “Your platform was cronyism and nepotism. What happened to your platform?”

Council President Petrick replied, “We’re still working on it.”

Ferreira continued, “A lot of people on the Boards are her (the Mayor’s) people.”

Petrick said, “Not on the Planning Board.”

Ferreira disagreed, “Some are.”

She also asked, “What about our garbage cans (to be given to the rest of the people in the Budapest Section)?” Ferreria then went on to ask, “Is the Library Director position being advertised as well as the Municipal Board (vacancies)?”

Petrick responded, “Some Boards don’t have to be advertised.”

Ferreria finished with this statement, “There is a circus in the Zoning Board, and some

doesn’t look right. I only see the Dominicans come here when it comes to their festivals, then the room is packed. If the Council turned down the Dominican Festival, this room would be packed.”

Resident Barbara Sottilaro came up next and asked the Council if the Library Director vacancy was advertised. “(Herschel) Chomsky is the Interim Library Director, but he’s a clerk and not qualified. All the requirements for a Library Director are not listed. They need more staff at the library, and sometimes they get staff from other departments, but they’re not doing the work.”

Council President Petrick responded to Sottilaro’s remarks, “I did mention some of the qualifications for the Library Director that you also listed.”

Sottilaro then suggested, that the Council contact Rutgers University for a qualified candidate.

Petrick then spoke highly of Eleni Glykis and the great innovative ideas she had which included outreach programs, but the administration was not that enthusiastic.

Sottilaro then spoke again stating she wants a qualified Library Director.

Eleni Glykis came up to speak again to make the Council aware of some mistakes regarding the advertising of the Library Director vacancy, “The closing dates listed were incorrect. We also need a governing board to follow the NJ State Law. They hire and fire Library Directors.”


Resident Vince Mackiel came up next. He had a concern about the census coming up and asked the Council if they were aware about the citizen question on the documents. Mackiel felt that question should be left off so more people could fill out the form and we can qualify for more funding. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for all they did to get Transit and other people involved to start getting the bridgework done on Market Street. “They should also look on getting the bridge on New Brunswick Avenue looked at. It’s a disgrace, too.”


During the Council Comments, Councilman Helmin Caba spoke first. He requested that the Water Department have representatives come to the next meeting to talk about the letter that was issued to the residents (see page 4).

Council President Petrick suggested that they also contact the Environmental Services at Rutgers University.

Caba then explained, “Several residents called about the water problems stated in that letter.”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr answered, “The DEP had to approve the letter for release. Once it was approved, we sent out the letter. I believe the letter was on the website. This was the EPA form letter and it said it had to be used. If you’re upset about it, then talk to your




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Palm Cross Sale

SOUTH AMBOY – The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will offer beautiful palm crosses for purchase during the weekends of March 30th & 31st and April 6th & 7th. 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.

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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doctor. I drink the water every day. They do a lot of testing on the water. Last year, we had violated two levels and I have copies of the last test.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke and suggested that representatives from the water company come to both the next Caucus and Council Meetings.

Council President Bill Petrick asked that they move to the next level regarding appointments that should never have been made (in the first place). “We need an independent voice to see if it meets the letter of the law. It’s not about the guy (Lozada) who was the interim.” Petrick then questioned if the last Director of Code Enforcement was dismissed correctly.

Law Director King responded, “I can’t do the filing and you will have to hire another attorney.”

Petrick responded, “The Mayor has overstepped her boundaries.”

King stated, “I will be conflicted (can’t represent both the Council and the Mayor on this matter).”

Carr then stated he will consult with the Mayor about the Council hiring their own lawyer.

Petrick then stated, “We (the Council) control the budget and this is the reason we are holding this discussion.”

King then explained to the Council, “When a Mayor is elected, they can make appointments. If the Mayor is reelected, they can appoint others. If not, then people (in those positions) are considered holdovers. You (the Council) were given a memo with appointments and dates.”

Petrick then stated, “I don’t think the Mayor went about it the right way, with the dismissal of Department Heads.”

Carr then addressed a question asked earlier in the Meeting regarding children being transported to different hospitals (JFK and St. Peters). “If there is a request to go to a different hospital, they can do so.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada then added, “If the emergency room (in Perth Amboy) is packed, a patient can be sent to another hospital.”

Councilman Joel Pabon was absent (excused).

Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

WOODBIDGE - The 46th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. on Main Street.

Irish Music Concert

SOUTH AMBOY – Start your St. Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration with a FREE Concert of Irish Music, Laughter, and Fun featuring Seamus Kennedy on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 7 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.) at the South Amboy Community Theatre at South Amboy Middle/High School, 200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy.

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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 British government on March 3, 1944, says that British civilian casualties total 50,324, with military deaths at 50,103. The Allies announce that the Soviet Union is to receive a third of the Italian fleet, or the equivalent in British and American warships. Under pressure from the Western Allies to withdraw all remaining Spanish troops from the Eastern Front, the Franco government orders members of the so-called "Blue Legion," attached to the German 121st Infantry Division, to return home, and outlaws service by Spanish citizens with Axis forces. Still, a handful of fanatically anti-communist Spaniards defy orders and volunteer for service with the *Waffen SS*, some of them fighting suicidally to the end in the ruins of Berlin.

"Merrill's Marauders" — officially, the U.S. Army's 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), commanded by Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill — fight their first major action in Burma on March 4. In Ukraine, Soviet Field Marshal Georgy Zhukov renews his attacks against the forces of Field Marshal Erich von Manstein's Army Group South.

Attacks by Zhukov's 1st Ukrainian Front on March 5 make rapid progress, fracturing the defenses of German Army Group South. In the Pacific, U.S. Marines assault Talasea on New Britain island in the Bismarck Archipelago of the Solomons chain.

British Acting Maj. Gen. Orde Wingate's Chindits on March 6 conduct the first of several successful operations harassing the Japanese in northern Burma. Over Germany, U.S. planes drop 2,000 tons of bombs on Berlin in the first full-scale daylight bombing of the Third Reich's capital.

On March 7, 100,000 troops of the combined Azad Hind Indian National Army (*Azad Hind Fauj*) and the Japanese Fifteenth Army, both under the command of Lt. Gen. Renya Mutaguchi, begin crossing the Chindwin River in northern Burma, with the aim of invading northeastern British India ("Operation U-Go"). The targets are the cities of Imphal and Dimapur, both being depots for holding and transferring supplies to Allied forces in China and in Burma. In the Solomon Islands, Japanese forces on Bougainville are preparing to assault the American beachhead. In Washington, D.C., the U.S. government, in response to Arab protests, states that the idea of a Jewish state in Palestine (as mentioned in a petition by members of the House of Representatives) has no official sanction. In Germany, members of the Nazi organization for women make house-to-house calls to recruit females between the ages of 17 and 45 to work "in the service of the community," an attempt to bolster the depleted German labor force.

Japanese troops attack American forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on March 8, making some initial gains. The fighting will last five days until the Americans repel the attack. Talasea, on New Britain, is secured by the U.S. 5th Marine Regiment. In northern Italy, the general strike against the Italian Social Republic ends; the Germans arrest and deport around 1,200 workers and labor leaders.

The first American planes begin operating on March 9 from Momote Airfield in the Admiralty Islands, off Papua-New Guinea. Forces of the Soviet 1st Ukrainian Front reach the outskirts of Tarnopol, in western Ukraine. Adolf Hitler orders that the German-held city be defended until the last round is fired.

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The schedule is as follows: Saturday: March 9th & 23rd, April 13th & 27th. 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!!!!



Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 19, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (Children's Library), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 732-261-2610.

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. 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 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.


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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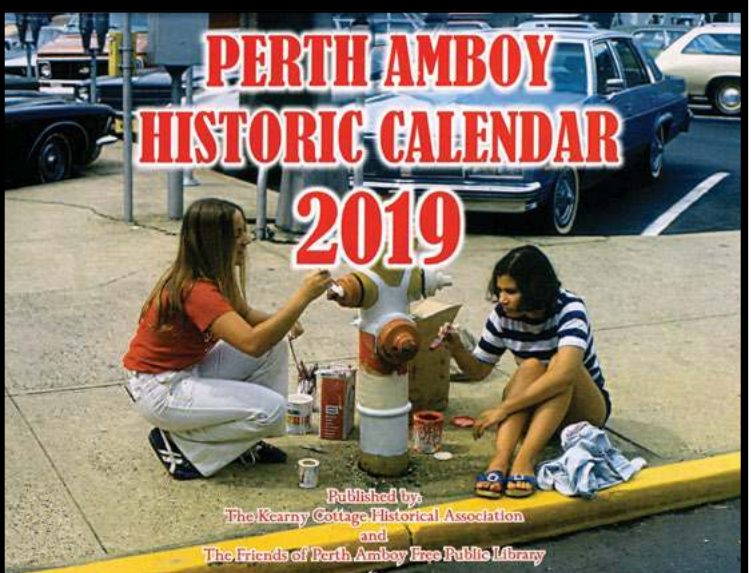
Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - The Women of the Moose Chapter 1247 Perth Amboy are hosting a Spring Fever Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray Event on Sunday, March 24th, 2019 at the lodge located at 989 Convery Blvd in Perth Amboy. The doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the first game is called at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 and includes 1 Bingo set, 3 boards per game, coffee & cake. For tickets call Gwen @ 732-694-0746 or Michelle @ 732-921-7830. The kitchen will be open, no outside food please.

Blood, Purge, Saw: Medicine in the 18th Century

WOODBIDGE - Would you have survived surgery in the 1700s? Learn about the bloody interesting sources of 18th century medical care, ending with a step by step process of amputation. The speaker is Douglas T. Aumack, Assistant Curator of New Jersey and Local History for the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Monday, March 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.

2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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

Novena to St. Rita

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

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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

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.)

Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church will be holding their Pirohi Sale at \$9.00 Per Dozen. Orders may be called in from March 4th -6th. 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 March 12th or 13th 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.

Open House

EDISON - There will be an Open House at Saint Matthew School, 100 Seymour Avenue, Edison for Pre-K3 - 8th grade on Sunday, March 10, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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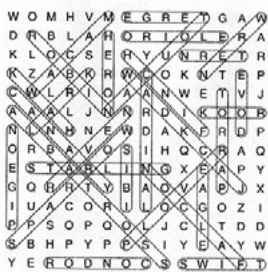
- TUES. Mar. 5 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. Mar. 6 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Mar. 7 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Mar. 11 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Mar. 12 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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- WED. Mar. 13 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. 14 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.

South Amboy

- WED. Mar. 6 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Mar. 11 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Mar. 25 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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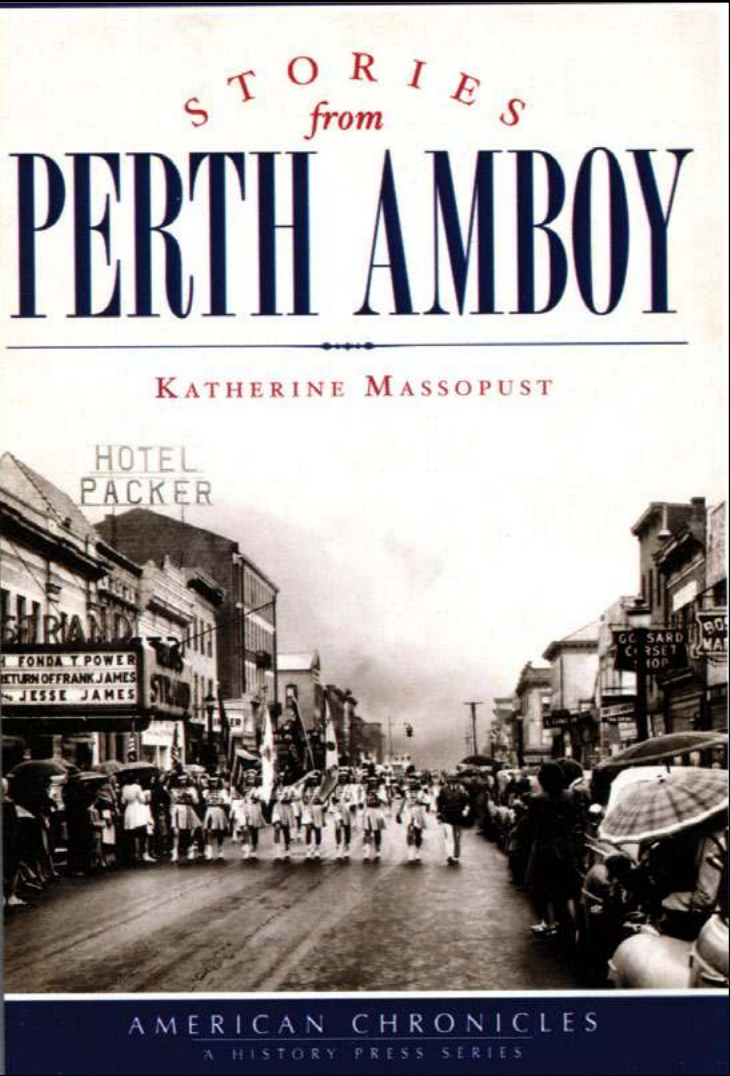
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PERTH AMBOY - Championship Game: Perth Amboy vs. Glen Cove, Long Island, 1952, Washington Park
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