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PILOTS (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Come into Play Again 4/22/19 Caucus Meeting



(Counter-Clockwise L to R) City Clerk Victoria Kupsch, Attorney Roman B. Himiak, Councilwoman Milady Tejeda, Councilman Joel Pabon *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



B.A. Frederick Carr (L) with James Fearon from Gluck Walrah LL9 (R)

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – PILOTS have been heavily criticized by some residents in the City of Perth Amboy. Their arguments have always been that the City and School System have been taken advantage of by companies whom they believe PILOTS should not have been awarded to. The latest PILOT discussed was for a developer of 225 Elm Street (NCP Perth Amboy Urban Renewal Lease).

James Fearon from Gluck Walrah LL9 came up to speak regarding Ordinance No. 1 (First Reading) -Approving the execution of a financial agreement (with NCP) and other applicable documents related to the authorization and issuance by the City of Perth Amboy not to exceed \$2,800,000 redevelopment area bonds (non-recourse to the full faith and credit of the City) and determining various other matters in connection therewith.

Mr. Fearon stated, “The bond would be in default if the PILOT (funds) are not paid. The City could force the property to do a tax sale. The company (NCP) must form an entity in the State for a tax exemption. The developer bears part of the risk of land tax. They expect the land tax to accelerate at 3% in value per year. If the value of the taxes increases more than 3%, then the City and developer will split the difference of the overestimate. It’s a tax credit. In the package that was given the Council, there is an estimated \$205,000 debt service charge that was changed to \$210,000. The 3% increase was reduced

to 2.5%. The PILOT is for 22 years. The two buildings will be brought online at the same time.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry asked, “How much is the Board of Education not getting?”

Fearon answered, “They will get what they need. The tax rate will be higher because there will be less buildings to get revenue from.”

Councilman Helmin Caba then stated, “We have to make sure this money (from the PILOT) is used properly.”

Council President Bill Petrick then asked about the annual service charges.

Fearon replied, “A dollar amount will need to be negotiated. The first year of the PILOT, the City is expected to get \$400,000 and the second year it will be \$615,000.”

After the discussion about the Elm Street Property, Business Administrator Frederick Carr addressed the Council regarding R-183-4/19 – Amending the CY 2019 Budget. Carr requested that some of the members of the Council meet with him and the City Auditor to discuss topics regarding personnel that cannot be discussed in public. “If there are additions to the Budget, and if the Mayor’s Budget is adjusted by the Council, it will require four “Yes” votes,” stated Carr. He continued, “Your additions impacted the deductions. You can’t have one without the other. The Mayor can’t veto the Budget. We received your (the Council’s) recommendations on Thursday midnight (4/18/19). We told the Mayor to cut some of her expenses from the State

of the City event.”

R-187-4/19 – Authorizing Change Order No. 5 to the contract with Helios Construction Inc. increasing the contract for Waterfront Park Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$20,900.

Former B.A. Greg Fehrenbach explained that the fence for this park had already been moved and this is a settlement by the contractor to close this case.

B.A. Carr then explained R-188-4/19 – Affirming the establishment and authority of the Community Emergency Response Team under the authority of the Office of Emergency Management. “We had this agency 20 years ago and they were put back together and they were all volunteers.”

Councilman Irizarry and Council President Petrick asked Carr if he could provide more information about this.

Carr stated, “This is to augment the police during special events, such as using them for traffic control.”

Carr then explained R-192-4/19 – Resolution to override the Mayor’s Veto of an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled “Wreckers” adopted August 4, 1992.” He stated, “The Mayor said that it would cost the taxpayers additional money.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “The Council should have retracted the ordinance. The wreckers said that information was lacking. It doesn’t protect the City and what is in the ordinance can cause us to be sued.”

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2019 Municipal Budget Passes; First Responders Honored 4/17/19 Council Meeting



SOUTH AMBOY - First Responder Honorees at the 4/17/19 Council Meeting: (L To R) Brian Noble, Recreation, Richard Johnson, Fire Department, Elizabeth "Betty" Leveille, First Aid, Christian Petras, First Aid *Photos by Paul W. Wang



SOUTH AMBOY - Councilman Thomas Reilly (C) with Student Fire Department Volunteers and First Aid Cadets

By: Katherine Massopust

SOUTH AMBOY – After the 4/17/19 Council Meeting began, there was a moment of silence for deceased First Aid Squad Member Gary Cotrell.

The first item to be discussed was the 2019 Municipal Budget. City Auditor Gary Higgins stated, “I’ve been doing this for 38 years. The public hearing is tonight. After the public hearing, there is a short amendment. \$1.22 - the same rate as in 2018. There is no increase on the municipal level. The bond rating is now on an AA level. Our budgeting caps are way under. We’re a half million below cap. There is the same level of services delivered. The overall budget is in great condition.”

During the public portion on the budget, there were no questions from the public.

The Council passed Reso-

lution R-78-2019 (Reading); R-79-2019 (Amending); R-80-2019 (Adopting) the 2019 Budget. Council President Mickey Gross thanked everyone for doing a good job. There is no tax increase this year on the municipal level.”

Councilman Tom Reilly welcomed everyone who was present at the meeting to honor South Amboy’s First Responders. “Thank you for coming out for the volunteers. In addition to Government Week, it’s Volunteer Week. The City can’t operate without volunteers. You provide a great example for youth in the town - starting at a young age to volunteer in this town.”

Honoree Richard Johnson, Fire Department thanked everyone.

Honoree Elizabeth “Betty”

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South Amboy City Council Business Meeting 5/1/19 - 6 p.m.



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4/22/19 Caucus Meeting

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Carr then stated, "The ordinance was supposed to be amended at a later time."

Council President Bill Petrick then stated, "The towers said they needed prices in order to get reimbursed by insurance companies."

Pabon then stated that there were two prices in the ordinance.

Petrick proceeded to give more information, "It depended on where they had to tow from. The biggest lawsuit is that it was from out-of-town towers who sued us."

Councilman Pabon then suggested, "We should hold this over for another meeting. There's no harm in pulling this resolution out. We just need to get the correct language."

Council President Petrick spoke up again, "How should we handle this. If we pass this resolution, would the current contract still be enforced?"

Councilman Irizarry spoke

up next, "This has been talked about before. We need to take care of every issue. This is ridiculous. Let's get this right."

Petrick responded, "We can't satisfy everyone."

Pabon spoke up and said, "The towers fight amongst themselves. Let's talk to Chief Cattano about this."

City Attorney Roman B. Hirniak (from law firm of King & Petracca, LLP sitting in for Peter King who was on vacation) said, "There are two components (business and legal) for this ordinance to be passed and to prevent possible litigation."

Councilman Helmin Caba then spoke up and questioned, "Where are our Department Heads?"

B.A. Carr responded, "The Mayor said that the Council was disrespectful to City Employees and said one employee in particular was dead weight."

Caba continued, "It was uncalled for and unprofessional for the Mayor to have a tantrum and tell the Department Heads to stay away from meetings. It's

disrespectful to the residents for Department Heads or their representatives not be here and answer questions. The Police, Fire Department, and DPW should not have cuts (in their budget). Some of the nonessential employees are telling people it's the Council's fault for these cuts."

Council President Petrick made some comments. "It will facilitate our meetings if the Department Heads are here to answer our questions that may have to be discussed in closed session. I request that the Department Heads be here for the Caucus Meetings."

There was a lengthy discussion regarding R-197-4/19 – Authorizing payment to Matthew W. Petracca Esq. of the law firm of King and Petracca, LLP for legal services regarding the redemption of properties on the in rem tax foreclosure list in the amount of \$20,000.

Attorney Hirniak explained that this is to collect money

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2019 Municipal Budget Passes; First Responders Honored

4/17/19 Council Meeting

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Leveille, First Aid, spoke a few words, "I also want to mention our Cadets. They're straight A students. As far as the Explorers, they are our future."

Honoree Christian Petras, First Aid had answered over 800 calls during his time at the First Aid Squad.

Honoree Brian Noble from Recreation is born and raised in South Amboy. He volunteered his service in the United States Navy from 1992-1996, and has coached baseball, softball, basketball and soccer. Noble thanked Mayor Fred Henry and the Council, "It's not a one-person job."

Councilman Reilly then highlighted some of the accomplishments individually of each of the First Aid Cadets and Student Fire Department Volunteers (Explorers) who were honored.

South Amboy First Aid Cadets honored were: Nadia Barcheski, Allison Leveille, Taylor Salmon and Bryanna Tierney. Students Volunteers for the South Amboy Fire Department: Michael Coman, Thomas Coman were honored. Stephen McLaughlin and Victoria Tierney, who serve both as Explorers and First Aid Cadets were honored.

No comments were made regarding the Consent Agenda. Ordinance #3-2019 – Ordinance waiving permit fees for Volunteers. The ordinance was adopted.

During the Council Comments section, Vice-President Christine Noble thanked Councilman Reilly for his work during Government Week, and also for Opening Day for Little League on Saturday, April 13, 2019. "Everyone was there at 7 a.m. – the DPW and the volun-

teers preparing the fields."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato stated, "Well done Councilman Reilly for Government Week." Dato wished everyone a happy Passover and Easter.

Councilman Thomas Reilly noted the South Amboy Historical Society's Open House and that the Historical Society do great work. He then stated that the City is going to roll out for Volunteer discounts for members of the South Amboy Volunteer Fire Department and South Amboy First Aid.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin stated, "It was a great job for Government Week. All the volunteers – the cadets are our future. Opening Day for baseball and softball - the parents did a great job getting the fields ready."

Councilman Reilly asked if the co-op program still is in effect.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated, "It exists, but it is not back for this year."

Reilly emphasized that he wanted to reach back to the schools and wants to continue with the program.

Skarzynski answered, "We're not doing it this year. We're drastically shorthanded with the DPW (Department of Public Works)." He went on to explain that several individuals were retiring. "Next summer 2020, we'll do it."

Skarzynski then thanked the DPW who helped to clean out 600 boxes of files in the basement of City Hall. The documents were sent out to a shredding contractor.

Council President Mickey Gross thanked Councilman Tom Reilly for a good job. He thanked the Little League, the First Aid Squad, and the Fire



City Auditor Gary Higgins
**Photo by Paul W. Wang*

Department. "Our OEM (Office of Emergency Management) is doing a fantastic job." He then highlighted Mark Herdman who spoke in St. Louis at the National Conference (National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). "My hat's off to you!"

Mayor Fred Henry said, "Little League, baseball/softball - from one generation to the next. Volunteers are the backbone of South Amboy. Tom (Reilly) – Great job tonight! The night belonged to them. I thank everyone for their work on the Budget."

During the public portion, one resident spoke. She stated that a section of the retaining wall collapsed due to the weather onto her property. She believes this wall belongs to NJ Transit. "It was suggested I come here to the meeting," she said.

Mayor Henry advised the resident to speak to Business Administrator Skarzynski who will help address the problem.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next City Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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EDITORIAL

There Was A Reason
An Unexpected Surprise



Dr. Barrett-Layne

We would like to thank George Petrakakis who invited us to attend a luncheon and presentation at the Job Corps located in Edison. We would also like to thank the students who prepared a delicious meal.

When students drop out of High School and decided they wanted to get their GED, a majority of people think the only way to get a GED is going to an Adult High School.

We were pleasantly surprised to see the success rate of the students who attended Job Corps and were able to successfully gain employment. There were many companies in many different trades looking for applicants to fill positions that came with competitive wages and benefits. Applications were also available for job seekers.

One of the many highlights was speaker Dr. Barrett-Layne. She recalled in her senior year of high school, she had dreamed of becoming a physician and her grades were outstanding. Even her guidance counselor was impressed, but her heart sank when her counselor advised her to become a medical secretary.

Unfortunately at that time, she took that counselor's advice, but came to realize that she could do much better. She



Certificates of Recognition were given to those who are employed and support the Job Corps CEO, Secretary Central Jennifer Wilner (C)
*Photos by Katherine Massopust



Culinary Students with their Instructor

had the good fortune to be able to attend and graduate from the Glenmount Job Corps Center. She received certifications in the medical field including certification as a Medical Assistant, Nursing Assistant, and EKG Technology. Job Corps helped pay for her college education which led her to pursue advanced certification in the field of healthcare education. She received certification to teach in New York City Public Schools. Her credentials are too many to list here. (See complete submitted bio on www.amboy-guardian.com)

She is an example to all that through determination you can

overcome obstacles. Despite of what advice she was given before graduating high school, she knew in her heart what she could achieve. Job Corps was at the right place at the right time. We were very surprised at what the Job Corps has to offer students, but one has to be willing to put in the work.

There is an age limit to be accepted into the program. The most important aspect of the program is that there are jobs that they train you in the field where jobs are needed. That this evident by the number of diverse employers that were there.

It's a viable alternative to consider. *C.M.*

All Talk &
No Action

I was reading the Amboy Guardian article "The Blame Game" April 17, 2019 about raising taxes. It must have been a finger pointing event that night. Lots of talk and no action. So, let's get to the point: the only way to stop all this crying about the Mayor that I know

of is if people with living brain cells RECALLS the Mayor. Mayors are easy to find - that's if they're not handpicked by a political party or the City Council Members pick one that will play ball. Perth Amboy had its ups and downs and very soon Doomsday will come if the concerned VOTERS don't get their act together in time to wake up.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Edison Job
Corps

This past Thursday, April 18th, I had the pleasure of attending the quarterly Edison Job Corps Community Relations Luncheon, whose theme was "Partners in Progress." This awesome event was as expected, filled to near capacity with guests, honorees, students and staff, etc.

Julia Ruth Gibson, Edison Job Corps Business Community Liaison did a phenomenal job in putting this popular event together and executing the agenda extremely well. She is a dedicated professional fulfilling the mission of Job Corps, and passionate in doing so. The tremendous success of these and other events is a true testament to the enormous strengths and skills she brings to the center.

A huge number of area vendors were present, which attracted attendees to engage in business and networking opportunities for all

Julia Gibson welcomed everyone, and introduced Lonnie Hall, Edison Job Corps Center Director, who vibrantly spoke from the heart, whose passion was quite evident, and praised the business community for their support of the program and in their students by providing internships and employment opportunities following successful completion of the specific course of study.

A most welcomed surprise guest from Utah, John Pederson, Senior Vice President at Management & Training Corporation, was introduced by Direc-

tor Hall. SVP Pederson praised Director Hall, the Job Corps administration, staff and students for their outstanding success.

Job Corps Alumnus Dr. Barrett-Layne was the featured guest speaker, whose life journey and tremendous accomplishments amidst struggles, was well received and awe inspiring to students and attendees. Dr. Barrett-Layne currently serves as Adjunct Professor at Touro College and Grand Canyon University.

An awards ceremony followed, praising individuals for their long-standing, unwavering commitment to the Edison Job Corps.

A superb lunch buffet prepared and served by the culinary arts students included everything from salad, appetizers, entrees and sides, dessert and beverages. The students also served plated appetizers during the pre-program networking.

Photographer Raymond Royster was present and delivered high quality, 5 x 7 color photos for everyone.

A campus tour was provided at the conclusion of the event.

High praise is for the Edison Job Corps program, Director Hall, Ms. Gibson, faculty and staff, and its determined students who vow to become successful in their chosen career path.

The Edison Job Corps is probably a 'hidden gem,' unknown to many Middlesex County businesses and residents.

Best regards,
George N. Petrakakis

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We are losing residents who own their own homes and we are becoming more and more a city of renters and absentee landlords. We have large numbers of foreclosures and short sales. Any type of tax increase exacerbates the problem, because it will be the tipping point for more people. Look at the household income and poverty rate for Perth Amboy: Perth Amboy - \$20,547 per capita income (20.5% in poverty). This is one of the lowest incomes in Middlesex County, and one of the highest poverty rates.

**Statistics Presented by Lisa Nanton at the 4/22/19 Caucus*

Kearny Cottage Open

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

Historic Surveyor General's Office

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

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Woman's Club Membership Drive

PERTH AMBOY – The Woman's Club of Perth Amboy is having a membership drive on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 12 Noon at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy. We cordially invite you to join us for a Buffet Lunch. Cost: \$20 per person for lunch. Sangria is on us.

The Woman's Club of Perth Amboy began in May 1910! The purpose then and now is “to advance in aspects of culture and to further civic improvement.” New members are always welcome! For more information email: arubacruz@verizon.net Look forward to meeting you, Linda Cruz, President.

Annual Flea Market

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having their Annual Flea Market on June 1, 2019 in the church parking lot from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.. Rain date - June 8, 2019. Please come join us for bargains, good food and an enjoyable day. The Church is located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville, directly across from the Borough Hall. For more information please call the church office at 732-257-6353 or email at churchoffice172@optimum.net. There are still a limited number of spaces left if you are interested in selling. Please use the same numbers to reserve a space.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. May 1	Special Board of Education, 5:30 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
MON. May 6	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. May 8	Board of Education, 5:30 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
•	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

MON. May 13	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall N. Broadway
WED. May 15	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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PERTH AMBOY - The City operated nearly 50 Code Blue Warming Centers this year and this would not have been possible without the extraordinary effort of our volunteers. Rogelio Estevez, Sylvia Montalvo, Amilka Morrillo, Ronald Anderson, Armando Reyes and Paul Barreto were honored by the Middlesex County Freeholders earlier this month for their countless hours of dedication to this service. Proclamations were presented to them for going above and beyond their day-to-day responsibilities to serve our most vulnerable population, with kindness and humility.

Rising Star Award



PERTH AMBOY - Leigh Anne “Annie” Hindenlang- Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency, Executive Director. Annie was awarded the Rising Star Award from the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy having demonstrated a remarkable level of commitment to a new brand of redevelopment planning that emphasizes value-creation and people-based outcomes. She has built a list of accomplishments that demonstrate mastery of planning theory, process management and real-world know-how to benefit the redevelopment growth in Perth Amboy.

12th Diva and Don Gala Honoree



PERTH AMBOY - Alana Cuetto, MSN, RN, CNL-C – Planning Board Member. Alana serves as the President-Elect of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses and she was honored at the 12th Diva and Don Gala held in April by the Institute for Nursing (IFN-The Foundation of the New Jersey State Nurses Association) as a woman in nursing leadership in the State of New Jersey who sets high standards of excellence makes a notable difference in the lives of so many.

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Perth Amboy, Past, Present and Future: A Photography and Digital Art Project by The Students of Perth Amboy High School, In Cooperation with The Perth Amboy Public Library

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - The students in Ms. Bautista's photography classes traveled all over the city to recreate pictures of Perth Amboy's historical landmarks, using images from the Perth Amboy Public Library archives as our only guide. This exhibition juxtaposes the historical photographs next to the modern ones.

The digital art students and Communications Academy students in Mrs. Wintenberg's classes took a different approach. First, we learned how to use Photoshop to professionally colorize the public library's historical black and white photographs.

Next, we imagined going back in time and added ourselves to vintage images, a project we called 'Time Machine'. Take a close look at the 'Time Machine' photographs and see if you can tell who doesn't belong.

Finally, we envisioned what the city might look like in the future and created composite images for a project called 'Perth Amboy, Past Present and Future.'

Many thanks, from the students and staff of Perth Amboy High School, for the generosity of the Perth Amboy Public Library and SGO Museum, for your assistance and support as we examine our past and envision our future.

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4/24/19 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – During the public portion on agenda items only, Resident Ken Balut came up to speak. He continued to hammer away on how PILOTS are not benefiting the City, especially when it comes to the schools and the City losses.

James Fearon from Gluck Walrah LL9 argued, “If a PILOT is approved, in 22 years the City will net \$46 million. Without the PILOT, the City and Board of Education will lose \$12 million over the 22-year period.”

Balut continued, “The last PILOT that the City gave to a company was not negotiated correctly. The School Board raised taxes which caused our taxes to go up. Target got a PILOT and they already had warehouses up at the time. We have the best dynamics in the City, but we keep getting sold down the road.”

Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman came up next and asked the Council if they were the ones that appointed the PARA Members.

Council President Bill Petrick replied, “We did not.” He also asked if the City will net \$43 million during the PILOTS 22-year contract.”

Hubberman then continued, “The Mayor appointed her own people without the Council’s consent. It’s not a Republican

or Democrat issue (who is approving PILOT contracts). We have to look at the 22 years and above. Let’s look at past administrations. You (the Council) have the power to correct the situation without having to go to court. We don’t have the legal entity (PARA) to operate PILOTS. You need a financial consultant who is not part of the City. If there is a business out there who wants to share in our prosperity, we are for that. I urge you to table the resolution. R-193-4/19 because the Mayor violated the ordinance (appointment of PARA Members).”

B.A. Frederick Carr then made a couple of comments regarding R-193. “This is not a Resolution from PARA, but it’s for the Council making an application to the Finance Board.”

Glen Stock from Stock Development Group came forward to give an update on the project at 225 Elm St. He stated, “The project began in July 2016 and the developer is adamant that he will not do this project without a PILOT. Everything has been done except for a cap of the property. The developer paid close attention to environmental cleanup. Our group has done environmental cleanups in Elizabeth, Woodbridge, and Teterboro. \$7 million of project investments have been made on and off site. Of the 90 acres, 3.6 acres of water and road im-

provement have been made. 91 acres were sold by Amersteel. 7.7 acres which is 10% will be for public space. 3.6 acres will be put aside for an amphitheater. \$1.6 million has been budgeted for the 36 acres. \$375,000 has been set aside for a lab and public restrooms. We do the clean-ups.” Stock then began to speak about Riverview Drive and the Elm Street expansion. “The proposal is to build sidewalks and a walking trail to the Senior Center. This will cost about \$600,000. From Riverview Drive thru Grant Street and Rte. 35, we’re looking to mill and re-grade the streets. An offsite traffic signal will be added. We’re looking to make improvements on Riverview Drive and Grant Street for pedestrian safety improvement. We’re looking to upgrade the water and sewer systems on Patterson, Sheridan, Grant, and Elm Streets. \$6.6 million in amenities will be added. It took 2.5 years of negotiating with PARA. You should be proud of the end results of PARA’s work.” Stock then talked about a failing retaining wall located west of the Cornucopia. We did a preliminary study with Geotech Engineers and the City’s Engineers that cost \$2.2 million to see how to proceed (how to fix this problem). It’s a City road and it’s for both of our benefits. The Cornucopia suggested that we start working on



Glen Stock (R) from Stock Development Group gives a presentation on the Amersteel Property

*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

this problem in October because that is the start of their slow season. We told the Cornucopia we will start in November. The tenant coming into the 225 Elm St. location wants two buildings by the end of next year. Without the PILOT, they will not come. It’s a Fortune 500 Company. The retaining wall work will take between 3 to 6 months to repair. Depending on whether if the PILOT is approved, we hope to start work on the project in October 2019. Three Quarters of an acre are owned by PARA. A \$300,000 check was written to PARA (to buy this land). We spent a lot of time with Kenny Ortiz (Direction of the Recreation Department) talking about the amphitheater. We also talk-

ed about a great lawn and a pavilion to have a sitting area, and a spot for barbecuing.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke up saying he was comfortable with passing R-193 now and introducing it later.

During the last public portion, Resident Ken Balut came up to speak, “Who owns the property at 950 High St. It is across from the Target Distribution Center.”

Carr didn’t mention the owner but stated there was a mess there and the owner will clean it up.

Balut continued, “This company, who wants to have a PILOT (225 Elm St.) - they’ve started the cleanup in 2016.

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PILOTS (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Come into Play Again

4/22/19 Caucus Meeting

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from property owners that have not paid their taxes in a long time and the City has to hire people to collect these unpaid taxes.

Councilman Irizarry spoke up and said, “We tend to spend more money to collect these unpaid taxes than what is actually owed to the City.”

The attorney explained, “It’s a pool of properties. \$56,705 was collected for unpaid taxes. We paid someone \$20,000 to collect these taxes. The profit to us was \$36,705.”

Irizarry then asked, “Can a tax collector remove some of the properties that owe a low amount to the City?”

Council President Petrick spoke up next, “Can we do a flat rate to collect monies on all those properties? What triggered this collection?”

The attorney responded, “You need to address this to the Tax Collector.”

Councilman Caba spoke up and said, “That’s why we need Department Heads here.”

Communication No. 8 was discussed. Regarding NJDOT advising that the Department is unable to provide a Municipal Aid Grant for the replacement of the Fayette Street Bridge

Project.

B.A. Carr explained, “This was for a design and specifications for a competitive grant. It was based on needs. Everybody gets something. NJDOT said that the City had already received money before and that’s all that we’re going to be getting.”

Former B.A. Fehrenbach then spoke up, “There was \$1 million that was earmarked from the DOT that the City received. Because we got the \$1 million already, it may have had an effect as to why we did not get any additional money.”

During the public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski spoke first. He talked about a retaining wall that will cost \$200 million. “Let the developer do it. The steel company years ago paid for a wall.” Sierakowski then talked about R-193-4/19 – Making application to the local finance board pursuant to N.J.S.A. and authorizing an agreement relating thereto for the NCP Perth Amboy Urban Renewal LLC Project (225 Elm St.). He told the Council to do more research on the 22-25-year PILOT. “How much will it cost the City? You need a spreadsheet. What’s the difference between the estimated taxes versus a PILOT? See what they have to provide the City. Will the residential area

be affected? If you can’t get all the information of what the 50 acres encompasses, then hold off until you get everything.”

Resident Ken Balut came up next and asked, “Who is the owner of 950 High Street? The Mayor takes all the credit when there were no tax increases in 2017 and 2018 but gives you no credit. The taxes for the PILOT will be paid for by the taxpayers and schools will get nothing. Our taxes will go up. How much will the schools and residents lose in the 22 years? This warehouse will get a PILOT, but how many people will be employed? Most of the work will be automated. The Mayor’s people and friends are benefiting.”

Businesswoman and Resident Sharon Hubberman came up next and asked the Council to table R-193. She then read an ordinance regarding appointments to PARA (Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency). “According to this ordinance, the Council should be making the appointments to PARA. Since the Mayor made the appointments, they were illegal. The Council can put a penalty on the Mayor for violating the ordinance. We have a \$5 million gap in our budget. Why are we issuing out debt in redevelopment? Illegal practices have been going on for too long. We

have an illegal Redevelopment Agency and all contracts they sign should be broken. Illegal activities cause illegal actions. We are strategically located.”

Resident Lisa Nanton came up next, “In the time I was on the Council, we’ve had four different Law Directors and four different Business Administrators. 52 people just in my immediate area alone left Perth Amboy. 58%-67% of the surrounding cities around us are owner occupied residences. Our income level is lower as in our poverty level. We have a 5.7% tax increase. I can understand an increase if it helps our infrastructure or waterline improvements. Patronage positions should be cut. No more PILOTS, please. Stop accepting crumbs and throwing away money. What about all the companies that have left? It’s a death knell.”

Businessman and Resident David Caba came up next, “We are losing good people – 345 State St. and 121 Market St. The City Attorney said that an Acting Director said it was a friend he tried to help out. Plumbing and electrical work was done one of the houses and four inspectors showed up. All inspectors will tell you if you need corrections. People use Code Enforcement to go after you. There will be consequences.”

Council President Petrick re-

sponded, “The Code Enforcement Director has been on the job for about 6 months.”

Caba continued, “The inspector should have told his friend that if he had a temporary C/O, he should have been told to make corrections to get a permanent C/O. A person who is doing the right thing is now being held up. We have to be fair. Give the job (Code Enforcement Director) to someone who knows the State Codes and is a professional. They need to know the C/O process.”

Resident Alan Silber came up and stated, “Our previous Mayor was large and thin-skinned, but he had every Department Head attend the meetings. When Arlene Quinones came here, she had every Department Head here to endorse her. The Mayor (Diaz) was thin-skinned because Councilman Caba questioned Walensky (hiring qualifications). The day after her inauguration, the Mayor hired her friends who then hired their friends. The police were concerned in December 2018 about 20 police officers who were being laid-off. If things are on the agenda that you don’t have proper information on, then just table them. I thought we hired an attorney to take care of delinquent tax problems. I guess I was wrong.”

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Out-of-towners are doing this. This is a Fortune 500 Company and the estimate for Fortune 500 Company profits are up, and so are the stock market. When the President gives tax breaks to rich companies, people complain that he is bad. When the Mayor does the same thing, it’s considered good.” Balut then questioned, “How long does it take cops to answer calls at night? We’re not hiring more cops. They have received 38,000 calls. I had to OPRA the stat. They are not telling us about shootings that are happening.” Balut then told the Council they need to ask for a call log and how long it takes the police to go out when the calls are received. That’s what you (the Council) need. You had nothing to do with the PILOT thrown at you.”

Scott Flower from Scott’s Towing in Woodbridge Township came up to the podium next. “The City has two sets of rates for towing costs.”

Council President Petrick responded to Flowers, “There are two sets of rates for City Residents.”

Flowers continued, “When there’s heavy duty towing that has been requested, we do 90% of the work. On April 14, 2014, your Law Director (Peter King) signed an agreement with me. You did not meet with me within the 90-day period.” After Flowers’ time ran out, he sat down.

Tower Adele Tawfik came

up to speak. He told the Council he had asked them to table the Ordinance for the Wreckers because it lacked certain language, especially regarding State laws. The storage rates are not accurate. Show me some of the applications. It must have language and the proper rates. Contact Garden State Contractors if you need more information. The Ordinance has not been updated in 20 years. All of the towers’ expenses have gone up except for the towers’ rates.”

Flowers shouted out to the Council from the Audience in agreement what Adele Tawfik was saying.

Council President Petrick told Flowers he was out of order.

Flowers then responded to Petrick and said, “Because of my company being left off the towers list, I will be seeing you (the City of Perth Amboy) in court.”

Tawfik continued talking, “We (the towers) need to have more meetings with the City to discuss the ordinance.”

Petrick responded, “We’ll make sure the ordinance is in compliance with the State law.”

Resident and Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman came up to speak, “What’s disconcerting is that elected officials aren’t protecting certain political parties. I don’t see Democrats taking action. We have over a \$5 million funding cap. Employees are not being protected. Abatement means no taxes. Companies negotiate contracts with an illegal entity.”

After Hubberman spoke, the public comments were closed,

and the Council Comments began.

Councilman Helmin Caba turned to Business Administrator Frederick Carr and asked him if he had relayed a message to the Mayor about the absence of Department Heads at the Meeting.

Carr replied, “I relayed the message to the Mayor, but she has not changed her mind.”

Caba spoke again and said, “That should not be a reason to punish the residents because we (the Council) questioned some of the Mayor’s hires.” Caba requested that B.A. Carr talk to the Mayor again, “And maybe she will come to her senses and have the Department Heads come to the Meetings again. I feel that Republicans and Democrats are being discriminated against. The last election – we had a phenomenal turnout and the Administration did a good job promoting it. We should do the same thing to promote the June Primary.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke next, “I was concerned about an email regarding a DVD that was sent to us (the Council) and the email said that we had requested this DVD. I don’t know anything about this.”

Council President William Petrick responded, “One Council Member requested the information, so I asked for all of us to get it. It was something that was of concern in City Hall. I wanted to get everyone on the same page at the same time.”

Irizarry then requested that in the future it should state that a

particular Council Member ask for the information. “It was not requested by all.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next, “I’m glad about the road paving taking place on Amboy Avenue, but I thought it was ridiculous that some of the street lights haven’t been fixed since December. We need a contact person with the utility company to address this.” Pabon then requested to see all pending lawsuits from City Employees. “I don’t want to see it two years from now. I’m not talking about workers compensation, but other lawsuits.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda talked next. Her concern was that the problem is disconnection between us (the Council) and the Administration. “Putting employees against the City isn’t healthy. We have a lot of issues and need to come together to discuss a possible solution to make things better.”

Council President Bill Petrick spoke next. He was concerned because, “We don’t have a towers ordinance which is not law in our community. Our former B.A. (Adam Cruz) met with a group of towers along with Councilman Joel Pabon and Fernando Gonzalez and the Administration.”

Pabon then spoke up, “The meeting never occurred, because it had to be adjourned due to disagreements among the towers.”

Petrick then spoke again emphatically stating, “In any ordinance, we have to consider how it will impact all the residents: seniors to single mothers who

are the most vulnerable and also City workers. I hope to get the consensus of everyone. I also want to help business owners, too. We can look at the tower’s ordinance. I’m requesting that all Department Heads be here at the Caucus Meeting or we don’t have a Caucus Meeting. I believe it is within our rights to request this.”

Attorney Roman B. Himiak said, “There may be a grey area depending on the form of government (if it is within the Council’s right to request this).”

Petrick replied, “I think legislatively we can request Department Heads to be here and the Administration’s cooperation.”

B.A. Frederick Carr spoke up and told the Council that the Administrators are working on the Council’s amendments to the budget. “The DCA (Department of Community Affairs) will have to review and approve those amendments. You may have to see or speak to the DCA in person. I suggest that it be myself, Council President Petrick, and the CFO (Jill Goldy).”

Petrick suggested, “Maybe we can do a conference call with the DCA. We may have to have legislation to grant permission for political parties to participate (have tables) at City events.”

For Resolutions R-184 thru R-191 and R-193- thru R-200 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba. R-192 was moved by Councilman Joel Pabon and seconded by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and all voted, “No”.

Governor’s Educator of the Year Awards One of the Highlights

4/11/19 Board Education Meeting



Director of Special Funded Programs Pamela Spindel receives the NAFEP State Leadership Award *Photo by Paul W. Wang



William Clark Jr. (5th from Left) is the new Football Coach at PAHS replacing retired Coach Bishop. He is surrounded by family, friends, and well-wishers. Perth Amboy Athletics Director Nephtaly Cardona (Far Right) *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. but shortly after the roll call and pledge of allegiance, the Board of Education went into a closed session that lasted from 5:42 p.m. until 7:06 p.m. When they came back into session, Superintendent Dr. David Roman made a few remarks regarding the 2018/2019 Governor’s Educator of the Year Awards. “These are the Oscars of Education. We’ve made monumental accolades over the years, and every school has shown significant growth from our students. Teachers reflect those changes. I want to congratulate these educators for their dedication, time, and effort.”

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez then spoke, “As a former educator, I also want to thank the recipients of these awards.”

The principal of each school was then called to make remarks about each teacher and educational service professional who were recognized. There were a total of 11 teachers recognized, along with 11 educational services professionals.

When Principal R.L. Anderson of Wilentz School came up to speak about teacher Donna Fox’s accomplishments, she stood up from her seat and he remarked, “Oh, I’m not ready for you, yet.”

She said she wanted to break protocol because she is retiring, and she wanted to make a speech about her years in the Perth Amboy School System. She stated she came in 2000 and coming from the suburbs into an urban environment. At first, “I was seriously thinking about leaving.” Fox soon realized that staying was the best decision she ever made in her 37 year teaching career. “It’s not only the students, but it’s also the teachers who learn new things every day.” She also talked about 5 teachers that she had mentored. “There’s teachers and staff I’ve met who

are the most hardworking and skilled professionals.” She also thanked all the principals – past and present who have supported and listened to all the teachers and gave them the latitude when needed. She wanted to thank everyone and choked up when she said, “I love you all,” putting her hands to her mouth and throwing a kiss to all.

There was another special presentation made to a Ms. Pamela Spindel who was the recipient of the NAFEP (National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators which began in 1974) State Leadership Award. She was recognized in Washington D.C.

After the awards were over, there was a question posed by Board Member Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe regarding Item No. 5 under the Curriculum. Approval for the Middlesex County Bar Foundation to facilitate (5) after-school civics lessons for district-wide fifth grade students between the months of April and May 2019 at no cost to the district under the supervision of the respective school’s principals. Jose Santos, Melissa Espana, Rosario Casiano, and Dr. Vivian Rodriguez.

Márquez-Villafañe questioned, “How many students were involved? Or was there a select group? Was it consistent or on a rotational basis?”

Dr. Rodriguez asked Mr. Dato to come forward to give a more detailed explanation. He explained that the students volunteered from McGinnis and Shull Schools with their parents approval. “Last year 45 students participated in the program. After having the 5 civic lessons, they had one more meeting where they reviewed what they have learned.”

Under the Finance Department, Committee Chairperson Junior Iglesia made a few comments. He said, “A lot of work was put into the budget which will pay for all the services for our stu-



Honorees pose for photo with the Board of Education at the 4/11/19 Board of Education Meeting

Governor’s Educator of the Year Awards:

Teachers: Edmund Hmieski Jr. Early Childhood Center: Mary Gonzalez; Ignacio Cruz Early Childhood Center: Dejuan Alexander; Anthony V. Ceres Elementary School: Karen Gutierrez; Dual Language School: Veronica Austin; James J. Flynn Elementary School: Kirsten Nota; Edward J. Patten Elementary School: Michelle Batista; Dr. Herbert N. Richardson 21st Century Elementary School: Claire Ransegnola; Robert N. Wilentz Elementary School: Donna Fox; Samuel E. Shull Middle School: Jessica Perez; William C. McGinnis Middle School: Alexandre Lopes; Perth Amboy High School: Darrell Marshall.

Educational Services Professionals: Edmund Hmieski Jr. Early Childhood Center: Lucia Checo; Ignacio Cruz Early Childhood Center: Teresa Jimenez; Anthony V. Ceres Elementary School: Mia Lanius; Dual Language School: Mary Cruz; James J. Flynn Elementary School: Suzan Lopez; Edward J. Patten Elementary School: Alexandria Riley; Dr. Herbert N. Richardson 21st Century Elementary School: Ramona Taylor; Robert N. Wilentz Elementary School: Meina Montalbano; Samuel E. Shull Middle School: Jacqueline Defilippis; William C. McGinnis Middle School: Brian Peters; Perth Amboy High School: Briem Towns. *Photo by Paul W. Wang

dent’s needs: now and into the future. It will cost \$50 million to run the new high school. I’m urging everyone to vote in favor of the preliminary budget.”

Board President Ken Puccio spoke next, “The financial committee did a lot of hard work and did their homework when working on this budget. I’m just riding on their coattails.”

During the new business portion, Board Member Junior Iglesia had a question about the performance report. He requested that the Curriculum Committee identify students interested in education and teaching in Perth Amboy.

Dr. Vivian Rodriguez remarked that Kean University offers cred-

it to students taking this course.

Dr. Roman then remarked, “If students show an interest, this can be added to the STEM Program.”

During the last public comments, a teacher by the name of Mr. Johnson wanted to thank Nephtaly Cardona for hiring William Clark Jr. as the Head Football Coach for Perth Amboy High School. “I watched him (Clark) grow and take the necessary preparation needed (for this position). He has been a coach, a mentor, leader, and father figure. I am so proud of him.”

William Clark Jr. came up to speak next. “It’s an honor and privilege to be chosen for this position. I attended the Univer-

sity of Virginia and I’m a product of their academics and their athletic programs. I’m returning to the community. This is a teaching experience. There is a genuine relationship here. I want to teach honor, loyalty, teamwork, and pride.” He wanted to assure the school that he wants the football team to adopt an attitude for them to succeed, build integrity, and prepare for the real world.

Dr. Danielle Brown and Tashi Vasquez mentioned they graduated PAHS in the same year as Clark and how proud they were of him.

Board Members Lissette Lebron, Anton Massopust, and Jesus Martinez were not present.

Single-use Plastic Free Race, Run The Hook Comes to Sandy Hook

SANDY HOOK - Run The Hook 5K/10K returns to one of the Jersey Shore’s most historic locations for a race to keep our oceans wild and pollution free. The race will take place on Sunday, May 12, 2019 at Sandy Hook National Park and will once again be 100% free of single-use plastics in keeping with their mission to increase awareness of reducing single-use plastic consumption.

With an expected attendance of 2,000 participants, the race challenges runners and walkers of all abilities to complete a 5K or 10K course in support of local charity, Clean Ocean Action, a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to restoring, improving, and protecting the water quality of New Jersey’s oceans and waterways. A portion of the proceeds from the race will go directly to the charity to support their work in the local community. The race also has several merchandise items for sale including hats, socks, and reusable water

bottles that keep drinks cold for 24 hours so you can go plastic-free and stay hydrated on the go.

Registration is already 90% sold out with just under one month to go until the race. It is expected to sell out in advance for the fourth year in a row. All runners will receive a t-shirt, commemorative finisher’s glass, closed scenic course in Sandy Hook National Park, chip timed results, and access to the after party with their registration. Runners also have the opportunity to raise additional funds through friends and family using CrowdRise, with 100% of these donations going directly to Clean Ocean Action.

Speaking about the event, race organizer Joey Garofalo of Shrewsbury noted, “Clean Ocean Action has made incredible progress on several fronts in the last year including fighting off oil drilling in the Atlantic, pushing for single-use plastic ordinances in local towns,

and continuing to improve the water quality of the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers. I’m so happy to continue supporting their work with this race while increasing awareness for all of the work that still needs to be done at the local level. We hope families from all over the area will come out for the 4th annual race to kick off the summer with us.”

Cindy Zipf, Executive Director of Clean Ocean Action added, “Run the Hook has quickly become the healthy tradition for celebrating Mother’s Day and Mother Ocean. It’s a festive morning of family fun organized by the best professional events team, which also implements environmentally sustainable practices. Clean Ocean Action is so honored to be the beneficiary of this remarkable event and so grateful to the team. The support of Run the Hook’s participants helps us in the race to save the ocean.”

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South Amboy
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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.

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Tom's Tax Tips

4 Key Metrics To Fortify Your Business

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

Even the best, well-prepared business plans can unravel quickly without a process in place to evaluate performance. Creating a scorecard with quality metrics can give you the daily insight you need to successfully run a business without drowning in the details.

Create a Scorecard That Works

An effective scorecard gives you a holistic view of the state of your business in one report. The report consists of key financial and non-financial metrics to provide a daily look at the health of your business. To be useful, your measures should be concise, available on-demand, and include properly targeted data to help you quickly spot trends and react appropriately.

Effective Business Metrics to Consider Right Now

1. Quick Ratio (Financial)

Add up your total cash, short-term investments and accounts receivable. Then divide that total by your current liabilities. This is your quick ratio. It's a simple way to see if you have enough funds on hand to pay your immediate bills. A value of 1.0 or more means your liquid assets are sufficient to cover your short-term debts. A value less than 1.0 may mean you're relying too heavily on debt to fund your operations or pay expenses.

2. Retention Percentage (Customers)

First, create a list of customers who made purchases this year and a list of customers who made purchases last year. Then, remove all new customers gained in the current year. Divide the total number of customers from last year by the remaining number of customers for this year. This is your customer retention percentage. Measure this over time to see if your business is retaining or losing core customers. If you have a condensed sales cycle, you can shrink the period down further. For example, by looking at this calculation each month, you can see how it builds over the year.

3. Asset Turnover Ratio (Internal Process)

Divide your total sales by average total assets from your company balance sheet (beginning assets plus ending assets, divided by two) for the same time period. The end result tells you the amount of sales generated for each dollar committed to your assets. The number may not reveal much by itself, but when reviewed over time, you'll have a better understanding of whether the assets used to run your business are becoming more or less effective.

4. Net Income Per Employee (Growth)

Divide your net income by your total number of employees for a given time period. In theory, as your workforce develops, it should generate more income per employee. Remember to account for part-time employees prior to making your calculation (e.g., a part-time employee working 20 hours per week is 1/2 an employee for purposes of this calculation). If the income per employee is getting lower over time, figure out why. Perhaps you have high employee turnover, or there is an area of your company that can benefit from training.

While each ratio may help you analyze different aspects of your business, they don't tell you the whole story. Finding the right mix of metrics for your scorecard can take some time, but the end result is a valuable tool that can take your business to the next level. Amazon to augment your core business, not replace the success of your current business model.

Seeking Volunteers

NEW BRUNSWICK - 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 Thursday, May 16th 6-7PM 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

Where: CASA of Middlesex County office, 77 Church Street, New Brunswick; When: Thursday, May 16th 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

For more information: <http://www.casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/volunteer>

Annual Golf Classic

WOODBRIIDGE/HILLSBOROUGH – The Bishop George Ahr St. Thomas Aquinas High School is having their Annual Golf Classic on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Royce Brook Golf Club, 201 Hamilton Road, Hillsborough, NJ. 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Registration. (Continental Breakfast, Driving Range and Putting & Chipping Greens). Shotgun Start 8:30 a.m. Lunch Reception and Awards 1:30 p.m. (Upscale Bbq Buffet and 2 Hour Lite Open Bar). Individual Golfer Registration \$175. Sponsorship Opportunities available as well. Club Rentals Not Available, Traditional Golf Attire Required and No Metal Spikes. Interested - Please See Our website to download the brochure. <http://www.bgahs.org/> (Announcements Bottom of The Page) Or Contact Debbie Chippendale at Dchippendale@Bgahs.Org

MOVIE REVIEW: AVENGERS ENDGAME!



By: Anton Massopust III

“We have to do this! No take backs! No Second Chances! Whatever it takes!” - Captain America

The remaining Avengers and Guardians of the Galaxy rally together in order to find a way to bring back everyone that Thanos has destroyed. The first plan is to find Thanos in order to get his gauntlet and wish everybody back. It's as simple as that. When that plan fails, Captain America and the other Avengers try to just move on with life. But when Ant-Man escapes from the Quantumverse, he devises a plan in order to go back in time and find all the Infinity Stones before Thanos does. The Avengers put to-

gether a new gauntlet and wish everybody back.

Look on this as sort of the best of Marvel. If you're a big fan of these movies, the final battle between Thanos's forces and the Avengers and Guardians of the Galaxy is truly a sight to behold. It's a lot to take in and might take a second viewing, but you're probably asking me: “Is the movie good?” Yes, but it does take a little time to get going. It's a lot of set up before we get to a lot of superhero action.

I love time travel stories. I'm a big fan of Doctor Who. This has a similar plot to that kind of story. They even mention several time travel stories throughout the movie and every Avenger & Guardian is given a chance

to shine. There are plenty of very funny one-liners and this is probably one of the best of the Avengers movies. If you're not a Marvel fan, and you don't know any of the other movies, you won't be able to follow it and you will be completely lost. I don't think that you could follow this if you don't know any of these characters that are in this film. And this whole adventure is with Marvel. This is Iron Man's movie as Captain America's final journey. This is definitely the movie of the summer, so if you haven't seen the previous movies catch up on them and everyone go to see the Avengers Assemble.

Raritan Bay Area YMCA

More than a Gym and Swim: The Y's Impact on Our Community!

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Raritan Bay Area YMCA has kept pace with the times, providing services and solutions to problems that impact the Perth Amboy community.

“It's not just a gym,” Steve Jobin, CEO said. “Yes, members get a gym and a pool, but we offer various other programs to the community, so there's a community feel here.”

With the thanks of so many donors throughout the years, the YMCA is able offer financial assistance, children's swimming lessons, teen leadership programs, school-age childcare, community service programs and so much more. The YMCA is what you make it, for some of its members the Y provides a backdrop for a great workout and for others the benefits go far beyond fitness.

Sandra Altuna, 37 says, the reason my family joined the Raritan Area YMCA eight years ago was because we were looking for a family oriented place, with safe nurturing child care while my husband and I worked out. The child care staff member, who is a grandmother herself so she understood how I felt letting someone else care for my children. My 4 children loved playing with their friends in Child Watch and I always felt comfortable with them being there. My children have grown up at the Y and still like to visit child watch. We have met the nicest families at the Y and felt

welcome from the very first day.”

Ultimately, all of our Y's programs point to the same goal: Making the community a better place to live and work. Every day, the organization works to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

Richard Greaves, 42 says, “The after-care program has been such a help with both me and my wife working full-time jobs. The Y provides a safe and supportive atmosphere for both of my children. They not only help with homework, my kids are able to make friends and have fun.”

But we can't do it alone, together we can do so much more! Currently the Raritan Bay Area YMCA is running its annual fundraising campaign. Funds raised help the Y provide financial assistance throughout the year to families in need. You are invited to support the campaign, volunteer or contribute in another way. The annual campaign ends May 31st.

For more information and to learn about opportunities at the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA, or to donate, visit www.rbaymca.org/main/donate/ or contact Jennifer Roche, at 732.442.3632 or jroche@rbaymca.org.

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World War II 75 Years Ago

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

In Lyme Bay, near Slapton, England, Exercise Tiger continues on April 28, 1944; the second day of the exercise is again marked by tragedy (somewhere around 450 U.S. soldiers and sailors were killed in a live-fire accident the previous day). A convoy of eight LSTs carrying vehicles and combat engineers is attacked by nine heavily armed German E-Boats (fast-attack boats, larger and more-powerful than American PT boats) that have slipped undetected through Allied security patrols. Four of the landing craft are damaged or sunk, costing the lives of another 423 U.S. Army and Navy servicemen, with 200 more wounded. Because of official embarrassment and concerns over security for the actual invasion, all survivors of Exercise Tiger are sworn to secrecy, and details of the dual tragedies are kept quiet. Elsewhere, the U.S. Army completes its capture of Hollandia's airfields and isolates 200,000 Japanese troops on Papua-New Guinea for the duration of war. U.S. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox dies at the age of 70 after a series of heart attacks.

The U.S. Navy pounds the Japanese military base at Truk on April 29, destroying 120 planes. During a nighttime sortie in the English Channel, the Canadian destroyer *HMCS Athabaskan* is sunk by the German destroyer T-24. 129 sailors are lost, 83 are taken prisoner and 44 are rescued.

U.S. Navy air raids continue in the Caroline Islands on April 30, including more attacks on Truk. In India, the battles at Kohima and Imphal continue. The Japanese, however, are running short of food and ammunition.

On May 1, an American force of seven battleships and 11 destroyers bombards Ponape, Caroline Islands, in the Pacific. The Messerschmitt Me-262 — the first jet fighter of the war — makes its maiden flight. Faster and more-heavily armed than any Allied fighter, the Me-262 would shoot down over 540 Allied aircraft over the course of the war. In Moscow, Joseph Stalin declares: "The wounded German beast must be pursued and finished off in its lair." In a suburb of Athens, Greece, 200 communists are executed by Nazi occupation authorities in reprisal for the killing of a German general by Greek Resistance fighters.

Spain on May 2 reaches an agreement with Great Britain and the U.S. to restrict the supply of wolfram (tungsten) ore to Germany. (The element's hardness and high density make it ideal for manufacturing armor-penetrating artillery shells, among other military uses.) In the U.S., WABD-TV gets its FCC license, becoming the third commercial television station in New York City. The station initially airs on channel 4.

In Tokyo on May 3, Adm. Soemu Toyoda is named Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleet of the Imperial Japanese Navy, succeeding Admiral Mineichi Koga, who had been killed in a plane crash on March 31. Meat rationing ends in the U.S., except for certain selected items, such as steaks and cuts for roasting. In Cambridge, Massachusetts, two young Harvard scientists, Robert Woodward and William Doering, announce the first production of synthetic quinine, an antimalarial.

British counterattacks at besieged Kohima, India, on May 4 are repulsed by the Japanese. In Europe, the RAF conducts a nighttime air raid on Budapest, Hungary.

In Ukraine on May 5, the Red Army launches an offensive against the Germans holding the fortress city of Sevastopol in the Crimea. In India, the British Fourteenth Army launches a counterattack against the Japanese near Imphal, some 84 miles south of Kohima.

The Allies launch heavy bombing missions over continental Europe on May 6 in preparation for the impending invasion of France. The British release independence activist Mohandas Gandhi from prison in Pune, India, due to his failing health.

On May 7, 300,000 Japanese troops begin gathering and preparing for an offensive from the Canton and Hankow areas in eastern China, with the aim of capturing Allied airfields. In Europe, the U.S. 15th Air Force and British Bomber Command conduct daylight and night-time raids on railroad yards in Bucharest, Romania, leaving the city in flames. The U.S. 8th Air Force conducts similar raids over Berlin, while the U.S. 9th Air Force attacks railway yards at Charleville-Mézières, France.

Adolf Hitler on May 8 gives permission for a full-scale evacuation of German and Romanian troops from the Crimean Peninsula in Ukraine. In London, Gen. Eisenhower sets June 5 as D-Day for "Operation Overlord," the invasion of Normandy. Also, in London, the Czechoslovak government-in-exile signs an agreement to permit the Soviet Red Army to liberate Czechoslovakia from the Germans.

The German Army abandons Sevastopol, the largest city and an important port in the Crimea, in Ukraine, on May 9. The Soviet 4th Ukrainian Army moves in. Japanese forces skirmish with American troops near Hollandia, Papua-New Guinea.

On May 10, Chinese troops cross the Salween River in China near the Burmese border, moving towards Japanese positions. In the U.S., James V. Forrestal is named Secretary of the Navy, succeeding Frank Knox, who died on April 28. In a landmark decision, the U.S. Supreme Court, in the case of *Smith v. Allwright*, rules that primary elections must be open to voters of all races.

In Italy, a fourth Battle of Monte Cassino begins on May 11. At 11:00 p.m., 2,300 Allied artillery pieces open fire along the 35-mile-long line from Cassino to the Tyrrhenean Sea. At 11:45 Allied ground troops move against the German Cassino front. The Allies also initiate an offensive towards Rome. In China, the Japanese capture and take control of the Hankow-Peiping railroad line. In the Sulu Sea near Tawi-Tawi, the Philippines, the Japanese begin to gather most of their remaining heavy warships in anticipation of an American offensive on the Mariana Islands, some 1,875 miles to the northeast. Allied planes bomb airfields and coastal installations in France, hitting Calais, in the north, especially hard as part of a deception to make the Germans believe that an attack would be made there.

The Sayreville HS Marching Band is Hosting a Mattress Sale Fundraiser!

Press Release

PARLIN – An awesome fundraiser is returning to Sayreville High School on Sat., May 11th! Shopping for a new mattress can be intimidating, but we promise you a friendly, non-pressured environment and better-than-retail prices. The showroom will display the latest in adjustable bed frames and mattresses in every size, luxury pillows, sheets and more. Friendly and knowledgeable assistants will answer all your questions. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS AND GET BETTER SLEEP!

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available for up to 50% off retail prices! Watch for area yard signs and for the few lucky high school kids who get to wear the "mattress suit" while promoting the sale to passersby. Sayreville HS Mattress Fundraiser, 820 Washington Road, Parlin, NJ 08859 on Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm in the gymnasium, For more info: text SWMHSS to 797979

For more information about the Sayreville HS Marching Band Mattress Fundraiser contact Dave Cox at dcox@customfundraisingsolutions.com or call 215-913-8762.

About Custom Fundraising Solutions: *Since 2005, Custom Fundraising Solutions has been helping schools raise money using an unconventional approach, "The Mattress Fundraiser." The concept is designed to help groups raise thousands*

of dollars in a one-day sale, and provide the community a product they need, for a great value. CFS has over 90 locations nationwide and has given back more than \$32 million dollars. The company's mission is to grow to over 100 locations and give back over \$10 million dollars each year. To learn more, visit www.customfundraisingsolutions.com.

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

Pets of the Week



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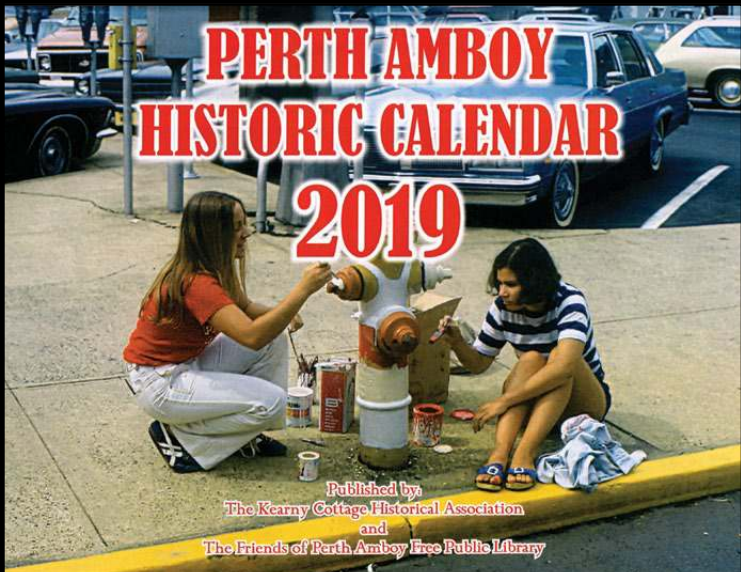
Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church will be holding their Pirohi Sale at \$9.00 Per Dozen. Orders may be called in from May 6-8, 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 May 14 or 15 at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Orders can be picked up after 2:30 p.m.

Polish Night

SOUTH AMBOY – Polish Night at the South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Road on Friday, May 17th 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Tickets- \$15 per person, Dinner Includes: Pierogis, Kielbasa, & Kraut, Stuffed Cabbage, Potato Pancakes, Cabbage and Noodles, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Call or stop in for tickets. Tickets may be sold at the door. For more info, call 732-727-7170.

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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.



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PERTH AMBOY - The 10th Getting Ahead in Business Meet N' Greet Networking Group will take place at The Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Full buffet, door prizes, coupons and much more. Look for more information in the May 15th issue of the Amboy Guardian. Call Milton @ 732-306-0040 for more information to promote your business at this big event.



PERTH AMBOY – HMS Host being honored with proclamation by both the City of Perth Amboy and by the 19th District and Senator Joe Vitale for all the support they give to our community. (L to R) Bob Boroom, Regional V.P., Gary Reinhart, V.P. of Operations N.J. Motorways, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Edwin Fabian, District Director, Rev. Paul Sears, Director of Renovation House, Iris Rodriguez, Senator Joe Vitale's Office, Dean Minelli, Special Projects Coordinator of Renovation House.

Amboy Bank Honored by Township of Old Bridge

**Photo Courtesy of Amboy Bank*

Photo Release:
OLD BRIDGE - Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank President and CEO, is presented a plaque by Old Bridge Mayor, Owen Henry, for the Bank's 130 years of service in the community. Mayor Henry hosted an opening ceremony for the Township's 150th anniversary, where he presented a mayoral proclamation, and Richard Pucciarelli, VP of the Madison Township-Old Bridge Historical Society, provided a brief history on the Township's history. The event kicked off the yearlong celebration.



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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!

Prayer to Blessed Virgin

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

English Elm Tree Plaque Unveiling

PERTH AMBOY – Commemorate the life of one of Perth Amboy’s oldest trees with the Historic Preservation Commission, Perth Amboy City Hall, 260 High St. on Wednesday, May 15th at 12:30 p.m. For more information email: history@perthamboynj.org or call 732-826-0290 ext. 4860.

10th Annual Pasta Night & Tricky Tray

JEMMS Foundation Inc.
PERTH AMBOY – 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@gmail.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.



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The schedule is as follows: Saturdays: May 11th, June 8th & 22nd. We will be there from 1 p.m. - 3 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!!!!

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TUES. Apr. 30 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. May 1 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. May 2 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. May 6 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. May 7 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. May 8 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. May 9 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. May 1 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. May 6 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. May 27 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes its Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

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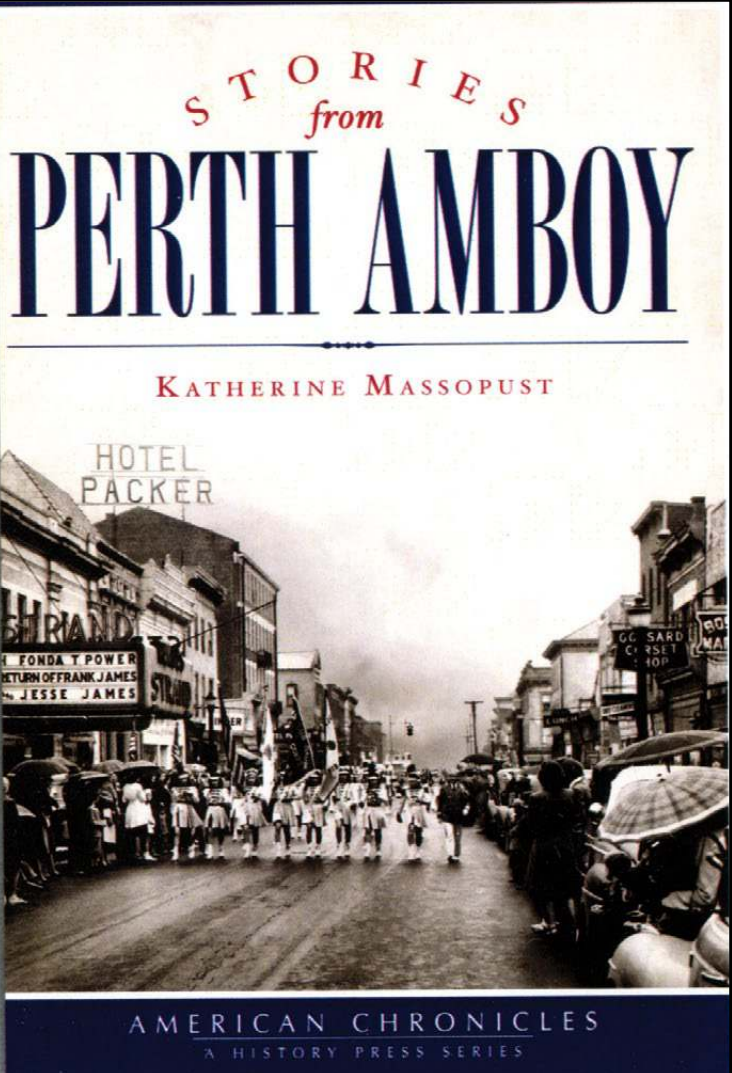
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Getting building prepared for Grand Opening - Finishing Touches. Corner of Madison Avenue and Smith Street. November 22, 1933

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Thomas Mundy Peterson Day, Perth Amboy YMCA 3/31/19

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Group Photo

Slovak Flag Raising, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy 3/30/19

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - Slovak Flag Raising held at City Hall Circle. Father John Zek officiated. Sponsored by Slovak Club of The Most Holy Name Of Jesus Parish.



Race the Wave, Perth Amboy YMCA 3/31/19

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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.

A.C. Bus Trip
St. John Paul II
Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Wed. May 22, 2019. Cost \$35 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:30 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

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, June 6, 2019. Bus leaves 12 Noon. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy. (New Location) Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

Coffee Talk with
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16. Picnic drink
17. "_____ go!" cheer words
18. Cooks (peanuts)
20. Boy

22. Aquatic mammal
24. Besides
27. Band on a sandal
31. Halloween month
33. Fib source
34. Cave-dwelling flier
35. Existed
36. Zoo residents
38. Permit
39. It's "mightier than the sword"

40. Bottom line
42. Fellows
43. Times of darkness
48. Cover (roads)
51. Use a shovel

53. "The Music Man" state
54. With 12-Across, star of "M*A*S*H"
55. Commit a blunder
56. Toss (a coin)
57. Magician's baton
58. Declare
59. Perfect scores for gymnasts

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1. Two of a kind
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4. Water barriers
5. Seashore
6. Find the sum of

7. Keep (a candidate) in office
8. Tattled (on)
9. "_____ Got a Secret"
10. _____ King Cole, singer
11. Gore and Pacino
19. Mountain's peak
21. Knack
23. Breakfast item
24. A son of Eve
25. Tyrannical Roman emperor
26. Made a picture
27. Hit with the palm of the hand
28. Fork prong
29. Wet weather
30. Give weapons to
32. Feathered hunter
34. They "have more fun"
37. Had a meal
38. Clay, today
41. Furious
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