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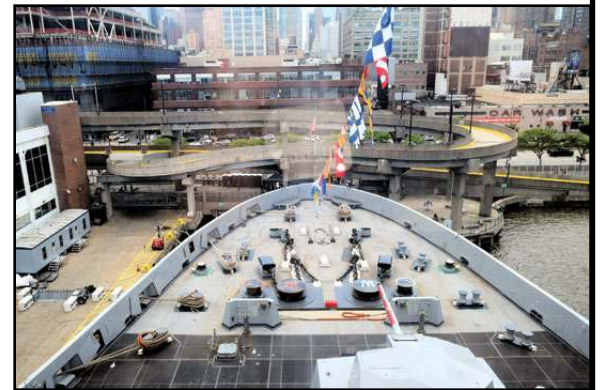
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South Amboy City Council Business Meeting 6/5/19 - 6 p.m.; Perth Amboy City Council Meeting 6/12/19 - 7 p.m.



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Vitale Commemorates New Jersey Veterans During Annual Fleet Week Celebration

Organizes VIP Tour of USS New York for Over 100 Veterans

Press Release 5/24/19

ABOARD THE USS NEW YORK (LPD-21), NY HARBOR – During the U.S. Navy’s Fleet Week celebration, veteran advocate Senator Joseph F. Vitale (D-Woodbridge) recognized and honored veterans from his district for their bravery and contributions to the Woodbridge community and to the nation, including Gene Bernhardt, John Eberhardt, and Charles Lanza who are veterans of the United States Navy, and United States Marine Corps veteran James Hamilton.

“Democracy and freedom continue to thrive because of the sacrifices of our Veterans and the brave sailors and soldiers fighting today,” said Senator Vitale. “It is my privilege to honor the men and women who selflessly serve our country.”

Senator Vitale issued a proclamation to Michael Jarnutoski, a resident of Carteret who served with honor and valor as a Sergeant in the 9th Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he lent his expertise as a door gunner on a helicopter and by manning an M-60 machine gun. For his courageous actions and determination, Sergeant Jarnutoski was bestowed an array of decorations and accolades, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, two Overseas Service Bars, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. A tireless champion of his fellow veterans, Sergeant Jarnutoski

has given generously of his time and energies as the Commander of American Legion Post No. 87. The Senator commended Sergeant Jarnutoski for the great burdens and tremendous sacrifices he made in service to our country during the Vietnam War. “Michael Jarnutoski’s outstanding character merits his recognition as a distinguished member of our community,” said Senator Vitale.

Also recognized by Senator Vitale was Rafael Martinez Jr. who served with honor as a Staff Sergeant in the 150th Assault Battalion in Motor Transport Operations within the United States Army for fifteen months before his outfit was later ordered to Operation Iraqi Freedom. For his courageous actions and determination, Staff Sergeant Martinez Jr. was bestowed an array of decorations and accolades, including the Iraq Campaign Medal with two Battle Stars, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Army Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon. A tireless champion of his fellow veterans, Staff Sergeant Rafael Martinez Jr. has given generously of his time and energy as an active member of the American Legion in Woodbridge, where he previously lent his wisdom as a past Vice Commander and currently shares his considerable insight as its Historian.

“Rafael Martinez Jr. is being recognized today for his service in the U.S. Army and for his enduring commitment and involve-

ment in our community,” said Senator Vitale.

As part of his “A Grateful Nation Remembers Policy” and as a show of his appreciation, Senator Vitale organized a VIP tour of the USS New York for over 100 veterans. Escorted by the ship’s crew, the veterans were provided the unique opportunity to get an in-depth look into the ship’s capabilities to support all elements of a Marine landing force capable of assault by both air and sea anywhere in the world.

The USS New York returned home for the first time since 2011. It was forged from World Trade Center steel. The ship’s motto “Strength Forged Through Sacrifice – Never Forget” pays homage to the victims and first responders of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Tributes to 9/11 heroes appear throughout the ship, including the jacket of New York City Fireman Bill Butler – one of the 16 survivors who made a miraculous escape after being trapped in the North Tower’s Stairwell B. His jacket is proudly displayed at the helm of the ship.

“It was most impressive to see firsthand how the U.S. Navy is ready to deploy with the dedication and professionalism of our young Sailors and Marines to protect our national interests,” said Senator Vitale. “This trip, during Memorial Day weekend, allows us to preserve the memory and honor the sacrifices of the men and women who gallantly served this nation. The realities of war can never be forgotten.”

South Amboy Elementary Students Hold Mock Council Meeting

5/15/19



The South Amboy City Council, Administrators and Some Department Heads pose with their Student Counterparts after their Mock Council Meeting. **Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

By: Carolyn Maxwell

SOUTH AMBOY - Before the regular Meeting, South Amboy Elementary School Students held a mock Council Meeting where they voted on an ordinance, which was 1-2019-Second Reading: An Ordinance to regulate the speed limits in school zones within the City of South Amboy.

Students took on the roles of Government Officials.

After City Clerk Makayla Kol-tunick read the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said, Council President Noah Cruz swore in Alex Knapik as Mayor. After the roll call, an Ordinance was read by the City Clerk which was moved by 2nd Ward Councilwoman Abby Cherris. It was passed unanimously.

Law Director was Rocco Navarra. Deputy Clerk was Caleb Sambucci. Chief Financial Officer was Gwenyth Friedman Ryan Russo was Chief of Police. Business Administrator was Kyleigh McGuire. 1st Ward Councilwoman was Madden Gulick, Mary Ella Schuck was 3rd Ward Councilwoman, and student Nunez.

The Meeting was then open to the public. Questions were asked by Members of the Board of Education.

One of the questions asked was, “What resources are available if a person wanted to open up a new business?”

Some of the answers given were that informative material is available at City Hall and which Grants that are available.

The next question asked about any upcoming City events. It was mentioned that the Fireworks will be coming up as well as events that will be taking place during the summertime in City parks. There is also a dog park that may be available in the future.

When the public portion was closed, the Council or Administrators were asked if anyone had any comments. All answered, “No comments.”

Afterwards, photos were taken with all the Council Members, Administrators, Directors who stood behind the students (who were their counterparts). Photos were also taken with the Board of Education Members with the Students under the City’s Seal. Mayor Fred Henry then handed out citations to all the Student Participants. The Students who participated were under the guidance of Barbara Falvo who is the South Amboy Elementary School Student Government Advisor.

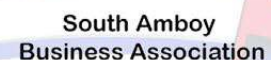
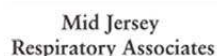
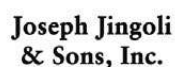


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EDITORIAL

The Called, The Call(s),
Memories, Memorials



A soldier with the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment placed flags at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on 5/22/19 during severe weather.
*3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), Dept. of Defense)

Another Memorial Day has passed us by, but it has got me thinking. There are many men and women who feel they are called to serve their country. Many of them know that they may not come home, but it's a chance they are willing to take. Then I think of their loved ones who hope and pray they never get the call. You know, the call and the visit from the Special Military Personnel who informed them that their loved ones have been killed while in the service.

I also think of those who have held their fellow brothers and sisters while they died in their arms during combat. Also those who helped carry the wounded off of the field only to learn later they succumbed to those injuries.

That is a memory (which will become a memorial) which will live on in their lives until the

day they die. Then I think about those who did get the call about their loved ones who are missing in action and are possibly dead. The person receiving that news remains hopeful for years. The years turn into decades until they look into the mirror and see themselves getting older and grey. They are desperately hoping for a second call informing them that their loved ones are coming home, even if it's in a casket.

That is why we have Memorial Day which should never be confused with Veterans Day which honors all - living and dead service men and women.

The photo above went viral on social media of a young marine who laid flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during a treacherous rainstorm. He was not to be deterred. It looks like he was called to do this duty no matter what. *C.M.*

AN OLD SOLDIER'S PRAYER

I have fought when others feared to serve.
I have gone where others failed to go.
I've lost friends in war and strife,
Who valued Duty more than love of life.
I have shared the comradeship of pain.
I have searched the lands for men that we have lost.
I have sons who served this land of liberty,
Who would fight to see that other stricken lands are free.
I have seen the weak forsake humanity.
I have heard the traitors praise our enemy.
I've seen challenged men become even bolder,
I've seen the Duty, Honor, Sacrifice of the Soldier.
Now I understand the meaning of our lives,
The loss of comrades not so very long ago.
So to you who have answered duties siren call,
May God bless you my son, may God bless you all.

Lewis Millett

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The Election
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As we all know, those Democrats want to impeach President Trump. They can't find a reason to or they don't like the way his hair looks, but the real reason is to make waves for Madam Golden Moo-Moo so she can run for the President. Now who

is Madam Golden Moo-Moo? Go back to 2016 when this woman conned Bernie Sanders not too run. There's about 20 Democrats running in 2020 for the hot seat in the White House and none of them understands what the voters want. They know just one thing - America is up for sale. The puppet-controlled news media will push

on this impeachment until hell freezes over or the dead voters come out of their grave. By the way, Mr. Mueller who wrote his Comic Book Report on the Trump Russian Collusion was the fall guy on this circus.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

The letter below was given to the Perth Amboy City Council by Resident Vince Mackiel a the 5/20/19 Caucus

CPS/Madison Superfund Site
Final Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment
Old Bridge, New Jersey
Project Number 3651120035
April 13, 2015

7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT CONCLUSIONS

The BHHRA has evaluated health risks for current and potential future land uses and activities and associated receptors based on the available analytical data for environmental media at the site. The BHHRA has characterized cancer risk and noncancer hazard associated with exposures to chemicals of potential concern in surface soil (0 – 2 ft bgs) and combined soil (0 – 10 ft bgs) in Areas 1, 2, and 3 of the former CPS property, in shallow groundwater in Areas 1, 2, and 3 of the former CPS property, in groundwater within the CPS/Madison plume, and in indoor air at the vacant building in Area 2. Total cancer risk and total hazard index values have been calculated for each medium for each receptor.

Consistent with USEPA risk assessment guidance, for each receptor evaluated, total cancer risks and total hazard index have been summed across all exposure media and exposure routes to generate a cumulative receptor cancer risk and a cumulative receptor hazard index for each receptor at each exposure point.

Cumulative receptor cancer risk and cumulative receptor hazard index values have been compared to the USEPA allowable cancer risk range of 10⁻⁶ to 10⁻⁴ and the hazard index limit of 1 in order to assess the overall need for remediation or management of exposures and risks based on the BHHRA. When the cumulative receptor risk and/or hazard index values are above these limits, the total cancer risk and total hazard index values for each exposure medium are compared to the same risk limits to identify which exposure media may require remediation or management of exposures and risks. Those media are to be evaluated in the Feasibility Study.

Cumulative Receptor Cancer Risk and Cumulative Receptor Hazard Index values below USEPA risk limits were identified for:

- the Current and Potential Future Trespasser (adolescent and adult) exposed to surface soil for Areas 1, 2, and 3,
- the Current and Potential Future Trespasser (adolescent and adult) exposed to combined soil (0 – 10 ft bgs) for Areas 1, 2, and 3,
- the Future Construction Worker exposed to combined soil (0 – 10 ft bgs) and shallow groundwater for Areas 2 and 3,
- the Future Construction/Utility Worker exposed to combined soil (0 – 10 ft bgs) and shallow groundwater for the footprint of the Sewer Line in Areas 2 and 3.

Cumulative Receptor Cancer Risk and Cumulative Receptor Hazard Index values above USEPA risk limits were identified for:

- the Future Outdoor Worker exposed to surface soil and consuming, in the workplace, potable water obtained from groundwater within the CPS/Madison plume (Areas 1, 2, and 3)



Primary Elections
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Special Public Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Council of the City of Perth Amboy will hold a Special Public Meeting on Wednesday, Jun. 5, 2019 at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 260 High Street. The sole purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2019 Budget and consider the following Resolution: R-252-6/19 - Authorizing a closed session at the Special Public Meeting of June 5, 2019 to discuss the following: 1. Personnel.

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Historic Surveyor General's Office

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

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

Blood Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Blood Drive, Sun., June 16, from 8:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. St. Mary's Church, Stevens and Augusta St. - School Cafeteria. To schedule an appointment, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/GiveBlood-NJBS> The sponsor code is 07743. Please bring ID with signature or photo and birthdate. You can donate if you are between 17 and 75 years old and in general good health. 16-year olds can donate with parental consent form and those 76 and over can donate with doctor's note. Bring your donor card if you have one. Appointments appreciated. Walk-ins welcome. New Jersey Blood Services: A Division of New York Blood Center. You can make a difference to a family! Give blood!

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. Jun. 5	Special City Council Meeting, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Jun. 10	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Jun. 11	UEZ, 4 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Jun. 12	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Jun. 20	Board of Education, 5:30 p.m. Eagle Ave., High St.
THURS. Jun. 27	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Jun. 5	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall N. Broadway
WED. Jun. 19	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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Rooms for Rent Questioned in South Amboy 5/13/19 Business Meeting

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - Councilman Tom Reilly asked the council to investigate 'rooms for rent' in South Amboy.

Reilly has identified a specific house in town that he believed is illegally renting rooms to tenants on a daily or weekly basis. He asked the council and the city attorney to investigate restricting rooms for rent as a whole in town.

"I think the situation, from what I see, is out of control," Reilly said. "I don't want to specifically target one of them, that's why I'm saying I would like to look into the whole matter of rooms for rent in town and see if there's something that can be done about it."

Reilly suggested that a minimum stay be added to existing ordinances that restricts tenants from renting out rooms for a day or a week. He added that the amount of people coming in and out prevents the city and state from inspecting the homes properly.

"If somebody moves in for a week and is gone for a week, are we doing an inspection?" he asked. "How do we know how

to inspect it then?"

"I'm making the assumption because I live down the street that I see so many different people that I think things are going on for daily, I think things are going on for weekly, I think things are going on for longer than that, and my question is... If people are coming and going out of a place, is it being inspected?" he added.

"He brings up a good point because let's say it's state control and the inspections are every 3 or 5 years, that's not enough, and how do we know it's happening?" Councilwoman Zusette Dato asked.

Council President Mickey Gross asked City Law Director Francis Womack to look into the existing boarding house and any rooms for rent ordinances in town to see if anything could be amended.

Gross made mention in his public comments that the annual Fourth of July fireworks event will be on July 3, and that the city is working on another Night Out event in August.

All council members were in attendance for the business meeting.

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Sayreville & South Amboy Residents Not Happy with Cambridge Pavers 5/15/19 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell

SOUTH AMBOY – Before the Public Portion began, the Council made a few comments about some of the Agenda Items. Councilman Tom Reilly wanted to acknowledge Councilman Brian McLaughlin regarding the amendment pertaining to the Code of the City of South Amboy Chapter 46-3, to waive certain fees and charges for qualifying volunteers. Reilly stated, "McLaughlin had a lot to do with this." Reilly also wanted to thank those involved for being proactive about attacking the illegal housing situation in town.

Reilly also urge everyone to see the current art exhibition by a local artist.

Reilly then congratulated the outstanding job the students did, and he was happy to see that the kids were interested in serving the City in some capacity. He thanked Student Advisor Barbara Falvo for her work with the Students and extended well wishes to Councilman Brian McLaughlin (absent because of undergoing surgery).

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said she wanted to give a late greeting and salute to all mothers. She also congratulated City Clerk Laura Kimble, Tom Reilly, Mayor Fred Henry for the great job they did working with the students. She also wished all a great Memorial Day.

Council President Mickey Gross stated that the kids did a great job. He also thanked Laura for the great job she did. He sent his prayers to Councilman Brian McLaughlin.

Mayor Henry praised the Students, their parents, and the Board of Education for the job

they done helping prepare the Students for this day. "As a former History Teacher and being involved in English and Political Science, I want to thank all those who were involved which included the Council and Administration. I also want to especially thank Tom Reilly."

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski mentioned that the first art exhibit was very successful. He also reported the building located on the corner of Broadway and John Streets will be demolished sometime in June. "There will be a Meeting coming up on May 31st to discuss repaving lower Main Street."

The Meeting was then opened up to the public.

Ed Scully who lives on lower Scott Avenue, Sayreville was concerned about the Cambridge Pavers which is located on lower Raritan Street and Melrose Street. He read a statement, part of which included complaints of annoying noises about this company that is continues for 14 hours. "Those noises are penetrating the walls and windows of the houses in surrounding streets. That company operates 7 days a week with multiple shifts operating from 7 a.m. to about 10 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. We have contacted the South Amboy Police Department about this problem. This has greatly affected our families. We cannot enjoy any peace or tranquility. We insist that the South Amboy Council take action. I have spoken to the residents on all the streets affected by this noise. There is also the banging of truck tailgates that goes on until between 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. in the morning. The environmental

health department is investigating this."

Council President Mickey Gross responded, "I'm aware of the complaints against Cambridge Pavers. I may be in conflict regarding this since I am in one of the departments who will be involved in investigating the complaint. I have nothing to do with the reports. The Environmental Health Department said they (Cambridge Pavers) were in compliance. I will have the inspector address the problems that are going on dealing with the hours between 2 a.m. to 4 a.m."

Another resident from Sayreville who lives on Raritan Avenue came up to complain that the biggest problem associated with Cambridge Pavers was the grinding and grumbling noises. He mentioned that he had recently spoken to one of the investigators about Cambridge Pavers. He said, "The Investigator that I have been talking to had been at the old Cambridge Pavers building. The new buildings are like echo chambers. The Investigator also told me that he believes the stone crushing equipment was causing the problems." The resident then suggested that maybe they (Cambridge Pavers) could use a new process. He went on to state, "We are not antibusiness, but the annoyance is what is bothersome."

Council President Gross suggested that the residents call the Environmental Department every day if necessary.

The Sayreville resident told the Council, "I've provided you with environmental health numbers. Everything is factual."

A resident who lives on Raritan Avenue complained that he's been talking about this for the last three years. "In the past, everything at this company closed down at 11 p.m. My kids have to keep their windows closed."

A resident from 77 Scott Avenue, Sayreville came up and complained, "It's going to get worse."

The first resident who came up to speak from Sayreville said, "As far as the equipment, the rumbling, the vibrations, and the buzzing sound are penetrating our wall. I don't know what equipment your readings pick up. An Octavin Analyzer might work."

Councilwoman Christine Noble then asked, "Does the County know when the Inspector will show up?"

Council President Gross responded, "No."

The same resident from 224 Raritan Avenue then asked, "Did the police shut down Cambridge Pavers after a noise complaint?"

Gross responded, "I don't know."

The resident responded, "The police did not shut it down."

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski responded to those who came to complain about Cambridge Pavers, "We are limited in enforcement. Call the County hotline continuously. The squeaky wheel gets the attention."

The resident then said he had called the Environmental Health Department to have all the documentation of actions taken. The dust situation is bad. They have sand that is uncovered. The dust is on my end ta-

ble, on my porch, and my truck is dirty from the sand. They put in water tankers to cut down on the sand, but now it's a fire hazard."

Council President Gross went on to explain that the inspectors do not live in South Amboy. "They are the ones who determine if violations have occurred."

The resident from Scott Avenue in Sayreville said, "I had called the police at 10 p.m. one night. The inspector came at 11 p.m. that same evening. I have called the South Amboy police about the Cambridge Pavers noise at least 8 to 10 times."

Another resident from 224 Raritan Street addressed Council President Gross, "Did you know about the complaints? Why do we always have to call? I invite you to come to my house while this noise is going on so you can see for yourself."

Gross then spoke up and explained that calibrated readings are taken. "They (The Environmental Health Department) can only take action if they find violations. They will go to the address of the person who is complaining and take readings from that location (on the street)."

The resident continued, "They said that this (Cambridge Pavers) was going to be a sound-proof building."

Gross responded, "I will do the best that I can."

Law Director Francis Womack stated, "When the new Cambridge building was put up, there were restrictions on the approval."

Councilman Brian McLaughlin was not present at the Meeting for medical reasons.

Water Situation, The Budget & Redevelopment Talks Continue

5/22/19 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – During the public comments on the Ordinances, Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak on Ordinance No. 1 Regarding: The water and sewer rates. Sierakowski wanted to know if the Water Company rates will be fixed. “And what is the projected increase?”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr responded, “I will get you the information.”

Council President Bill Petrick told Sierakowski, “It depends on the size of the water meter. The fee, depending on the size of the pipe can go up anywhere between \$24.13 up to \$140.82. For the average household, it will be around \$25.00 per quarter.”

Sierakowski continued and stated, “It’s a fee or a tax. You should vote it down. See how it will impact the elderly who may not use that much water. Charge only for what you use.”

Petrick addressed Sierakowski again, “You just want to pay for the supply of water? With the flat rate, it’s also to pay for improvements (to the system).”

Sierakowski responded, “The fees will never be eliminated.”

Resident and former City Councilman Ken Balut came up next, “Middlesex Water Company and the Administration needs to be held accountable. We were paying for garbage (blended water). The letter that residents received about the water situation should have been distributed before the residents heard about it at a previous Meeting. Why weren’t you (the Council) told about these problems with the water beforehand?”

Businesswoman and Resident Sharon Hubberman came up and asked about the rates for the sewer expenses.

Carr responded, “The increased rate is for the combined water and sewer. The base rate pays for the system cost to reduce water. The cost comes into effect after the first 500 cubic feet is used, then you pay. The fixed cost is to pay for those maintaining the system while the homeowner may be away. The rates are increasing by 3%.”

Hubberman then went on about 11 public notices stating that we did not meet the quality of the water requirements. “The CEO of Middlesex Water Company has a million-dollar salary. The last notice we received was hand delivered and we should be getting a rebate from the water company – not an increase.”

Petrick went on to explain that the charge was based on the base rate for 5/8” pipes. The Council decided to table Ordinance No. 1. It was moved by Councilman Helmin Caba and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon.

On Ordinance No. 2 – Adopting redevelopment plan for 319, 320 & 322 McGuire Pl. also known as Block 106.02, Lot 55, 55.01 & 56. Balut asked, “How many houses are planned?”

Petrick responded, “I think there are eight with two spaces per unit. There will be one space for the garage and one on

the pad and some space in the parking lot.”

Balut continued, “You can’t put than many houses in a small area. The homeowners will automatically start making changes and Code Enforcement will not notice. It will become a very crowded neighborhood and hard for snow and garbage removal.”

B.A. Carr spoke up and clarified that there will be 2.4 parking spaces per unit.

Ordinance No. 2 was moved by Pabon and seconded by Caba.

When it came to the Resolutions, Ken Balut questioned R-241-5/19 – Memorializing Ed Troche’s position as the Registrar of the City of Perth Amboy and affirming his reappointment to November 3, 2020. He wanted to know, “Why is this not a part-time position if Troche is also in the Police Department?”

Council President Petrick responded, “We have no knowledge about that.”

B.A. Carr spoke up and stated, “Troche has an office space in the Police Department.”

Councilman Pabon spoke up and added, “If Troche has another position, we need to know.”

Carr then added additional comments and stated, “Troche is also a white-collar shop steward. I just heard about this now.”

Sharon Hubberman came up again and asked about R-249-5/19 – Regarding construction financing loan program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$1,132,700.00 dealing with the water and sewer.

B.A. Carr explained that this resolution is short-term funding to reevaluate the City’s projects that were already done as a restructure of loans going into the future. He explained that there is a report that gives the whole workings of the infrastructure.

Council President Petrick spoke up and said, “This includes the water pipes through Runyon that is coming into Perth Amboy.”

Hubberman then asked, “What happened to the \$280 million of funding from 2008? The cost of today is not appropriate. The figure is on the budget.”

Balut then came up and had a question about R-203-5/19 – The public hearing on the Budget Amendment. He questioned the numbers on the Budget regarding the water.

B.A. Carr explained, “The cubic feet (500) stays the same.”

Balut said, “It’s a 1% tax increase regarding the Budget.”

Carr then went to explain that he met with the DCA (Department of Community Affairs). “We are waiting for their approval.”

Balut continued and stated the Council should approve. “There is a lot more money that is out there. There is money between the Y and Kushner. If the DCA wants to come down, I will talk to them. We got no press releases about the water or shootings. Send a message to the Mayor to get her act together. Buckeye is looking for a tax appeal and I

heard they were sold. You guys should look out for that. We lost money with three Administrations.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up next. He spoke about the Kushner money, “The Mayor illegally extended the contract. Where is it in the Budget? The three to four million dollars? It should be an accounting item. Anchor Marine owes us at least \$2 million. The CFO should be here to explain this. PILOTS are not ratables. You have an impasse with the Mayor. Explain to the DCA what the Mayor did. Look at the Y contract.”

Law Director Peter King responded to Sierakowski’s comments about the Y, “The DCA looked at the Y’s contract already, and it’s okay.”

B.A. Carr then spoke up, “We can’t put in the Budget money we don’t have.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up, “The cost savings in wages and salaries is over \$1 million. \$58 million in taxes are to be raised. The surplus was increased. The Municipal Council salaries should not be increased.”

Council President Bill Petrick responded to the last statement, “The Municipal Council increase was voted down.”

Hubberman continued, “PARA (Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency) should be restructured. There should be cutbacks in the Mayor’s office.”

Petrick explained, “In the Mayor’s office there were cutbacks on some vehicles, personnel, and the Mayor’s salary.”

Hubberman continued, “You don’t factor PILOTS into the Budget.”

Carr answered, “Anticipated funds are not in this Budget.”

Hubberman then asked about the Bridge PILOT.

Carr said, “I will give you the exact number if you email me.”

Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton asked the Council if they would be voting on R-203.

Petrick responded, “No.”

Nanton then suggested that the Council vote on R-203 as soon as possible, “There’s no use in delaying it.”

Petrick then went on to explain, “We voted, and the Mayor vetoed it.”

Carr then spoke up and stated, “This has nothing to do with the Mayor’s veto. The DCA is looking at the Amendment (that the Council made).”

Nanton then commented, “Vote again.”

Councilman Helmin Caba asked for more detailed information on R-230-5/19 - Authorizing emergency temporary appropriations to extend the CY 2019 Temporary Budget in the amount of \$6,250,370.00.

Carr responded, “It’s a Budget amendment pertaining to salary and wages. The items have a designated number corresponding to them and the Buckeye tax appeal will be a factor.”

Law Director King spoke up and cautioned the Council to let them know if they tried to change certain line items, then they (the Council) are open to litigation.

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and told the other Council Members to let the Budget go through. “We already made our point.”

Caba talked again, “We didn’t get any timeframe from the DCA.”

Carr responded, “Not yet.”
Council President Bill Petrick suggested, “We should only pass the expenditures for the month of May. If the DCA comes back (with a response) before June 10, 2019, we would have a clear picture of where we stand. We should amend R-230 so we can pay the bills for the month of May only.”

When it came to vote on R-230, the motion was made by Councilman Helmin Caba and seconded by Councilwoman Milady Tejada. The only one to vote “No” was Councilman Joel Pabon. Councilman Fernando Irizarry was absent.

B.A. Car said, “We will send out the amended Budget.”

For Resolution R-231-5/19 - In support of Path to Progress recommendations made by New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Work Group, there was a motion made by Councilman Caba to table this Resolution and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon. The motion passed.

For R-232 thru R-249, it was moved by Joel Pabon and seconded by Helmin Caba.

Public Portion:

Resident Ken Balut came up first to speak. He told the Council, “That’s the way to show cooperation. You have to be fiscally responsible. Tax dollars were spent to support Kushner. Negotiations were made with Kushner to stop subpoenas. Ask for an audit on the Mayor’s people. Now, she’s moving people around. I will go in front of the DCA anytime to discuss money.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up next, “I want to congratulate those who voted “Yes” for R-203. If you don’t understand a resolution, then table it. Pabon voted incorrectly.” He then read a portion of Robert’s Rules. “One person cannot implement their tyranny on others. Put a stop to it.”

Sharon Hubberman then came up to speak. She referenced the presentation about the CPS/Madison proposed plan given by Remedial Project Manager John Osolin from the U.S. EPA Region 2. “Today, we saw what was going on with our water. I talked about the water problems at the 2016 NAACP Mayoral Debate. I was told our water was clean. Now, we are put on a superfund site. We just renewed a deal with the water company

who put us in this position. For 3 months, we had been exposed to unsafe water. Why hasn’t the Mayor been at these water hearings? Can we trust the numbers on these reports? The Mayor should resign and also the person who sent those reports. I tried to raise awareness (about the water problems) in 2016. The polluters should be putting up those additional wells.”

Council Comments:

Helmin Caba spoke first and asked Carr, “Why did you ask me if I wanted to pull R-231?”

Carr explained, “You (Caba) explained concerns about this.”

Caba then continued to talk. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and reminded him that June 4th is the primary. He also wanted to thank all of those who gave their lives for their country. He again thanked everyone who stayed around for this 3-hour Meeting and voicing their concerns.

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next and said, “The audience members came up and asked good questions regarding the presentation about the CPS/Madison proposed plan.” He then referenced R-203 and stated, “It’s going to be a tough time for the administration. Employees need to get paid. We have done our part. The ball is in the Administration’s court.” He then expressed his gratitude to all Veterans and to all who lost loved ones. “I tip my hat to you. I know we add names to the Memorial Wall (on Sadowski Parkway). Some people who have passed away should have a star next to their names. A class of 1934 is bringing Veterans with them. We need to put money to fund putting more names on the wall. Veterans said they would pay to have their names on the wall.”

B.A. Carr said, “We are working on this.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada wanted to thank everyone for being here so long. “It says a lot about you. I also want to thank all Veterans.”

Council President William Petrick thanked all who attended the Meeting. He stated that the presentation by the John Osolin, (Remedial Project Manager US-EPA) re: CPS/Madison Plan was a good idea and beneficial to all. He thanked Business Administrator Carr for getting them here to make this presentation. He reminded everyone that Memorial Day is to thank those for giving and risking their lives for their country (military as well as civilians).”

Councilman Irizarry was not present due to a previous work commitment.



Perth Amboy High School Recognized as A National School of Character

Press Release May 22, 2019
PERTH AMBOY – Perth Amboy High School is one of 88 schools across the nation that has been named a National School of Character. According to Character.org, Perth Amboy High School has demonstrated a dedicated focus on character development, which has had a positive effect on academic achievement, student behavior, and school climate.
Dr. David Roman, Superintendent of Schools stated that “The district has made significant academic increases over the past several years by steadily increasing graduation rates, increasing the number of students receiving the Seal of Biliteracy, opening interactive learning academies and establishing a myriad of robust program opportunities to enhance student achievement throughout the district. This recognition reconfirms that our school district is not only achieving wonderful academic strides, but also establishing safe, warm, caring and nurturing learning environments for students and staff. Our district is a place where genuine, collaborative, authentic and positive relationships exists between our students and staff.”
Members of the Perth Amboy High School Character Education team led by the principal, Ms. Daisy Rodriguez, planned and implemented character initiatives in the school over the last three years. After being recognized as a State School of Character, Character.org representatives visited the high school touring the campus, visiting classrooms, meeting with students, parents, and staff.
“These schools’ representatives, including educators, parents, and students, are working together to create stronger communities focused on character. We are honored to validate their efforts and continue coaching them along their journeys.” stated Doug Karr, Character.org’s President & CEO.
Criteria for selection are based on Character.org’s 11 Principles of Effective Character, which include providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership, and engaging families and communities as partners in the character-building effort. Perth Amboy High School will be honored at the Character.org National Forum in Washington D.C. in the fall of 2019. For more information, please visit www.Character.org.
The Perth Amboy Public School District, located in the City of Perth Amboy, is a historic 4.5 square-mile municipality resting along the shores of the beautiful Raritan Bay in Middlesex County. Our district provides a comprehensive and rigorous education for more than 10,000 students in Grades Pre-K through 12. For more information, please visit our website at www.paps.net.

2019 Summer Food Service Program Regular Sites that are Area Eligible

News Release
PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy will be participating in the 2019 Summer Food Service Program from July 1, 2019 to August 30, 2019.
The Summer Food Service Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Services, United States Department of Agriculture. This program provides all children 18 years of age and under with the same free meal in accordance with a menu approved by the state agency.

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2019 Ukrainian Cultural Festival

PERTH AMBOY – The 7th Annual Parish Ukrainian Cultural Festival will be held at Assumption Catholic Church, 684 Alta Vista Pl, Perth Amboy, NJ 08661 on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. on the parish grounds. With free admittance the festival program will start with the parish choir “Boyan” performing national anthems. Ukrainian dancing groups will perform at 2:00 p.m. by “Barvinok” based in Bound Brook, NJ and “Malvy” from Jersey City, NJ. Then at 4:00 p.m. “The Nadiya Dance School” from Perth Amboy, NJ will continue the program in the school hall. A live band “Zorepad” and DJ Zemlianyyn will play outdoors from 5-9 p.m. Delicious homemade Ukrainian food, Ukrainian beer, delicious desserts, vendors, a church tour, a beautiful basket raffle and 50/50 Cash Raffle. ALL ARE INVITED. <https://assumptioncatholicchurch.net>

HIV/AIDS 5K Walk/Run

PERTH AMBOY - The HOY program at The Puerto Rican Association is having an HIV/AIDS 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, June 29, 2019 starting at 100 First St. at 10 a.m. The walk/run will be alongside the waterfront and ending back at 100 First St. PRAHD is seeking sponsors for the event. If you or someone is interested in tabling for the event or want their logo displayed, please call Amanda Ivan at 732-638-2851.

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Perth Amboy and its BID are Hosting Summer Kickoff Networking Event

Local Business Community is Invited to Attend on Thursday, June 13

News Release 6/1/19
PERTH AMBOY – The City of Perth Amboy and its Business Improvement District (BID) are hosting a networking evening on Thursday, June 13th beginning at 6 p.m. at the La Terrazza Latina Restaurant. The restaurant is located 273 High Street and parking is available on-site.
The BID invites local business owners, company executives, young professionals and the leaders of nonprofit organizations to attend networking evening and program. Admission is free, and attendees are asked to pre-register on line at Eventbrite website (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-kickoff-networking-event-tickets-62527377068>).
The Perth Amboy BID’s net-

working events and business card exchange draw between 125 to more than 200 company owners and executives. The evening’s primary focus is helping business people build new relationships or reinforce existing ones. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards to share during the networking session. For more details about the networking event, contact BID’s Interim Executive Director Randy Convery by phone - 732-826-0290, ext. 4050 – or by email - RConvery@perthamboynj.org.
Guest speakers:
•The Honorable Wilda Diaz, Mayor of Perth Amboy,
•Luis O. De La Hoz, chairman, Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey,
•James Simmons, Executive As-

sistant, Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Program, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs,
•Opening Remarks: Barry Rosengarten, Chairman of the Perth Amboy BID.
“BID’s networking evenings provide a wonderful opportunity for business owners, both old and new,” says Mr. Rosengarten, “to share their knowledge on building and sustaining a business in Perth Amboy. There always seems to be a cross-fertilization of shared experiences and positive ideas that result from such events”.
Mr. Rosengarten may also remind attendees that Perth Amboy and South Amboy are sponsoring their annual fireworks spectacular on Thursday, July

3rd. Many local companies help sponsor the giant pyrotechnics display over Raritan Bay.
“These networking programs”, says Mr. De La Hoz, “open up access to new markets, capital investment, and foster relationships that are mutually beneficial. They offer a forum for attracting new business owners into our corporate community and connects them to seasoned entrepreneurs who can offer valuable business information”.
Executive Director Tracey Fredericks of New Jersey’s Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Program, said “Our hope is that the Perth Amboy’s UEZ program will be the added benefit needed to keep current businesses and bring new businesses to the area. When that happens, jobs



Luis O. De La Hoz

are created. That is what the UEZ is all about.

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. June 26, 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.

A.C. Bus Trip

St. Demetrios Senior Club

PERTH AMBOY – St. Demetrios Senior Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Bus departs at the corner of Sadowski Pkwy and Wisteria Street at 9:45 a.m. 6 hour stay at the Casino. Ticket Price: \$35 round trip; \$10 Return in slot pay. Light lunch. Must call in advance to reserve your seats: 848-248-9633 or 732-826-4103

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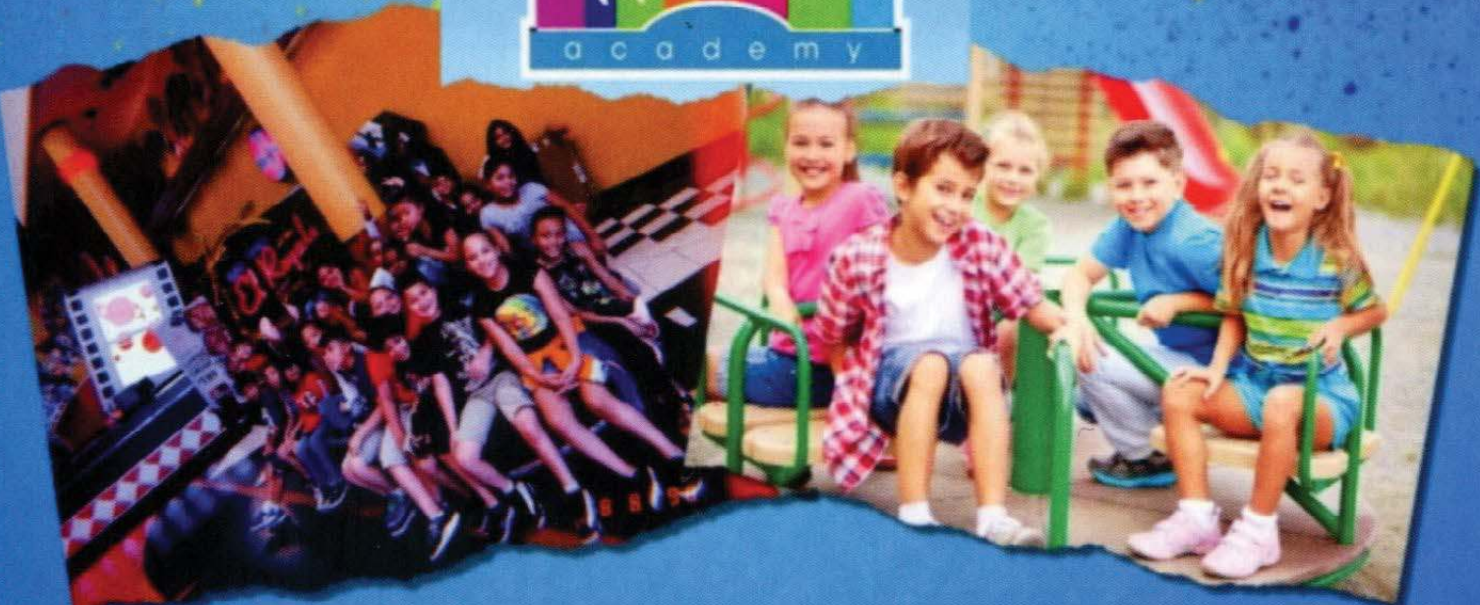
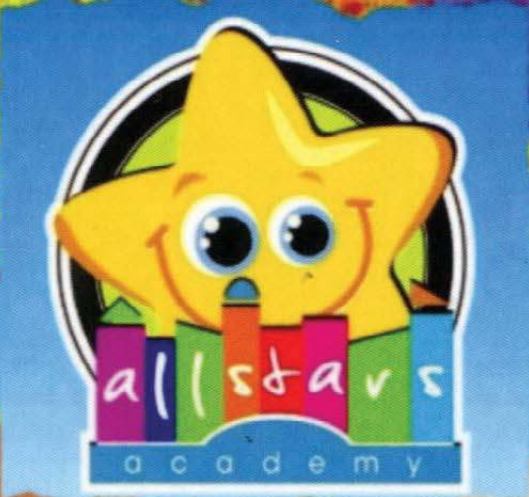
Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church

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CY 2019 Budget Still Not Passed

5/29/19 Special Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY – There was a special City Council Meeting on 5/29/19 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the CY 2019 Budget. The first Resolution R-250 – Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations to extend the CY 2019 Temporary Budget.

For public comments on agenda items only, Resident Ken Balut came up to speak first. “I got my tax bill. It’s up \$77 per quarter. Multiply that by 4 (quarters) it’s over \$250. The school taxes and all the taxes – we gave away \$55 million in PILOTS to a Fortune 500 Company. We gave \$4 million to Kushner instead of our citizens. We’re subsidizing the YMCA \$22,000 a month. She (Mayor Wilda Diaz) gave big raises. A resident on Johnstone Street put siding on her house. Her taxes went up. The question here is are you going to vote for a budget. She (Diaz) ain’t doing anything about Kushner or the Y. So, pay the Police what they deserve. You have to start now for next year. Other lawyers we hired were incompetent. It’s time to cut that budget.”

Mayor Wilda Diaz came up to speak, “Earlier, I had a meeting with the Council President (Petrick). I want to let you know I was recommended by the DCA (Department of Community Affairs) to sit down to have an open conversation. I have to point something out in R-251-5/19 - (Amending the CY 2019 Budget). No one wants a tax increase. A lot of analysis went into that budget. I wanted to clear up to everyone where that 1% is when we need 5%. We did such an analysis and went back to the Departments. I made it very clear to not layoff personnel in the Police, Fire, and DPW. I can’t understand we went back crossed that bridge back to 1%. No analysis was done to those

positions. So many women are being targeted. All of those are dedicated employees. They were here long ago. These are critical positions for the City. It’s one thing going after me. I’m a big girl, I can take it. Some employees you targeted - its personal. Why is it important to target their positions? These are critical positions in our City.”

Diaz then read a letter from a Perth Amboy Judge stating that the Council overstepped their bounds by attempting to cut court personnel.

Resident Lisette Lebron came up next. She read a letter in response to the elimination of the Public Information Officer. She stated that the Public Information Officer is vital to how communication is conveyed to the public. “We rely on media to convey what information is open and equal access to the public. The Public Information Officer plays a critical role in information management.”

A Rector Street Resident came up to speak next, “I think the budget cuts are unfair. The Board is male dominated and is cutting minority women, particularly Hispanic women. Make cuts to your benefits, Mr. Petrick instead.”

After the public comments were closed, Councilman Fernando Irizarry stated, “I don’t agree with what this (R-250) is proposing. I want to take out to vote separately. In the Office of the Mayor taking \$3000 + \$5400 out (the Mayor’s car). I believe the City needs a full-time Mayor – not a part-time Mayor. Some of these cuts are beyond the table.”

Irizarry’s comments were met with applause from those in attendance.

Irizarry stated, “I don’t agree with everyone the Mayor appointed, but taking away her car

and being able to go to conventions – sooner or later the shoe’s going to be on the other foot. I want bills of the City to be paid. I don’t agree with this part of the resolution. I don’t want the City to shut down. It will be embarrassing.” Irizarry made a motion to remove the \$3000 from the resolution.

Council President Bill Petrick stated, “The City can’t afford a tax increase. We can’t say yes to everything. We are working to not have a tax increase. We don’t want to cut the Police, Fire, and DPW. We have grandmothers on fixed income. The solution is not a tax increase. The solution is to make cuts. We’re not going to hurt essential services.”

There was a spout between Council President Petrick and Councilman Irizarry over clarifying what is being voted on. Irizarry took offense to Petrick’s remarks.

To amend R-250, the vote “Yes” was Councilmen Irizarry and Pabon. Tejada, Caba, and Petrick voted, “No.” The motion did not pass.

When it came to vote on R-250, All Council Members voted “Yes” R-250. Irizarry reluctantly said, “Yes” stating he didn’t want the City to shut down.

When it came to R-251, Councilmen Fernando Irizarry and Joel Pabon both voted “No” and Councilwoman Milady Tejada, Councilman Helmin Caba, and Council President Petrick voted, “Yes.” Since the Resolution on the Budget needs 4 “Yes” votes to pass, the Resolution failed.

This was met with applause by those in attendance.

Councilman Joel Pabon stated, “My vote is to sit down and look at the agenda. The biggest issue now is not talking to each other without hurting everybody else.



The Audience listens as the Council discusses the CY 2019 Municipal Budget *Photo by Katherine Massopust

Councilman Helmin Caba stated, “I will not vote any expense over 1%. There are 50,000 to 60,000 people out there and property owners who are not happy with a tax increase. When she (Diaz) runs again in 2020, she will not mention taxation. It’s not fair to the City of Perth Amboy to pay any more taxes. It’s not fair. I will not penalize the residents of Perth Amboy for mismanagement. Going into the red – that’s the situation we’re in.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada added her thoughts, “I know we cannot have a 5.5% tax increase. I know how hard people work and how it is to support their families and what is needed in the community.”

Councilman Pabon stated, “We need to let people know not like we’re selling out at 5.5%”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr stated, “We need to set up and get to 1%. How do we get to that 1%? We (all of us) need to sit down and have this conversation.”

Law Director Peter King stated, “The Council and Administration must work together to get it done.”

Councilman Helmin Caba stated, “I don’t want to see any cuts for the Police, Fire, and DPW. The cuts should be to nonessential workers. The tax increase should be 1%. I don’t see any other solution.”

B.A. Carr stated, “This is the 10th or 12th time we came back with an amended budget that perhaps meets the guidelines of the Council.”

Fernando Irizarry stated, “No one here agreed on a 5.5% tax increase. We do have that in common. A 2.5% tax increase and at one time - our Mayor was in favor of that. When we spoke in private a majority here was in favor of that. Me personally – I don’t want this tax increase. Where Belmar is there now – they had no tax increase for 8 years. A new Mayor came in and proposed a 21% tax increase. We can do it if some of that is fiscally responsible. Sooner or later we will have to pay the piper. We want services – someone has to pay for that – it’s not free. I live in this community. I get it. That’s why I serve on the Coun-

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What’s Your Consensus? - Downtown Gateway Redevelopment Project

5/20/19 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – President and Founding Principal Tate Goss of Veridian Partners gave an overview of the Downtown Gateway Redevelopment Project (located near the intersection of Convery Blvd. and Smith Street and encompasses part of Riverview Drive).

Goss stated, “Three and half years ago, Veridian was considered to be a part of this project. At that time, we proposed two warehouses. Half of the 46 Acre Site was to be considered to have 20 acres to fit in those two warehouses. Right now, the market is not good (for the original proposal). We would need to have an industrial filling. The market value for the site is just under \$15 million. It’s your decision on what you want to do about the rest of the site for the warehouse or we can just back off. We thought maybe a hotel or retail. There’s nothing else we can do. If this works for you, then we can amend the plans. Retail and residential will not work for this at this time. It would also be an additional cost.”

Council President William Petrick made a suggestion, “If it was home ownership, I would consider, but I don’t want them (residential homes) to be surrounded by trucks. We have exceeded our need for apartments, and we have plenty of apartment

dwellers. We need housing for people to build equity. I’m ok with a warehouse.”

Goss responded, “We can make a warehouse work.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and asked Goss to explain the project because it is different from the original plans presented.

Avi Telyas, Founder and CEO of Makerhoods came up to speak about the retail portion of the project, “It was poor planning if you put up a warehouse at the Waterfront instead of housing. We’re looking at communities where you can live and work. Th plan would be to have buildings where the businessowners will live upstairs on top of their establishments. It would cost them around \$1800 a month. Microloans will be available for people to be self-employed. We have it in Newark. I will bow out if you prefer. 20% of those units would be for urban entrepreneurs, and the other 80% will be at market value. You would need customers. It would encompass between 70 to 80 shops such as artisans and retail. Each business will create 4 jobs which will pay more than the minimum wage. We have a project in Newark opening in July. You will have to get zoning changes to do that here.”

Petrick spoke up and was concerned that some small indus-

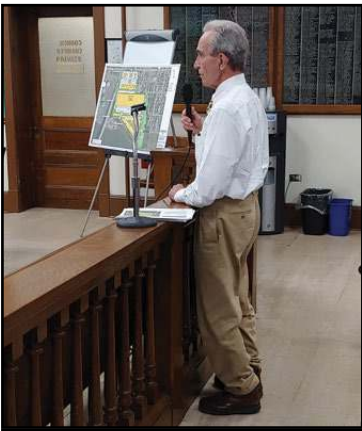
trial businesses might have toxic gases or chemicals.

Telyas responded, “We’re looking at 3D Printing, clothing shops, cabinet making- those kinds of industries. It would be good for people who can’t rent spaces now. Portland, Oregon and San Francisco, California has projects such as having car repair shops below where they live. Cities that have high unemployment and poverty are what we target to give them an opportunity to start their own business. 600-foot warehouses are not built in Perth Amboy presently. High failure rates are false. If you can survive two years, then their success rates for businesses are high. Newark and Patterson used zones redesigned for them.”

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke up and asked, “Are you looking to have PILOTS or tax abatements?”

Telyas responded, “Yes.” Caba continued, “I’m not against them, but a mixed-use building will be a tough sell.”

Telyas continued, “Some communities have what are called: “Wildflower Schools.” The Montessori System goes through high school. The parents finance them. There’s also one of these schools in Belmar. There is a school analysis report that is based on a record study. 70 stu-



Tate Goss



Avi Telyas

dents are usually enrolled in the Wildflower Schools.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry then questioned if the ratio to parking spaces to each unit can be changed.

Telyas responded, “It is a difficult residential site.”

Irizarry continued, “I don’t have a problem with the commercial part. I’m not thrilled about the warehouse and I disagree about the warehouse by the units.”

Tate Goss responded, “We’re looking at a single destination entertainment center. I like the residential. You can make industrial blend in. It would be 500 feet away from the trucks will be coming in. We can put the residential 700 feet away from the


trucks. We can send a sample of what is being done in California. If you just do residential and retail, it would make money and add to the Waterfront. You can amend the plans to allow a warehouse on site. I have been doing 30 million square feet of industrial sites. I don’t do residential or retail and I’ve been doing this for 50 years. I’ve done similar sites in Elizabeth, Cranberry, and Woodbridge. I would tear them down and build up to make them cleaner.”

Irizarry then questioned, “How successful are they?”

Goss answered, “They’re all up and running successfully, and

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The Historic Preservation Commission will give a visual presentation and discuss the role Woodbridge played in the early years of the American Revolution at the monthly meeting of the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township. Light refreshments will be served. The event takes place on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge.

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Keynote Speakers will be Adela Froiman and Sabina Taubensfeld. Born in Minsk Mazowieck, Poland, Mrs. Froiman and Mrs. Taubensfeld (sisters) survived the Holocaust after working in a labor camp and going into hiding for 18 months. Now currently residing in Manalapan, NJ, they continue to tell their story of resilience and hope to share the importance of remembering the Holocaust for generations to come.

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**Amboy Bank's Cyndi Bleier named an NJBIZ
General Counsel of the Year Awards Finalist**
**Photo & Story Submitted by Amboy Bank*

Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY - Cyndi Bleier, Amboy Bank Senior Vice President and General Counsel, has been named as a finalist in this year's General Counsel of the Year Awards. Presented by NJBIZ, the awards honor the state's most dynamic General Counsels and Chief Legal Officers who are making an impact in their field.

Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank President and CEO, said, "We are proud to see Cyndi as a finalist in this



Cyndi Bleier

year's General Counsel Awards. At Amboy Bank, it is our mission to treat our clients with the utmost respect, and I could not think of someone better suited to carry out that mission than Cyndi. Her dedication and persistence are admirable, and we have been fortunate to have her as a trusted advisor on our team for over 23 years."

Bleier, a graduate of Boston University and Washington College of Law at American University, joined Amboy Bank in 1995. As Amboy's sole in-house counsel, she is intricately involved in most aspects of the Bank. Her passion for her work, ability to multitask, and desire to protect Amboy Bank and its interests are unparalleled.

Amboy Bank Appoints New Executive Officers
**Photo & Story Submitted by Amboy Bank*

News Release
SOUTH AMBOY - Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank President and CEO, recently announced the hiring of a new officer and the promotion of another. Joseph Cascella is joining the bank as Chief Credit Officer, and Eileen Roemer has been promoted to Chief Financial Officer.

Scharpf said, "We are pleased to appoint two dedicated professionals to these leadership roles. Both individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their respective leadership roles. We look forward to developing and strengthening our position in the industry, and I am confident in the continued growth and success of our customers under this new leadership."

Joseph Cascella was most recently a Vice President, Senior Credit Officer and Director of Credit and Portfolio Management at BCB Community Bank. He earned his Bachelor of Science, Mathematics and Secondary Edu-



Eileen Roemer

cation at the State University of New York College at New Paltz. He currently resides in Hazlet, NJ.

Eileen Roemer first joined Amboy Bank in 1997. She most recently served as Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer before being promoted to Chief Financial Officer. Roemer studied Investments, Economics and Accounting at Rider University. She currently resides in Sayreville, NJ

**Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy
Receives an 'A' for Patient Safety**

***Raritan Bay Perth Amboy receives an 'A' and Raritan Bay Old
Bridge a 'B' for the Spring 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade***

Press Release 5/15/19
PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy received an 'A' and Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge a 'B' from The Leapfrog Group's spring 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade. The designations recognize Raritan Bay Medical Center's efforts in protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care.

"Maintaining the safety of our patients is a priority at Raritan Bay Medical Center," said Raritan Bay Medical Center Chief Hospital Executive Thomas Shanahan, CPA. "I'm proud of all our team members' efforts to safeguard our patients from harm. We will continue to closely monitor our processes and work to enhance practices

to ensure all patients continue to receive high-quality health care."

The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization committed to improving health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers. The Safety Grade assigns an 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' or 'F' grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections and other harms to patients in their care.

"To be recognized nationally as an 'A' hospital is an accomplishment the whole community should take pride in," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Hospitals that earn an 'A' grade are making it a priority to protect patients from preventable medi-

cal harm and error. We congratulate hospital leaders, board members, staff, volunteers and clinicians who work so hard to earn this A."

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

To see Raritan Bay Medical Center's full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook.

Senior Property Tax Freeze Workshop

**Photo & Story Submitted by Amboy Bank*



Photo Release:

SOUTH AMBOY/MATAWAN - Annelie Kulcsar, Amboy Bank Branch Operations Manager, and Susan Plumacker, Amboy Bank Vice President and Market Manager, present the Senior Property Tax Freeze Workshop to seniors in the community. They discussed the NJ Tax Freeze Program, which helps protect seniors from ongoing tax increases, and Amboy Bank's Save and Pay Program, a free service that automates property tax payments. Information regarding adult day care programs was also presented by Matawan Adult Daycare.

"Seniors are very important to our community, and we're always happy to help our neighbors in any way we can," said Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank CEO and President. "Our knowledgeable staff is always there to offer education and resources and provide seniors with information on the tax programs that are available to them."

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**CITY OF PERTH AMBOY:
Perth Amboy Police Report Arrest**

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - On May 13, 2019 at 10:59 PM, police received a 9-1-1 call of a robbery in progress in front of a Rector St. home, in Perth Amboy, NJ. Upon Police Officers arrival they met with a fast food delivery man, who reported that he was delivering an order to the Rector St. home, and no one answered the door. As he was walking back to his car, he was approached by a dark-skinned male who demanded money from him. The sus-

pect was holding an object in his hand, and abruptly walked away when the delivery man told him he had no money. Police located a male in the area that fit the description provided by the victim. During the investigation, the suspect then fled the officers. A loaded handgun was located in the area and the suspect was apprehended after a brief foot pursuit. After the victim had positively identified the suspect as the male that attempted to rob him, officers arrested Tyjier Summers 23 years

old of Old Bridge, NJ. Mr. Summers was charged with attempted robbery and weapons offenses, and also had other unrelated active warrants for his arrest, and is currently lodged in the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Facility in North Brunswick, NJ. Det. Luis Corro of the Perth Amboy Police Department's Investigative Division is handling the case, and anyone with information about this incident or any other similar incidents is asked to call the Detective at 732-324-3828.

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cil.”

During the Public Portion, Resident Dorothy Daniel came up first. “I’ve been talking to individuals in the City who are concerned the City government is not working for them. Sitting here tonight, I’m getting it. I understand budgets. I’ve sat on boards in this town and I get that. I’ve come here before for Fire and Police (Departments) not to get cut. Leadership means working together. Find a way to compromise. It’s about working together for the citizens of the town. It’s not about the next election. Ask God for guidance to work together for the citizens of the town. Why in God’s name was a meeting with the Mayor not already done? We can’t be willy-nilly. I teach sportsman-ship all over the County. You can do better. You can work with one and for my sake and every-one who resides in this town.” Daniel got a few laughs when she added, “Don’t make me run against you – because I’d win!”

Resident and former Councilman Ken Balut came up to speak next. “Millions of dollars in PILOTS are given away. Kushner, the Y you are subsidizing. There’s a problem. Who negotiates the PILOTS? No one looked to the future. It’s complete total incompetency. You negotiate to give away millions of dollars. Taxes went up because of school taxes. You promised to give tax cuts to the rich. What did we do with these Fortune500 companies? Target? Why did she give Kushner \$4 million? His project is garbage. Why did she get extra time to Kushner’s contract? She spent tax dollars to support Kushner. \$51 million to \$71 million she gave away to companies. She (Diaz) gave away to rich corporations. People can’t live here anymore. You can move to Delaware and pay less taxes. The way you’re going, Perth Amboy is going to be a rental place.”

Mayor Wilda Diaz came up to speak, “I extend appreciation to the work you’ve done today. Let me reiterate Fernando Irizarry’s statement. These are facts. Fire, Police, and DPW – right now there’s a hiring freeze. We’re not filling these positions. I want to make it clear – I won’t layoff Police, Fire, and DPW. They are critical to the safety and cleaning to the City. Fernando Irizarry makes a point. Everything comes with a cost. We have to make adjustments. I stated this in 2017, 2018, and 2019. We have to make adjustments with our figures. It’s not wise to use the surplus. God forbid we have a disaster. People send children to schools. No one likes to pay taxes. New Jersey is the most expensive state in the Country. We constantly hear about PILOTS. We did a study. We can turn around the City of Perth Amboy by working and cooperating. If we take all the money from surplus, we will have nothing. I thank Fernando Irizarry and Joel Pabon. We cannot terminate certain employees.”

Resident Louis Cruz came up to speak, I sat here and listened to both sides. The focus of the problem is very concerning. You go back and forth – where’s the future going to be for our kids?

As a homeowner, business owner and for the kids in this City. Car insurance, taxes, my house – the cost adds up to \$30,000 a year. I have to gross from \$70,000 - \$80,000 a year (to cover my costs). Not everyone of my investors - around 30%-40% are born and raised in Perth Amboy. They are taking their investments someplace else. Why if you are born in Perth Amboy and in the community private investments are made everyplace else but Perth Amboy? I want to say – what can you envision in Perth Amboy? I cannot convince investors to come in Perth Amboy. Stop this (bickering). We need commercial and different investors to come here. The Council is not working with the Administration. All they are thinking about is 2020 (the election). The future is not bright. There is no future here. All we do is go back and forth with no thought to our future.”

Resident and former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton came up to speak next. She asked several questions regarding the DCA. “Who met with the DCA.”

B.A. Carr answered, “Myself, CFO (Jill Goldy) and Mayor Diaz. Also in attendance were Melanie Walter, the Director of Government Office, and a Staff Member, The Council Members were invited but did not come. The Meeting was at 9:30 a.m.”

Nanton pointed out that the Council have jobs and a morning meeting is difficult for them to attend. She suggested a meeting time in the evening.

B.A. Carr answered, “I can’t speak for the DCA.”

Nanton then asked about the tax bill she received.

Carr answered, “It’s based on 105% of the estimated bill. We don’t have a rate from the school or City. The next quote will true out for the last two quarters. Without a tax bill, the City has a cash flow problem. We will be forced to send out estimated tax bill to pay bills.”

Nanton then mentioned a proposed pipeline in Raritan Bay. “The North East Supply Enhancement Program – New York voted against it. This pipeline will go through Raritan Bay. May 2, 2019 was the last day to sign the petition.” Nanton then changed the subject, “Does any of our tax bill have everything to do with the water in Runyon? The Collapsing Dunes? The water is the #1 health issue and our City does nothing, unless the EPA came forward to tell us. The closing of Runyon will give us all kinds of issues.”

Attorney and Perth Amboy Resident Billy Delgado came up next, “The City Council has lost significant credibility. They show finger pointing, everybody throws red lines. We are not talking with the Administration. The best example is cutting the Prosecutor’s Office without notifying us. We are benefiting the City (creating funds). Take responsibility for the City. A tax increase we know is coming. We need an answer. We encourage the City Council to follow the lead of Joel Pabon and we got to respect one another and get it done.”

Resident Maria Vera spoke next, “I’ve been living in this town for 38 years. Every year, taxes has never gone up 5.5% There are too many kids in town. People had raises. You can run

the City without raises. It happens with corporations. If you do it, you can do it. Why do we have to this? The middle class will not be here. This town is so overcrowded – there’s no place to park. Why are we wasting money on warehouses? We can’t fit anymore kids. Why do we have to suffer? Work together and work things out. I didn’t get a raise. I still get the same check.”

Council Comments:

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke first: “There’s a lot of people here and we know why. I ran in 2016. We had a competent campaign manager. Why did the Mayor make him an employee with a \$100,000 a year salary and pension? It’s about what is right for the City. The Mayor hired her campaign manager to work on the City’s website. It still looks the same as it did in 2009. Decisions like this cost the City money. We could hire three Police Officers with one position. It’s not political. It’s stating facts. No one wants to talk about the decisions being made. I’m not going to vote for a huge tax increase for Perth Amboy. Our school budget is almost \$300 million. \$25 million to \$26 million comes from the City. Most comes from the State. Imagine if it didn’t. Former Governor



Council President
William Petrick



Mayor Wilda Diaz

Christie tried twice to take away (the extra funding). If he could have been successful – we would have felt it. It’s not impossible. That’s why we have to be careful about raising taxes. People pay rent. If we raise taxes, landlords raise the rent. People can’t afford to live in Perth Amboy. We need to be careful. I feel 1% will do that.”

Councilman Joel Pabon was next: “Ms. Daniel made it clear very early on willing to sit down. What we’ve got to do is it to be able to work together – bottom line. If we don’t sit on the main table – we’re done – nothing! We have to sit down. How do we

get there? The five of us need to work on it. We may not be able to fix the issue in one day. We need to get a job done for the City of Perth Amboy.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda gave her comments: “I agree to work and talk to be respectful of each other. I do not and won’t be disrespected. We are elected to protect the community of Perth Amboy.”

Council President Bill Petrick thanked everyone for coming. “We all have to work on it,” he stated. The Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Before & After School Program Summer Camp

Dear Editor:

To comply with federal regulations, we would appreciate the publication of the following news release.

The ALL STARS ACADEMY, LLC, announces the sponsorship of the **Child Care Food Program**. This is a federally funded program that reimburses sponsoring agencies that provide healthy meals and snacks at no charge to children enrolled in licensed or approved day-care facilities. Meals are available at no separate charge to enrolled participants in the Child Care Food Program and are served without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

Following are the Income Eligibility Guidelines used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals for the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

ELIGIBILITY INCOME SCALE		
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Family Size	Free Yearly Income	Reduced Yearly Income
1	\$15,782	\$22,459
2	\$21,398	\$30,451
3	\$27,014	\$38,443
4	\$32,630	\$46,435
Each Additional		
Family Member	\$5,616	\$7,992

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Obituary: Very Reverend Father Basil M. Rakaczky

PERTH AMBOY – The Very Rev. Father Basil M. Rakaczky O.S.B.M., Pastor Emeritus of St. Michael’s Byzantine Catholic Church in Perth Amboy died on April 9, 2019, at age 88, in Máriapócs, Hungary.

Fr. Basil was born in Múcsony, Hungary in 1931. In 1948, he entered the Order of St. Basil the Great at Máriapócs. By 1950, the Communist government eliminated the nation’s religious orders, so he transferred to a Seminary in Eger, then to one in Nyíregyháza. Still a member of the Basilian Order, he was drafted to the Hungarian Army in 1952. In 1956, he was directed by his bishop to continue his studies in Rome. This was during the Soviet occupation of Hungary. Fr. Basil escaped Hungary along with another Basilian monk by crossing a freezing cold Rába River into Austria during the nighttime

and under machine gunfire. Basil then went to Rome to finish his studies and was ordained into the priesthood on June 29, 1960. He received his licentiate in sacred theology in 1961.

Around 1960, Fr. Basil began his ministry briefly in Canada, and then went to the United States in 1964 he and 2 other Basilian monks established a monastic community in Matawan, N.J. In February 1974, Fr. Basil was appointed Pastor of St. Michael’s Byzantine Catholic Church in Perth Amboy. Known as Father Basil, he served as pastor of St. Michael’s Church for 35 years.

Fr. Basil returned to Hungary in 1991 for 3 years after the fall of Communism. In the mid 1990’s, he came back to Perth Amboy as Pastor of St. Michaels until 2009, when he returned to Máriapócs.

Funeral services were held in



Father Basil M. Rakaczky
1931-2019

Máriapócs, Hungary and he was buried in Máriapócs Cemetery. A Pontifical Divine Liturgy was held for Fr. Basil on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Perth Amboy.

Source: (mycentraljersey.com May 30, 2019)

Historic Cottage Destroyed 5/21/19

*Photo & Caption Courtesy of John K. Dyke



PERTH AMBOY - The Henry Martyn Parkhurst homestead, located on outer-Smith Street, was recently demolished. Parkhurst was the Recording Secretary for the American Anti-Slavery Society and the American Equal Rights Association, as well as a member of the Eagleswood community in Perth Amboy. During the mid-19th Century, this landmark was once a 'safe house' for the Underground Railroad, where runaway slaves could rest and recover from their ordeals. The Parkhurst property appears on an 1856 map by Henry David Thoreau and based on the framed construction it was built much earlier. After the American Civil War, Parkhurst worked with the early women's rights leaders including Susan B. Anthony. Parkhurst was a firm believer in equal rights for all.

Sandy Hook Promise Announces Winners of Annual Say Something Call-to-Action Week
Schools Across the Country are Recognized for Student Leadership in Implementing and Sustaining Sandy Hook Promise’s Say Something Program to Save Lives

NEWTOWN, CT – Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a leading gun violence prevention organization, announced today the winners of its 4th annual Say Something Call-to-Action Week. Say Something is a proven program that educates young people and adults how to identify, assess, and get help for someone in crisis before they harm themselves or others.

The Call-to-Action Week was held between February 25 through March 1, and thousands of middle and high schools across the country participated in weeklong activities that demonstrate and reinforce the core values of Say Something in their school culture and overall community. SHP selected winners based on the level of student leadership and involvement and program sustainability, along with the breadth and depth of the activities that students submitted.

“We are proud of all the students who participated in Say Something Week -- especially those who fully embraced being 'upstanders' in their community and committed to looking out for one another before a crisis can escalate to violence,” said Nicole Hockley, co-founder and managing director of Sandy Hook Promise and mother of Dylan who was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting. “In 4 out of 5 school shootings, the attacker told someone of his/her plans prior to the attack and 70% of people who complete suicide told someone of their intention or gave some type of warning. We want to ensure that students have the tools they need to be able to spot these signs and know how to properly intervene and tell a trusted adult. That’s why Say Something is so important. Following this Call-to-Action

Week, we received reports from schools detailing violence and threats that were averted, thanks to brave students who spoke up. Lives are being saved.”

This year’s Say Something Call-to-Action Week winners are:

- District Grand Prize Award Winner: Swansboro High School SAVE Promise Club, North Carolina
- School Grand Prize Award Winner: O.H. Platt High School, Connecticut
- Student Leadership First-Prize Award Winner: Howe School of Excellence, Illinois
- Student Leadership Runners-up:
 - Kids Community College Preparatory High School, Florida
 - Perth Amboy High School, New Jersey
 - Community Reach First-Prize Award Winner: La Quinta Middle School STEM Academy, California
 - Community Reach Runners-Up:
 - Olde Towne Middle School, Mississippi
 - Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Illinois

All awardees will receive a Say Something award plaque, free registration for the school’s SAVE Promise Club members to attend SHP’s SAVE Promise Club’s annual Summit, a travel stipend to use toward travel to the Summit (\$2,000 for the grand prize winner at the district level, \$1,000 for the grand prize winner at the school level, \$500 for each first-place winner, and \$250 for each of the runners-ups), an invitation to submit a proposal to present their school’s Say Something Week award submission activities at the summit, and their Say Something Week video submission will be played at the Summit. In addition, the grand prize

and first-place winners will also receive a personal visit from members of Sandy Hook Promise.

To date, more than 7.5 million people nationwide have been trained in Sandy Hook Promise’s proven Know the Signs programs that focus on prevention to help end the epidemic of gun violence by training youth and adults how to identify at-risk behavior and intervene to get help before a tragedy can occur. Through these no-cost programs, Sandy Hook Promise has averted multiple school shooting plots, as well as countless teen suicides and other acts of violence.

About Sandy Hook Promise: Sandy Hook Promise (SHP) is a national nonprofit organization based in Newtown, Connecticut and led by several family members whose loved ones were killed in the tragic mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012. SHP’s mission is to prevent gun violence (and other forms of violence and victimization) BEFORE it can happen by educating and mobilizing youth and adults to identify, intervene, and get help for at-risk individuals. SHP is a moderate, above-the-politics organization that supports sensible program and policy solutions that address the “human side” of gun violence by preventing individuals from ever getting to the point of picking up a firearm to hurt themselves or others. Our words, actions, and impact nationwide are intended to honor all victims of gun violence by turning our tragedy into a moment of transformation. For more information, visit www.sandyhookpromise.org or call 203-304-9780.

George Washington Statue Upkeep 5/9/19

*Photo by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Artist Paul Balog does some upkeep on the Statue of George Washington in City Hall Circle

South Amboy K of C Events
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.

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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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 U.S. Fifth Army breaches the last German defensive line in front of Rome on June 2, 1944. Hitler orders Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, commanding Army Group C, to have the German Tenth Army abandon the Italian capital. Rear guards delay American advances. The first shuttle raids of “Operation Frantic” are made on June 2 by 130 B-17s of the U.S. 15th Air Force, based at Tripoli, Libya. The planes attack targets in Silesia, Hungary and Romania, and then fly on to Soviet airfields at Poltava, in the Ukraine. In Italy, U.S. troops are only 20 miles from Rome. In India, The British 2nd Division begins an advance to relieve Imphal as the Japanese renew their attacks. The Provisional (Free) French government is formed.

The Allies begin daily bombings of the Cherbourg peninsula and the Normandy area of France on June 3. In India, the Japanese retreat from the besieged city of Kohima, ending a 64-day battle. German occupation troops pull out of Rome; Field Marshal Kesselring declares the capital an “open city” in return for a temporary truce with Italian partisans. (An “open city” is one that will not be defended against an invading force.) Anti-Nazi Partisan leader Josip Broz Tito flies from Yugoslavia to Bari, Italy, to meet with Allied commanders.

On June 4, “Operation Overlord” — the invasion of Normandy — is postponed for 24 hours, to June 6th, due to foul weather and heavy seas. The poor weather encourages the German defenders of occupied France to let down their guard a bit. Field Marshal Rommel, in charge of defenses, decides to go to Berlin to celebrate his wife’s birthday on June 6th and to meet with Hitler. Other German commanders in Normandy head to a training exercise in Brittany to the southwest. In Italy, American, British and French troops enter Rome. The Germans have ignored Hitler’s orders to blow up the bridges across the Tiber River, and — also against orders — the city’s historic buildings are left intact. In Asia, the first B-29 (Superfortress) mission against the Bangkok Railway, in Thailand, is flown. A “hunter-killer” task group of the U.S. Navy under the command of Capt. Daniel V. Gallery captures German submarine *U-505* in the North Atlantic off the Canary Islands. It is the first time the U.S. Navy has captured an enemy vessel at sea since the 1800s. The captured sub is towed to Bermuda where the vessel, its codes, code machines and weapons are minutely examined and analyzed.

In the U.S., President Roosevelt holds a “fireside chat” on the radio on June 5 to discuss the fall of Rome: “The first of the Axis capitals is now in our hands. . . . One up, two to go!” In Europe, more than 1,000 British bombers drop over 5,000 tons of bombs on German gun emplacements on the Normandy coast in preparation for the invasion. Meanwhile, Allied naval vessels begin maneuvering (deceptively) to indicate an invasion in the Calais area, in the north of France. Shortly after 11 p.m., the first Allied troops enter Normandy, as paratroopers are dropped throughout the region, near Caen. In Italy, King Victor Emmanuel III abdicates in favor of his son, Crown Prince Umberto, who is given the title Lieutenant-General of the Realm. The king retains his crown and his title.

On June 6 —D-Day— “Operation Overlord,” the largest amphibious military operation in history, commences with the landing of 155,000 Allied troops on the beaches of Normandy, France. The fighting is bloody and vicious, with many casualties, but the Allies doggedly get past the German forward defenses and begin moving off the beaches and heading inland. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill reports to the House of Commons: “So far, the commanders who are engaged report that everything is proceeding according to plan.” Hitler, at the *Berghof* in Bavaria, is informed of the Normandy landings and expresses confidence that the invasion will be turned back.

Allied forces from the various Normandy beachheads attempt to link up on June 7. German reserves are concentrating on the right flank of the invasion (the invaders’ left flank), against British forces approaching Caen. Bayeux, France, is liberated by British troops.

A second wave of Allied troops land on the Normandy beaches on June 8. In Italy, German rear guards slow the advances of the U.S. Fifth Army and the British Eighth Army. In the village of Oradour-sur-Glane, near Limoges, France, 642 men, women and children are killed by a *Waffen-SS* company in retaliation for local Resistance activities. While the men are shot immediately, the women and children are locked in a church that is set on fire; those who try to escape the flames are machine-gunned. In Italy, Prime Minister Pietro Badoglio and the Italian government return to Rome from Bari, where they had taken refuge.

From Moscow, Joseph Stalin on June 9, 1944, orders the launch of a Soviet Red Army offensive against Finland (which is fighting on the side of the Axis), an attempt to knock the Finns out of the war. For the first time since 1940, airplanes of the British Royal Air Force take off from airfields in France.

On June 10, paratroopers of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division are engaged in battle near Carentan, France. British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery establishes the headquarters of the 21st Army Group in Normandy. It primarily oversees two field armies: the British Second Army and the Canadian First Army. In Italy, the British Eighth Army advances along the Adriatic coastline. Planes from two British aircraft carriers raid Japanese positions at Sabang, in the Dutch East Indies. The intent of the operation is to distract Japanese attention from American forces approaching the Mariana Islands. In the U.S., because of a severe wartime personnel shortage, pitcher Joe Nuxhall becomes the youngest player (at 15) to appear in a modern Major League Baseball game, making his debut for the Cincinnati Reds against the St. Louis Cardinals. He has a rough first outing, giving up five runs in two-thirds of an inning. (Nuxhall goes on to be a two-time All Star, with a 135-117 record over 16 seasons in the pros.)

The U.S. Navy’s Fast-Carrier Task Force 58, commanded by Vice Adm. Marc Mitscher, begins a heavy bombardment of Saipan, Mariana Islands, on June 11. Operating from bases in Italy, the U.S. 15th Air Force raids airfields at Focșani, Romania. At Brooklyn, New York, the battleship *USS Missouri* is commissioned.

While U.S. troops capture Carentan, Normandy, France, on June 12, a third wave of Allied troops lands on the Normandy beaches. There are now 326,000 Allied soldiers, 104,000 tons of supplies and 54,000 vehicles deployed in Normandy along a 50-mile battle front.

U.S. Navy battleships, cruisers and destroyers of Task Force 58 on June 13 begin shelling Japanese shore positions on Saipan, in the Mariana Islands. In Europe, Germany launches the first V-1 “flying bomb” attack against London. Six people are killed, and a railroad bridge is destroyed. Called “buzz bombs” by the British for the sound the missiles make as they fly, the V-1 attacks on England will continue throughout June.

The first raid on Japan by U.S. B-29 Superfortress bombers — from airbases around Chengdu, China — takes place on June 14 against the Imperial Iron & Steel Works, in Yawata. The results are somewhat disappointing, with only one bomb hitting the factory facility. Free French leader Charles de Gaulle visits the Normandy front. In Poland, the Battle of Porytowe Wzgórze opens, as several groups of Polish and Russian anti-Nazi partisans, numbering some 3,000 fighters, find themselves surrounded near Lublin by between 25,00 and 30,000 German troops with artillery, tanks, armored cars and air support. The battle will be the largest between anti-Nazi partisans and German occupation forces in occupied Europe.

On June 15, amphibious landings are made on the western beaches of Saipan by 8,000 marines of the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions. The island is defended by 32,000 Japanese. The marines meet heavy opposition, despite the heavy naval bombardment of the island during the past week. In Europe, the RAF launches 600-bomber attacks against Le Havre and Boulogne, France. In Poland, the Battle of Porytowe Wzgórze ends in a partisan victory. After heavy fighting, the surrounded partisans break through a section of the German lines and escape to the relative safety of the nearby Solska Wilderness, a heavily forested area. Partisan casualties number around 250, with about 125 killed or missing. German casualties include 495 Wehrmacht soldiers killed.

Pets of the Week



Please give Kiki a 2nd chance, she has had a hard life and needs your help. She is fixed and fully vetted. She was found on the streets of Perth Amboy after obviously being an indoor cat. It is best that she is the only pet in the house. Her rescuer kept her in a separate large room in the attic. If you know of anyone that can help, even if it is to foster her until the Fall, please contact 1-732-486-6382. We DESPERATELY need ADOPTERS and FOSTERS. Allforthepaws.org Allforthepaws@gmail.com

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HBO MINI-SERIES REVIEW: CHERNOBYL

By: Anton Massopust III

HBO has done lots of really great series over the years including The Sopranos, Sex in the City, and of course, Game of Thrones. One of the best new mini-series that's out is HBO's "Chernobyl". The series talks about the terrible tragedy that happened back in 1986. This is a real hardcore 5-part drama about a group of people trying to do the right thing over incredible and dangerous odds. The Chernobyl disaster occurred back in 1986 when a nuclear power plant in Ukraine exploded unexpectedly during a safety test. Although the power plant workers thought that was impossible, they told the main director that the core had exploded, and no one knew why. They were told it was impossible.

Part 1 of the story talks about what happened after the explosion, and why the Russian government tried to cover it up, even sending firefighters to fight the fire with no protective gear against radiation.

Our main character, Valery Legasov (Jared Harris) a nuclear scientist who has been put on a commission by Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev himself. He is sent in with a Russian bureaucrat to find out what has happened at Chernobyl. It is important to deal with what has happened. Legasov warns them not to fly over the exposed core and asked to explain to the So-



viet Army that this is no ordinary fire and nothing like this has ever happened on the planet. So, they begin the long process of extinguishing the fire. They evacuate the town when another scientist, Ulana Khomyuk (Emily Watson) has to warn them there's even a greater danger if the water tanks they thought where empty were not empty – they were full because of negligence. They left the water from fire trucks unattended and the water tanks were filled. The water was building up to cause a huge chemical explosion that could wipe out most of Europe and go as far away as East Germany.

Part 3 talks about cleanup and how they have to stop a nuclear meltdown while using coal miners underneath the nuclear power plant and use it liquid nitrogen in order to cool it. The firefighters and power

plant workers died from radiation burns. How exactly did this happen and why? How can they prevent it from happening again?

It is purely well-acted by many British actors who you might know from other works getting inside the mindset of Russian bureaucracy that many people were so paranoid of back in the 1980s. They really live by the motto: trust but verify. Should we watch "Chernobyl"? Yes, it is well acted, but I said a very hard heavy drama. It's definitely worth watching.

The makeup is completely accurate when showing how radiation burns. The score for this mini-series is creepily haunting. The use of certain sounds will send chills down your spine. Definitely watch "Chernobyl". It's on HBO. Check your listings for time and channel or watch it on demand.



What's Your Consensus? - Downtown Gateway Redevelopment Project

5/20/19 Caucus

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I don't do PILOTS and never have."

Irizarry then questioned, "Residentials might need a PILOT."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and asked if an archaeological dig would be supported.

Mr. Madsen from the Company Madsen & Howell, whose company is located at the intersection of Market Street and Herbert Street came up to speak, "My company has been in town for many years. In 2000, as far as I know, there are no artifacts or anything historic on that site. The economic conditions today are favorable to this project."

Council President Petrick then talked about a historic site called Eagleswood from 1854, the historic school that was on that site. "So, I guess the answer is no about having a dig there."

Goss answered, "I have contracts sitting on my desks. If one says no, then we won't do the project."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda had a few comments, "We have to consider the entrance to the City. I like the idea of a business on the ground floor of the apartment, but a lot of apartments will put a stress on our schools. I like the retail and the apartments with the businesses. A performing arts center will be ideal. Something like Rahway, Avenel, and Carteret have. You have to understand our needs. When the Board of Education wanted this land for a new high school, it was no because of the contaminants, but now it's ok for apartments?"

Petrick spoke up and asked,

"Can a tax abatement for performing arts be done?"

Goss replied, "You would have to raise your own money and do a cleanup on what's marketable."

Black suit Man said, "It would be between \$50 million and \$60 million for a performing arts center."

Councilman Irizarry made a few comments stating, "I don't think those art centers (that were mentioned) were built at the entrance of their cities. Did they have contaminants like we have on our site?"

Councilwoman Tejeda responded, "I don't want a warehouse."

Goss then talked about parking, "There will be structured parking for the apartments."

Telyas said talked about the performing arts center, "There will need to be a budget for ongoing operations. I'm willing to meet with the City to talk about the cost. It might be a good idea."

Councilman Caba questioned of the possible entertainment site and what would be the problems (associated with it).

Goss "The location is good, and the demographics, but we are looking at the economics and demographics of Perth Amboy. People have a negative view of the City, especially coming here at night. I'm just being honest."

Petrick then commented on Goss's statement, "I appreciate your honesty."

Goss continued, "We can look at an entertainment center. If I can't get the warehouse, I can walk away from the deal."

Petrick then voiced a concern about the number of apartments.

Goss responded, "Then don't have the entertainment center."

Petrick then suggested that Telyas can meet with the Art Works Council, which is part of the City and Perth Amboy Art Works, a private organization in Perth Amboy which supports the arts.

Councilman Irizarry said, "I don't think the art center will work."

Petrick then responded, "We don't need a lot of apartments."

Irizarry continued, "Who will pay for the entertainment center - the City will pay and have to maintain it."

Petrick spoke again and gave an example of the town of Red Bank, "With good planning and productions, they were able to have a revitalization, and they were at one time in worse condition than we were. We need to put a fire to the feet of the developers to demand what we are looking for."

Irizarry responded, "I am not acquiescing to everything, because I disagree with you. I base on what's on the table when decision making."

Petrick responded, "I based my decision on what has happened in the past."

Goss then asked the Council, "Can I have your thoughts on the plan as it is right now?"

Irizarry responded, "The retail is ok. Change part 3."

Pabon responded, "Reduce the number of apartments and I'm good."

Tejeda said, "I'm ok with the retail. The single apartments and warehouse – no."

Petrick said, "I'm ok with retail – apartments – no."

Tom's Tax Tips

Watch Out! 7 Vacation Costs That Sneak Up on You

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

Going on vacation is a time to get away, relax and enjoy new experiences. But if you don't pay close attention, extra costs can sneak up on you like tiny money-stealing ninjas. Here are seven sneaky vacation costs to watch out for:

- 1. Covert airfare increases.** Airline pricing algorithms are programmed to store your browsing history to see if you've been looking at flights. If you have, they will bump up the price. Before searching, clear your internet history and switch to private (or incognito) mode on your web browser. When you are finally ready to book the flight, do so using a different computer from a new location to be sure that you're avoiding this artificial price increase.
- 2. Stealthy resort fees.** The nightly base rate for a fancy resort will often compare favorably to a standard hotel in the same location. This is an intentional pricing tactic used by resorts to get their rooms on the initial search results page. Don't be fooled! These same resorts will add a daily resort fee on the back end of your bill to cover the extra amenities they offer. The extra fee might be worth it to you, but it's better to understand the full cost of the stay before making your reservation.
- 3. Useless rental car insurance.** Rental car companies will try to sell you insurance to cover damages you may cause during the rental period. Often, the auto insurance you already have will extend to the rental car. In these cases, the extra insurance isn't necessary. Before renting a car, check with your insurance company to see if a rental will be covered.
- 4. Bloated baggage fees.** You probably already know that airlines may charge for checking a bag, but do you know they will charge extra if a bag is too heavy? Exact weight can vary by airline or location, so check the weight limits before you go and weigh any heavy bags using a bathroom scale.
- 5. Crafty parking costs.** Downtown hotels in big cities charge as high as \$75 per night for parking! Research alternative parking options near your hotel or compare the cost of using rideshare options before committing to the hotel rate.
- 6. Sly extra driver charges.** Rental car companies will charge an extra daily fee to have a second driver listed on the rental. If possible, commit to one person to handle all the driving on your vacation.
- 7. Tricky foreign transaction fees.** Traveling abroad and paying an extra fee for every purchase will add up in a hurry. Before you go, check your credit cards and bank accounts to see if they charge foreign transaction fees. If they do, shopping for another card or account that doesn't charge fees might make sense.

Some vacation fees can't be avoided, but many of them can if you know where to look. Implement a plan to navigate the fees in the planning stages of your trip to avoid dealing with them during your vacation.



Arrest of the Royal Governor at the Proprietary House



Press Release

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Following the Performance until 4 p.m. – Free tours of the Museum, colonial music, light refreshments, gift shop. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy. For more information, call 732-826-5527 or email: info@theproprietaryhouse.org The Proprietary House Museum is disabilities accessible.



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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.

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)*.
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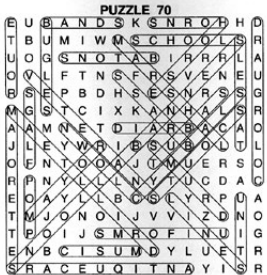
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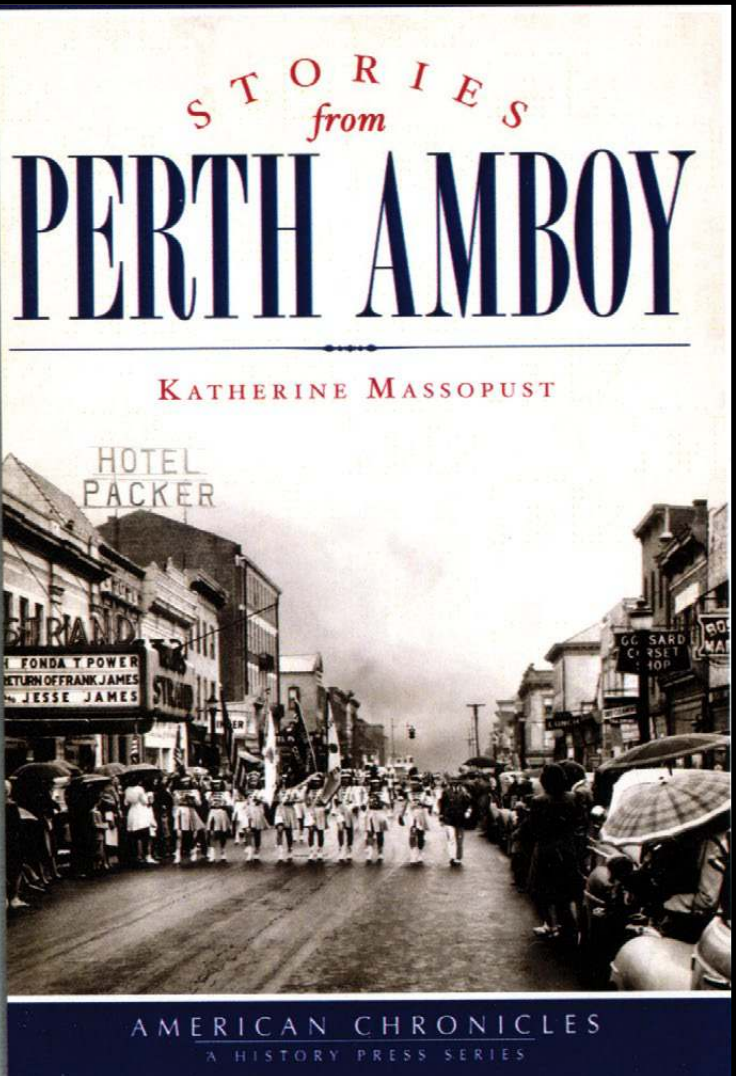
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PERTH AMBOY - St. Mary's High School Cheerleaders circa 1960's

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