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It Got Ugly 9/25/19 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – During the public comments on agenda items, resident Stanley Sierakowski questioned R-417-9/19 – A contract with Norris, McLaughlin, and Marcus, LLP for continued legal services in the matter of Perth Amboy vs. Catel Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.

He asked, “What is the issue?”
Law Director King responded, “It’s a continuation of the library litigation.”

Sierakowski suggested, “Before doing a contract, there should be a binding contract negotiation.”

The next speaker to come up was lawyer Billy Delgado, whose position as chief prosecutor was defunded. He first told the Council that 5 minutes was not enough time for him to speak.

Councilman Helmin Caba responded, “You were invited to our closed session meeting.”

Delgado spoke up, “I was not informed about that.” He then went on to explain how he was appointed as chief prosecutor. “I was appointed on July 17, 2017. We had one prosecutor for 5 court sessions. I said I would take the position only if I had a team. With this position being defunded, a lot of cases will be dismissed because of not having enough prosecutors. We also have bilingual personnel, and our revenue on Thursdays was \$8,500. You (the Council) don’t understand what goes on in court when you are not there. The assignment judge runs the court. One prosecutor can’t cover the courts.”

Council President William Petrick then asked Delgado if he could come back at the next Caucus Meeting and do a presentation.

Businesswoman and resident Sharon Hubberman came up to speak next to discuss R-415 and R-416 which dealt with placing a lien on properties for charges incurred by the Department of Public Works. She found these liens to be very interesting. “Can these liens be done on any property owing \$10 or more?” She also stated, “It says that there will be any default on any payments as of November 11th, but a property owner has until that day to make a payment. It’s illegal to put them on a tax sale list prior to that date. Sup-

pose a property owner dies before then? I believe it’s illegal. I have serious issues and late notices should be sent prior to putting properties on a tax sale list.”

Law Director Peter King responded, “These two resolutions are for Code Enforcement cleanups of the properties and not water bills.”

Business Administrator Carr further explained, “It’s state statute, and it’s the law. The list you are talking about are accelerated tax sales. These resolutions are abandoned property tax sales.”

Councilman Joel Pabon then spoke up, “We had a person who came to a meeting who owed millions on their property.”

Carr explained, “This property (Anchor Marine) went into foreclosure. The Armory Restaurant has a lien.”

Resident Alan Silber came up next. He still had concerns about R-418 where there was a change to the name of Peter King’s law firm. Silber insisted, “This is a completely different law firm. Was there an RFP submitted?”

King responded, “There was a new RFP submitted under a new name.”

Silber also asked, “Why was Billy Delgado allowed to speak on something not on the agenda?”

King responded, “He was asked to come here to speak tonight.”

Council President Petrick confirmed that the Council had invited Delgado.

Silber then questioned, “Then why didn’t you allow him to speak?”

King spoke up to clarify the prosecutor’s position, “The prosecutor comes under the Law Director. I’m getting something together to present to the Council numberwise. There used to be two prosecutors. One resigned, then we decided to go back to two prosecutors.”

Nancy Diaz came up to speak next. She said, “I am an activist and I live in Sayreville. This is not a good time for Latinos when we are demeaned every day. It’s not good when other Latinos support a man who likes or makes misogynist posts and support white supremacy and demeans countries that have large Latino populations.

It’s disgraceful of anybody who supports such vile posts.”

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke up, “I never said those things. In 2016, those things (social media posts) were used for political gains. Petrick had posts from all political parties and views: Democrat and Republican. These posts were held for two years and Petrick was even elected Council President, so let’s knock this off. Mayor Diaz is just using this to divide the community. In 2012, the Mayor accused Delgado of supporting someone who made misogynist comments. What is bad is the Mayor proposing a 5% tax increase.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up and asked about the Anchor Marine property. “Who are the owners and the principles? \$2.3 million over 20 years

has not been collected. It didn’t go into foreclosure until 25 years. The assessment should have gone up on that property. Kushner did get the additional acres.”

Carr responded, “I resent that you said I had no integrity. This happened 35 years ago.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry addressed Sierakowski, “You said you’ve done so much research on this property and all that time you couldn’t find out who the owners were?”

Resident Debbie Foley came up next. She stated, “This is totally disgusting. I’m white, but I feel like I’ve been discriminated against. All I hear is Latino, Latino, Latino. This is a bunch of crap. We need to become a community again. All you do is call each other names and we are the laughingstock of the state. We

need a 3% tax increase because of our sewer systems. We are not fixing the problem. We lost a prosecutor and Code Enforcement Officer whom we need. Forget this Facebook crap! Look at all the crime we have.”

Another resident whose first name is Elizabeth came up to speak, “I am just as disgusted as the last speaker. We are supposed to teach our children to give back to the community. Mr. Petrick has a vendetta against these four women. You can’t run a business without raising taxes. Put those people back in those positions and defund Mr. Petrick. The internet is forever. You want to claim me as a deduction? We will protest as long as you (Petrick) are

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Ribbon Cutting of the Rose M. Lopez School, 435 Seaman Ave. 9/24/19

**Photo by Paul W. Wang*



Press Release 9/24/19

PERTH AMBOY – Perth Amboy Public School District leaders, students and the Perth Amboy Board of Education celebrated the Grand Opening of the Rose M. Lopez Elementary School with a ribbon cutting ceremony joined by the New Jersey School Development Authority, state and local officials and family members of Rose M. Lopez.

“The opening of the New Rose M. Lopez Elementary School will provide students of the Perth Amboy Public School District access to a state-of-the-art educational facility that will provide exemplary resources to achieve greater standards of academic excellence,” said Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of the Perth Amboy School District. “I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all stakeholders who have worked collaboratively in helping to establish a vibrant educational facility supporting the academic and social and emotional development of our students.”

Rose M. Lopez Elementary School has been designated as the District’s second stand-alone dual language school, servicing approximately 800 students in kindergarten through second grade. The 3-story, 128,000-square-foot facility includes 38 classrooms, 6 small group instruction rooms, four basic skills/ESL/resource rooms, a science demonstration room, a speech room, vocal and instrumental music rooms, a computer lab, a gymnasium, a media center, a cafeteria, a multipurpose room with stage and outdoor play and learning areas.

“SDA-constructed schools, like the Rose M. Lopez Elementary School, provide educational spaces and resources needed to enhance the educational opportunities for generations of students,” said Manuel Da Silva, SDA Interim CEO. “Today’s ribbon cutting ceremony affords us the opportunity to recognize the school district, state and local officials who partnered with us to make a positive impact in the lives of Perth Amboy students as we strive to address the overcrowding needs in the district.”

The Perth Amboy Public School District has two of the only public, free-standing dual language schools in the state of New Jersey servicing students in grades kindergarten through seventh grade. Rose M. Lopez Elementary School officially opened its doors to students on Thursday, September 4, 2019.

South Amboy City Council Business Meeting 10/2/19 - 6 p.m.; Perth Amboy City Council: Caucus 10/7/19 - 4:30 p.m.; Regular 10/9/19 - 7 p.m.



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Ordinance Prohibiting Puppy Mill Dogs and Cats Sales

9/18/19 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY –Humane Society from the United States County Leader (Union County, NJ) Volunteer Larry Cohen addressed the Council regarding Ordinance #20-2019 - Prohibiting the sale of puppy mill dogs and kittens which was introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the October 16, 2019 Meeting.

“I’ve been a volunteer for 3 years. I’ve been retired for 3 years, and I came to know the horrors of puppy mills,” stated Cohen. “This ordinance is welcome. 137 Communities in New Jersey have laws prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats. 2 states have made it state law. It’s going mainstream. If you go to www.puppymillspetstores.com, there’s a ton of information.”

Cohen continued, “There are a couple of pet store owners that bombard you with information. Their goal is to confuse or overcome you. If you run into that instance - I did want to warn you. They come on strong. It’s a worthwhile cause. It’s easier to come into a town when you don’t have a store in town selling dogs and cats. There’s plenty of ways to get a dog or cat from a shelter or a reputable breeder. A responsible breeder will never sell a dog to a pet store.”

Councilman Thomas Reilly stated, “I read about plenty of horror shows.”

Cohen then added, “There are some people who operate fake rescues. They take the same dogs from puppy mills and launder them.”

Council President Mickey Gross stated, “I applaud what you do for our furry friends.”

After Cohen spoke, the remainder of the business portion of the Meeting continued. Regarding Resolution R-153-2019 – Resolution Authorizing grant application to Middlesex County Department of Planning, Division of Solid Waste Management for Recycling Center Signage. Council President Gross stated that this is a program that South Amboy appeals for grants from Middlesex County Department of Planning. “Different municipalities apply for the grants.”

Council President Gross wanted to make it clear that even

though he is employed by the Middlesex County Department of Planning that he personally stays out of the loop of who gets these grants and these monies are determined by other individuals. “I am abstaining from the vote on R-153. I want that clear.”

R-156 – 2019 - Resolution Appointing Camille Tooker to SARA (South Amboy Redevelopment Organization) and R-157 – 2019 – Resolution Authorizing Mayor to sign NJDEP TWA Grant Application for Lighthouse Point.

City Clerk Debra Brooks stated that R-157 was time sensitive.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski explained R-157, “It’s a matter of approval for 150 ft. of new piping, for explanation to go to the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection).”

Law Director Francis Womack stated, “No township money is being used. It is being paid for by the developer.”

Councilwoman Zussette Dato asked, “Has the project been approved by the Planning Board?”

B.A. Skarzynski answered, “I’m not sure.”

Law Director Womack then added, “If they didn’t have approved, it wouldn’t be time sensitive.”

Councilwoman Dato then said, “If we’re being told if it’s time sensitive, can we vote by email? (when more information is given)?”

Skarzynski called the Planning Board Secretary to clarify the matter, but Gross then stated that he felt it was better to pull the Resolution. “There are too many questions.”

Resolutions R-150 thru R-152, R-154, R-155 and R-158 were all passed unanimously. For R-153, Council President Gross abstained. The Resolution passed. R-156 and R-157 were both pulled to be put on the agenda for the October 2, 2019 Business Meeting for further discussion. Ordinance #18-2019 – An Ordinance adopting the enforcement of Title 39 Entitled, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic Regulations” on the property located at 611 Bordentown Avenue in the City of South Amboy. Was moved by



Humane Society from the United States County Leader (Union County, NJ) Volunteer Larry Cohen speaks at the 9/18/19 Council Meeting
*Photo by Katherine Massopust

Council Vice-President Christine Noble and seconded by Councilman Brian McLaughlin. It passed unanimously.

For Ordinances #19-2019 thru #23-2019, including #20 (Puppy Mills) all passed on the First Reading unanimously.

Regarding the South Amboy ArtFest (Sunday, September 22, 2019) it was noted to thank Camille Tooker who spearheaded the event and the hard work that Joan Convery and Mary Zarrow that made the Arts Festival happen.

Council Comments: Councilwoman Dato spoke about the Scarecrow Contest. “Kids can pick-up a scarecrow to take home and decorate to be returned to the Y for hanging and voting around town on the SA Arts Facebook page.”

Council President Mickey Gross announced the 2020 St. Patrick’s Day Parade Honorees: Grand Marshal - Tim and Karen Woziak; Deputy Grand Marshal - Larry Parsons Honorary Grand Marshal - Dennis Kelly; Special Honored Guests - Karen Robson & Mary Squaro; Congratulations to all our 2020 St. Patrick’s Day Parade Honorees. The Parade will be on Sunday, March 15, 2020.

Councilman Thomas Reilly wanted to put the word out that the South Amboy First Aide Squad and Fire Department was looking for members and anyone interested should come to City Hall. It was noted that anyone interested will be directed whom to speak to.

Volunteers Needed to Help Children in Foster Care


MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County is seeking volunteers to advocate for children in foster care. On any given night, about 250 children from Middlesex County are sleeping in foster homes or other out-of-home placements due to abuse or neglect. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are working to serve more of these children each year.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to speak for a child’s best interests. They meet with the child and learn about their circumstances, then share information and recommendations with the judge. CASA volunteers come from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds, with no special experience or education needed. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, pass background checks and have compassion, objectivity and commitment to children.

CASA volunteers work closely with an abused or neglected child or sibling group, advocating for their best interests. Essentially, CASA volunteers “speak up” for these children in the court, making sure they are safe and well-cared for, are getting the services they need and are placed in a permanent, safe, nurturing home as quickly as possible.

If you are interested in volunteering, or need more information visit our website, casaofmiddlesex-county.org/volunteer.

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here. You (Petrick) don't belong in our community and you never will!"

Jeanette Rios whose position as Mayor's Aide was defunded came up next. She addressed Councilman Helmin Caba and told him, "You agree with Petrick. Why defund us to move us to another position? And now it's okay to move us elsewhere? Mr. Petrick had a political position and we won't forget it. Your binder for the budget has not been picked up yet."

Councilman Caba responded, "We took into consideration the taxpayers as a whole."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda spoke up, "If you want respect, then you have to give us respect."

Yvette Rios, whose position in Code Enforcement was defunded came up to speak, "Ms. Tejeda is correct. We have to show respect. It was Mr. Petrick who decided who was being defunded. I have the documents. There has never been a council in the state who has defunded positions. This is a first. As of September 30th, we don't have a job. You are replacing police officers – not hiring more. We're not taking care of them. We have an open position for a supervisor in Code Enforcement. I was told that a female could not fill this position. We are disappointed in you, Mr. Pabon. And Mr. Caba – you need to grow up. To Ms. Tejeda – he is using you to destroy Hispanics and women."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry translated for the next speaker, Antonio Merino who spoke only in Spanish. He resides on First Street and stated he was a

bishop. "I am happy to do this meeting because the Mayor is here. I heard a decision could not be made without the leader being here. The budget will be tripled. These women solve the problems of the City. With all of your work, you don't know what they do. Consider the seniors at Olive Street. You want to divide us and diminish the Mayor's position."

Councilman Caba responded to Merino's comments, "You are mixing religion and politics. You are going to use your position as a religious leader to diminish us (the council)."

Maria Peralta who lives on State Street came up next. She spoke only in Spanish and Councilman Irizarry translated. "I am here for the three women and thought it was good for our community to raise taxes. These women supported me, and it's not good having this fighting. I work for the community. I think it's against these women. Why did you only take Lissette who has worked for the city for 28 years? She has been working for our seniors. I witnessed her work with them, and they are not happy with Lissette leaving. You all supported the Mayor before, except for Milady who is new. I believe changing their positions is not right if they will make the same money."

28-year employee Lissette Martinez, whose position is being defunded came up to speak next. "Petrick called us useless and I wish that Milady had told Petrick to respect us." Martinez then addressed Councilman Caba and told him, "In 2016, Helmin, you came to us."

Councilman Caba responded, "I never came to you."

Martinez continued, "I supported you (Caba) because you

came to me. I had supported you all. You all use these meetings to run for 2020. I didn't say anything against you guys. I'm hurt because of what you're doing to me after I and my family supported you all. I urge you all to try to run that senior center and have to write all those grants. You know that I do my work."

Sharon Hubberman came up next, "I give you all (the council) credit for listening to all of this. America has no color. America is all of us. All we have here is vitriol. Where is the vitriol when we discuss the bad water? We are in debt. Who is in charge? The administration. It is up to her (the Mayor) to hire people. We are not seeing the money from the PILOTS. I propose that politics should not be involved in running the city. I was called a racist and a chauvinist by the Mayor at the NAC-CP Mayoral Debate (in 2016). I've been talking about the water situation since 2016 and we need to focus on the quality of life."

As Hubberman spoke, some of the audience members were booing her.

Noelia Colon who is presently the public information officer came up to speak, "The Council doesn't have the power to defund us. We have the qualification and credentials for our positions. Civil Service does not recognize your power. Why don't you forfeit your stipends to save money?"

Mayor Diaz came up to speak, "You accepted a 3.7% budget. You misled the facts."

Petrick responded, "5.4% was presented to us in the beginning."

Law Director Carr responded, "It went from 5.4% to 3.7%."

Mayor Diaz continued, "You voted to accept 3.7%. No assessments were done for over 300 employees. You arbitrarily decided to defund these women. Some of them were here before I became Mayor. I did not know about these meetings or conversations that took place in 2016 (about who will become Council President). The posts (Petrick's Facebook page) came to my attention in 2018. I am staying focused on building up businesses and the community."

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak. He spoke about a police officer who made \$100,000 a year. "He drove the mayor to an event in New York. Leslie Dominguez (Former P.A. Dem Chair) was a Puerto Rican woman who didn't support the Mayor. What does Lissette Martinez do for her seniors at election time? She said she didn't want to be political, but she was a challenger (during an election). Two Puerto Rican women left the city because they weren't on the mayor's team. They never went to a political function. President Lincoln was a Congressman from Illinois. He served only one term because he was against the American - Mexican War. Maybe people came here to try to get a city job. Sharon Hubberman was bullied while she was talking."

After Silber made that comment, Hubberman shouted out, "Nobody bullies me!"

Billy Delgado came up to speak, "I was disrespected when invited to speak before the council and was not given additional time when the time was up. I haven't been to a meeting for two years. It's the same misinformation and everything falls apart. Issues are

not being faced and departments are in disarray. What do you expect if you invite people to speak and they are not given enough time? No one called the assignment judge about my position being defunded. I know because I talked to him. I came here in good faith and I fail to see leadership."

Councilman Caba responded, "This is embarrassing to the City of Perth Amboy that we are in this predicament because of the mismanagement of the administration. Can you imagine what would happen if we didn't get state funding? The school funding is \$300 million, and we pay \$25 million of it. We don't have multiple businesses. Little people can't pay high taxes and that's why we have illegal housing. We did the right thing by having a small tax increase. This has been political since 2012. Our prosecutor was a victim then. It shouldn't be about race. Morale is down in all departments and I don't want to say who they blame. We have barely 100 police officers. Is this going to continue every meeting? The 1% increase is better than the 2.5% increase and up. The important matters should be the sewers and crime."

Councilman Irizarry spoke up, "What was gained today? People can express themselves. It didn't work if you wanted to change anyone's minds. I'm not saying you should not be angry or upset for losing jobs. It's time for us to move on and take care of serious issues. The last 9 months have been difficult for the public and those involved. The council, our employees, and the city are demoralized."

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Game is Over



City Council Election 2014
*File Photo by Carolyn Maxwell 10/19/2014



City Council Election 2014
*File Photo Submitted 2014

The game is over. Even a blind man can see it.

May 2008: Wilda Diaz, Fernando Gonzalez, and Ken Balut defeated 18-year incumbent Mayor Joe Vas in a surprise upset landslide victory of 58% to 42%. Fast-Forward: November 6, 2012: Mayor Diaz gets reelected with running mates Fernando Irizarry and Lisa Nanton. Neither Irizarry nor Nanton had ran for a Council Seat before. Fast-Forward November 2016: Mayor Wilda Diaz is re-elected for a 3rd term. Running mate Fernando Irizarry was re-elected, and Helmin Caba was elected for Council. Caba had previously run unsuccessfully for Council in 2014.

Here is the thread: All the people who were running mates of Wilda Diaz secured a seat on the Council. I believe those candidates knew that Diaz had the star power and the backing (take it any way you want to) to help them secure a seat on the Council.

Let's fast-forward to the last

couple of years where it got ridiculous. At the last Council Meeting, all I heard from both sides of the podium was: "You are a liar! You are a liar!" This had to do with secret meetings and accusations being hurled by some council members and the Mayor that flew left and right.

Personally, I'm not on Facebook. When I do look on Facebook, it's on a public page. I've yet to have an account or to be "friends" with anybody. Facebook can be great to share information, but when you get to insulting parts, it gets really nasty. To tell you the truth, there have been people on both sides of the fence who have engaged in a lot of nastiness.

People have come before the Council and have made comments and talked about people who were City employees and had made derogatory comments about Perth Amboy residents. I think the whole world knows about the comments and postings on Council President Petrick's Facebook pages.

Here's a little fact that people try to hide – sometimes some of the most derogatory comments made about certain ethnic groups are made by those of the same ethnic group!

On one of my trips to Mexico, I remember saying a tour driver that he was driving too fast and that he might hit some of the pedestrians. He said to me that he would be doing the government a favor because there are too many people here. I was taken aback. You want to hear some really derogatory comments, and I don't want to put people in a pigeonhole, but it's lovely hearing some young people walking out down the street after school referring to people with the "N" word. Isn't that lovely?

I have a friend who had an expression: "Here's a dollar. Go buy yourself a clue."

Some people should have a handful of dollars in their fist.

In 2018, there was a big blow-out pertaining Council President Bill Petrick's Facebook page where he liked some posts that were sent to him. Mayor Diaz responded with a rally at City Hall Circle where a small group of people were protesting with signs and speeches were made demanding Petrick's resignation.

This year there were protests again inside and outside City Hall and Petrick's business.

Then there was a woman who worked for Governor Phil Murphy who made derogatory com-

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Gun Regulation

A recent letter called for "strict firearms laws" to save lives, and quoted CDC statistics. Were neighboring states like Pennsylvania, Vermont, and New Hampshire omitted to stack the results? Since all states have democratic governments why do they have different laws? Is there something that can't be mentioned? Rural areas have less crime than densely populated cities. Firearms are used for pest control and hunting.

In 1968, a time of turmoil, Congress passed a Gun Control

Act. There were 15,000 violent firearms deaths that year (8,000 suicides, 7,000 murders). After 25 years this number escalated to 30,000 deaths. No lives were saved by this strict firearms law! If a law has unintended consequences shouldn't it be abolished or changed?

I recommend doing your own research and not believing in unverified claims from Gun Prohibitionists. Statistics for an entire state distorts the figures for a particular area.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

The Perth Amboy Way

As we all know by now, the old Naval Training Center on Front Street was torn down for something new. But what? Well, there's talk going around town there might be condos going up on that property. This is just

talk, but it wouldn't surprise us. Yes, build baby! Build! Pack them in and bring in those new voters: "Waterfront Property". Yes, buy them now and then turn them over to "Affordable Housing (Sec-8)". It's the Perth Amboy way.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

What do you think? Send us a response!

ments about certain religious groups and there was silence. Some of our leaders should have called her out on it. She was part of a group that would support Mayor Diaz.

Despite all the protests against Petrick to resign. Guess what? He and his running mates had a decisive victory over their opponents including the Diaz endorsed tickets. This is the first time that Diaz's candidates for the Board of Education and the Council did not win a single seat.

Here's the bottom line: Apparently, the voters do not have time for all of this nonsense going on. You can scream misogyny, racism, sexism, whatever. The people spoke at that election loud and clear. They were over it. Enough already!

We know what is going on with these games, (positions being defunded). It's called tit for tat.

People came up to speak and said that its Puerto Rican women who are being discriminated against. All of the people who worked in the Mayor's Office had been Puerto Rican women, except for the late Marian Brehan (former Mayor's Secretary who was already in place). Every other person in that position after Brehan was a Latina woman. Other than that, the only men in the Mayor's Office were Hector Bonilla and Irving Lozada who were both the Mayor's Aides. Many people felt it was unnecessary when a Chief of Staff position was established with a considerable salary attached to it.

It was stated at the last Council Meeting of the over 400 City employees, over 300 are Hispanic.

I can understand these women being frustrated about being moved to another position. There have been other City employees that were transferred to other departments from positions they really liked. It had nothing to do with defunding. I would not be surprised if in a few months those women would be right back in the office that they were in maybe under a new title.

When I worked for the phone company, there was several times when I had to be relocated because of restructuring of departments. One department was being moved from New Jersey to Colorado. This department had around 30 employees. These employees had the option if they wanted to keep their jobs in that department, all they had to do was move to Aurora, Colorado. About 15 employees opted to do so, while the rest of them decided to find positions elsewhere either within or out of the company.

So, here we go again. With the protests, the signs, the shouting, misogynists, white supremacy, no justice – no peace, racists, etc.

Many people are struggling in their own situations. Look at all of the temporary agencies that we have in town. Sometimes it's hard for people to sympathize, especially knowing you will still will be gainfully employed.

I remember all those successful Latina businesswomen that were with Diaz in the beginning that I no longer see.

2020 is just around the corner. I wouldn't be surprised if a Darkhorse candidate comes in and rises to the top. People get fed up. Remember 2016. Let's see how this all plays out. **C.M.**

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General's Office

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

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Perth Amboy

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WED. Oct. 9 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
THURS. Oct. 17 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.
THURS. Oct. 24 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

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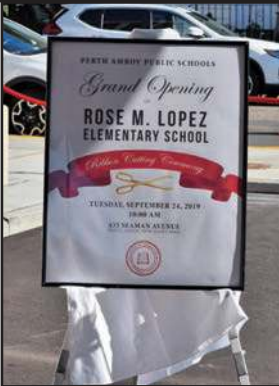
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Ribbon Cutting of the Rose M. Lopez School, 435 Seaman Ave., Perth Amboy 9/24/19

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Collage of Rose M. Lopez Awards and Accomplishments



Welcome to the Ribbon Cutting



Jose Lopez, Husband to Rose M. Lopez stands by a portrait of Rose



The Rose M. Lopez Elementary School



Master of Ceremonies Dr. Vivian Rodriguez



The JROTC Leads the Pledge to the Flag



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Asw. Yvonne Lopez



Rose M. Lopez Principal Edwin Nieves



Jose Lopez



The Audience



Unveiling the Plaque



Ribbon Cutting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – On a bright Tuesday morning, the table was set for the ribbon cutting of the Rose M. Lopez Dual Language Elementary School, 435 Seaman Ave. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez was Master of Ceremonies. She thanked everyone for coming.
Superintendent Dr. David Roman came up to speak, “This school is for beautiful spaces. We have a robust bilingual program. We are a celebrated district. This symbolizes the realization and expression of dreams. It’s important at a time where this nation struggles with inclusiveness. This school exemplifies what we have to offer. It shines the light where our student voices can be heard. Perth Amboy has the only two stand-alone Dual Language Schools. The Rose M. Lopez School stands as an example to the State. This is the birth of an idea that has come together for a purpose. We’re committed for the new High School to open up in summer 2024.”

Acting Chair of the SDA (School Development Authority) Manuel Da Silva came up to speak next. “What a wonderful day here in Perth Amboy. I’ve had the privilege of opening 4 schools myself. Millions benefit from schools built by the SDA since its inception. This \$56.4 million school addresses overcrowding needs. This effort will continue with the new PAHS. I want to thank Governor Murphy and his administration. This (building schools) also creates jobs for New Jersey’s construction industry. This is a great day for Perth Amboy, honoring Rose M. Lopez.”
Board of Education President Ken Puccio spoke next, “Ten years ago, this district was down here. We have grown by leaps and bounds. We’re a lighthouse district. Our graduation rate has improved immensely. We’re lucky the SDA has invested around a half billion dollars in Perth Amboy. Ms. Lopez was an advocate for our kids and the community. I want to thank Dr. Roman and the past and present

Board of Education Members.”
Board of Education Vice President Tashi Vasquez spoke next. “Perth Amboy is a City of Firsts. Ms. Lopez is one of them. When I was in the Fourth Grade, I had the privilege to be in the first New Jersey Public School to use uniforms: PS-5. Ms. Lopez back in 1989. This school is more than just a building – it’s a community. The boys and girls attending this school will be promoters of change and our future leaders.” Vasquez thanked everyone who made this day possible.
Mayor Wilda Diaz spoke next. She began by thanking everyone. “You have created something special. It’s the first Dual Language School in the State of New Jersey. I remember her (Ms. Lopez) as a teacher. Her Saturday Morning Family School Programs enriched the lives of many families and children. As we stand here hand in hand and build a community together. I thank the SDA for investing in our City.”
Assembly Speaker Craig

Coughlin spoke next, “There is a lot of thanks to go around. \$56 million from the State is money well invested. There will be an incredible education for generations of students to come. I believe public school education is the backbone of the students of this great country.”
Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez spoke next, “I’m a proud product of Perth Amboy’s school system. I worked with Ms. Lopez at E. J. Patten School and the Saturday Morning Family School. I remember Mrs. Lopez. She would be proud of a dual language public school.”
Edwin Nieves, Principal of the Rose M. Lopez School came up to speak next. “It’s an honor to be Principal of the Rose M. Lopez School. There’s something special taking place here. It’s super special as a parent and a grandparent. This marks the end of the journey. For all of us, we’re here in the one moment. There’s 600+ people in here to come only as we work as a team. The hope is in that building. We’re not teaching kids as they

did 100+ years ago. Learning spaces (here) are designed to teach kids how to think and collaborate. They are our future leaders. I’ve never met Rose M. Lopez. Now, after six months, she came to me in ways, what we believe in. These students are our future.”
Rose M. Lopez’s husband came up to speak next and was greeted with a standing ovation. He thanked everyone. “Now, I have a place to put all of Rose’s trophies and plaques. I created a collage (of Rose’s accomplishments). President Lyndon B. Johnson was a teacher who first worked with Mexican students. In the 1960’s the Bilingual Program was one year which the following year became the Dual Language Program. Ralph Gunn was Director of the Bilingual Program and he set requirements of what being a bilingual teacher in New Jersey is. Rose went in Lakewood, New Jersey and began the first bilingual

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Gardening & Lunch Programs Discussed 9/19/19 Board of Education Meeting



9/19/19 Board of Education Meeting

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – The Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. After a 2-hour closed session, the open portion of the meeting began.

Student Representatives Delilah Morales and Anthony Diaz spoke first. They stated that the Class of 2022 recognizes the important of pride. They stated that all students are receiving laptops and there are many AP (Advanced Placement) Courses. There are programs where students can take courses at NJIT, Seton Hall, and Kean University. There is the launch of Freshman Academy. The Perth Amboy High School football team is now 2-0.

During the public comments on agenda items only, the sole speaker was Donna Tartz of the Perth Amboy Federation. She stated that the Federation attorney and Board attorney will discuss the details of issues with certain agenda items.

There was a brief discussion about Item FIN-18)31. Acceptance of the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Grant for the 2019-2020 school year for the following schools: Under the Supervision of each School Principal, Mrs. Carmen Southward, Director of Operations, and Ms. Jasmin Minaya, Food Service Manager:

Board Member Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe asked, “Is

this who maintains the school grounds?”

Board Secretary Derek Jess answered, “The gardens are straight run. We are able to provide vegetables that students never had before. It’s in the Elementary and Pre-K as well.

Board Vice President Tashi Vasquez asked about FIN-18) 37.) Approval to increase the cost of school lunches in accordance to Section 205 of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 and as mandated by the PLE Price Adjustment Calculator. Paid lunch for preschool and elementary to be increased from \$2.70 to \$2.80 and paid lunch for Middle, High School and Adult School from \$2.95 to \$3.05. Under the supervision of Mrs. Carmen Southwood, Director of Operations, and Ms. Jasmin Minaya, Food Service Manager.

Board Secretary Derek Jess answered Vasquez’s question, “It’s increased at a 10 Cent raise so we all can be on the same page. In compliance with state requirements, every year it is raised 10 Cents more.

Vasquez then added, “I want to know that it’s due diligence of the staff – we can pay for lunches online. You have the option of paying thru the parent portal.”

Superintendent Dr. David Roman answered, “We do have an app for this.”

Director of Operations Car-

men Southward came up to speak on this matter, “Preschool parents can have an access code to parent portal. I’ve spoken to the preschool. Contact the secretary to get the code to access parent portal. You can contact the homeschool liaison or the school secretary.”

Later in the meeting, Board Member Junior Iglesia asked about the Student Code of Conduct, “When we make a promise, I feel it’s important to keep that promise. The Student Code of Conduct is in 2 layers. I would like to recognize Dr. David Roman and all staff. It’s important to take our district where we want it to be.”

Board Vice-President Tashi Vasquez thanked everyone who helped build the playground on Chamberlain Avenue. “It was a success. There were over 240 volunteers including a lot of Perth Amboy High School students, and many (student) athletes and staff who brought their families. Thank you. We’re planning to do it again across the town.”

No one spoke at the public portion. Board Members Lisette Lebron and Dr. Danielle Brown were absent. Board Member Jesus Martinez left early, and Board Member Randy Convery arrived late. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting of Rose M. Lopez School

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(Spanish/English) there. Every time Rose went to apply for a job, she brought a nun with her. Because of Rose’s time in Lakewood, she became Bilingual Director in Lakewood, Patterson, and Elizabeth. In 1977, Rose learned there was a job in Middlesex County. She brought a Roman Catholic nun with her. Rose got the job. In 1982 she was working with Dr. Kearny. Rose came into an interview as Principal in New Jersey with a nun. She came home and said I got a job with Frank Sinatra (referring to the Former Superintendent of Schools in Perth Amboy). I thought at first (the singer). You see, Rose was a trained musician. Her school was pre-Julliard. Because of her love of music, we went to many concerts. “It’s not that Frank Sinatra,” she said. Rose gave her heart, body, and soul to the children of Perth Amboy. She

came to work at 7 a.m. I used to run sometimes for miles. I made friends with the owner of the Brass Rail in Matawan and the Red Paint Diner. Both got to know Rose and came to her funeral. When she spoke of the Saturday Morning Family School, she said, “It’s my school.””

Lopez continued, “She played in church. A musician, she was once a music therapist in the psychiatric wing of Belview Hospital. She could not stand the sadness, so she stopped going. Rose was an excellent typist and was once secretary for Peter Jennings (Commentator for ABC News).”

Lopez, now in tears spoke of the children’s book, “Something Special for Me,” by Vera Williams. “The book mimics Rose’s life. There was a man on the street with an accordion. Rose played the accordion. I would like to give the schools Rose’s accordion, plus 25 plaques of Rose’s awards. Vera lived in

Washington Heights. The accordion is a delicate instrument. IN January 1998, many people didn’t know Rose was sick. At her retirement dinner, she was in incredible pain. “Smile” by Charlie Chaplain was her favorite song. In January 1998, she was playing the accordion. “Joe, I can’t hold it any longer,” she said. She put the accordion on a stool. On the last day of her retirement, I had secretly made arrangements that the JROTC go to the Elementary School and blow their whistles just like a Captain leaving his ship. The Cadets whistled as she walked out of school, but she walked back in, “I’m not finished,” she said, referring to helping out the new Principal. There are a lot of stories.”

After Jose Lopez spoke, there was a plaque unveiling and the ribbon cutting. The Rose M. Lopez School has officially opened.

Fire Chief Ed Mullen Discusses the Fire Department Needs 9/23/19 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – Fire Chief Ed Mullen discussed with the Council a desperate need for a new firehouse, additional equipment, and additional personnel. “So far, this year between September 20, 2018 thru September 20, 2019 there have been over 2,500 incidents and 200 fire responses. There is a need to have additional personnel because each shift requires 17 people. We’re down to only 15 (per shift). With the addition of the Seaman Street School, the response time to get to a fire on the other side of town has increased to 8 minutes. Response time for all fires should be under 4 minutes. That is why we need to have a second firehouse built. We have money for an architect and design work. We already looked at one location which has everything in place. Our response time to get to a fire is our number 1 priority. The Fire Prevention Program was moved to be put under the Fire Department. 500 inspections are performed annually because of having two part-time employees. We’re asking to have funding for the firehouse in place for 2020. The revenue has been set in the ordinance. The State keeps a part of the money generated by the inspections. Inspections should be made for all two-story structures annually. These inspections can help reduce fire hazards. People who have violations are given a 30-day abatement to correct them before fines are issued. The current fleet is basically new, except for Engine #3 which needs to be replaced. The cause of some of the larger fires are due to smoking materials or improper electric wiring. As far as commercial buildings, all appliances should have their own outlets. We are coming up to Fire Prevention Month. We go around to schools and have an open house at the Fire Station. We have two crews instead of five. During the El-Boy (corner of State Street and Dekalb Avenue) fire, we had minimum staffing and we were there for 17 hours. A South Amboy Firefighter fell through a floor and was injured.”

Council President William Petrick spoke up and asked Mullen, “Do you have any out-



Fire Chief Ed Mullen

reach programs to ask for volunteers?”

Mullen replied, “It’s hard. Even Avenel and Keasbey are getting paid firefighters. Some of our volunteers left because of not passing the test. Other towns are struggling (in getting volunteers). Some volunteers left because it’s difficult to balance a full-time job and go through fire training. And we have those who claim presumptuous cancer. You can get paid medical care when you state you got the cancer from fighting a fire. We have received a donation of \$195,000 from Buckeye for training firefighters and to use the foam tinder material. Mutual aid is supplied by the Kindermorgan Fire Department. The fire department is broken down into levels: The Fire Chief, Administration, Captains, Fire Officials, two part-time Fire Inspectors, and Battalion Chiefs. Each truck has the driver plus two crew members. The fire engines are the only ones who have the hoses. We have 5 fire companies. We’re looking at two properties on Amboy Avenue that are possible locations for the new firehouse. I don’t see any congestion problems on Convery Boulevard, even with the proposed new High School. because it is a 4-lane highway.”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr spoke up, “We had a meeting with the designer and architect to look at the Convery Boulevard location. They are specialists at building firehouses and they will not have to use subcontractors. They have built over 300 firehouses. 70% of the 2019 Fire Department budget has been expended.”

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Discussion Focused on Prohibited Parking, Lawsuits, and Trash Pickup

9/23/19 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – During the discussion on Ordinances First Reading, Councilman Joel Pabon had concerns about Ordinance No. 2 regarding: Parking Prohibited on Andrews Drive and Wagner Avenue. He discussed the HEAT Bar whose patrons would park on those two streets. “If we grant these residents to have prohibited parking, then I think the patrons of that bar will just go and park on other streets in the Spa Springs Section. You need more patrolling of that club. Al Cibelli’s (The former establishment) never had any trouble.”

Business Administrator Carr responded, “They (The HEAT Bar) had a deal with the gas station next to it to allow the patrons to park there.”

Council President William Petrick then spoke up and stated, “The Andrews Street Residents are just looking for some kind of relief.”

Pabon continued, “The HEAT Bar should hire a police officer. It would drastically help them.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke up. He also had concerns about this ordinance. “What about other residents near bars? Do they ask for the same consideration? And what happens if the police don’t respond to those resident’s complaints?”

Petrick said, “If the police don’t enforce the ordinance, then we will have to bring the police here for discussions.”

Irizarry then went to another subject regarding the trash pickup on Wagner Street. “We need to change the hours for the cars to be removed off of the street.”

Department of Public Works Director Frank Hoffman came up to answer Irizarry’s question, “We need to get to the streets early, so we don’t interfere with the school buses on the road, so we start out at 5 a.m. We have to get our trucks in early for pickups, and we may have to tow cars that are in the way.”

There was a question if they could have smaller trucks come in pick up the trash in the Budapest section (which has smaller streets).

Hoffman explained that the smaller trucks would have to make more trips. “We have trucks (that have extended mechanical arms).”

There was then a question regarding Resolutions 415-9/19 and 416-9/19.

R-415 – Placing liens on property for charges incurred by the Department of Public Works. B.A. explained that these prop-

erties were on the abandoned property list.

Council President William Petrick questioned, “Why do we never go after people like Anchor Marine like we do for people who own small properties?”

Regarding R-418-9/19 – Extending the contract with Peter J. King Esq., and the law firm of King, Moench, Hirniak, and Mehta, LLP formerly known as King and Petracca, LLP to perform legal services beyond the regular duties of the Director of Law in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

Law Director King explained, “Some of the cases are active litigation involving the City and PARA acting in bad faith. Kushner was involved in that suit.”

When Joel Pabon heard the name Kushner, he mentioned the lights that were out by the Landings property. “Those lights were connected to the old naval building and then all of a sudden the building was knocked down.”

King went on to explain other duties were performed regarding R-418. “There was an employee who went on maternity leave and was paid for it and she never came back. We went to get the money back and she filed for bankruptcy. We are still working on that case. Another case involved the Benny Ruiz lawsuit where he claimed backpay because he was found not guilty. We won that case.”

Petrick spoke up and stated, “I would like to know what Kushner will do with the old naval building property.”

Pabon spoke up and stated, “I would guess that Kushner will pay less taxes now that building no longer exists.”

During the public portion, resident Alan Silber came up next and asked, “Can some of the speakers can talk louder so people can hear what they are saying?” He then asked, “When we hired an assistant prosecutor, was it a new position?”

King responded, “There used to be two prosecutors and one left due to retirement but said they would return if they were paid more. An assistant prosecutor was hired by the Mayor.”

Silber continued stating that a judge shut down the court and this judge was in conflict because of having many relatives employed by entities of the City. “Was it a conflict to have that judge close the court? Was it proper for the assistant prosecutor to come a Council Meeting to talk about Puerto Ri-

can women being discriminated against?”

Silber then questioned R-414 and stated, “This is a new law firm. If work was done, then it should say the exact amount and not the phrase not to exceed the amount of.”

Petrick responded and said, “The Resolution did have an exact amount.”

Silber then said, “It should have stated that.”

Resident Vance Mackiel came up to speak next. He had a question regarding Communication No. 5 – Anchor Consultant, LLC submitted a copy of the NJDEP Waterfront Development Permit Application Package for Kinder Morgan Perth Amboy Terminal Dock B Dock House at 920 High Street.

He asked, “When the City was recovering from Superstorm Sandy, there was 1 million gallons of oil spills. Have they stabilized their properties to prevent this from happening again? The smell of stench was a result of those companies not taking care of their properties.”

Council President Petrick spoke up and suggested that Mackiel write a letter to the NJDEP about this.

Mackiel responded, “It’s not proper not to discuss this. Discuss this with the City Engineer. It’s your responsibility. You submitted information to FEMA.”

Petrick then suggested that Mackiel come to the Planning Board Meetings because the City Engineer is always there.

Mackiel then finished his statement with, “Environmental concerns are of interest to the whole state.”

During the Council Comments, Councilwoman Tejeda asked if the money that came from Comcast could be used for the safety of children in Washington Park.

Petrick responded, “The money went into the general fund and we can look at using it at Washington Park.”

Councilman Joel Pabon suggested that they talk to Kenny Ortiz in the Department of Recreation and Frank Hoffman in the Department of Public Works regarding this information.

Tejeda also asked if the Council can get the agenda earlier.

B.A. Carr responded, “We needed to put the firefighter’s contract on the agenda and that is why it was delayed.”

Perth Amboy NAACP Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Unit of the NAACP meets Monday Oct. 21, 2019 at the Jankowski Senior Center, 1 Olive Street Perth Amboy NJ at 7 p.m. sharp. All are welcome. Reverend Donna Stewart President.

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, Oct. 3, 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. John Paul II Seniors

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

Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church will be holding their Pirohi Sale at \$9.00 per dozen. Orders may be called in from September 23rd to 25th, 2019 to 732-826-7067 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Please call early to be sure your order gets in. Orders may be picked up on October 1st or 2nd, 2019 at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Orders can be picked up after 2:30 p.m.

Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (Children's Library), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 732-261-2610.

Farmers Market

WOODBIDGE – The Woodbridge Farmers’ Market is OPEN every Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Parker Press Park. This season, the WB Farmers’ Market has expanded with a brand-new “Jersey Fresh” farmer and specialty food vendors. Melick’s Town Farm Market joins the WB Market offering straight-from-the-field produce, vegetables, fruits, flowers, plants and organic specialties.

Ghosts and Legends with Jeff Belanger

WOODBIDGE - Historical Association of Woodbridge Township presents.... Ghosts and Legends with Jeff Belanger. Award winning, Emmy nominated host, writer and producer of the New England Legends Series on PBS and Amazon Prime, Jeff Belanger is a noted speaker, media personality and the author of more than a dozen books on legends and paranormal phenomena. Mr. Belanger explores unexplained happenings, the weird and creepy side of life using photographs and images, audio and video clips and a crypt full of paranormal experiences. A natural born storyteller, he captures believers and skeptics with his spooky tales and has been seen on The History Channel, CBS News, NBC and the Travel Channel.

This supernatural evening of Ghosts and Legends also will include who is haunting The White House. The program will be presented free of charge to the public by the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township at their monthly meeting to be held at 7p.m. at the new Avenel Performing Arts Center (APAC), 150 Avenel Street, Avenel. Children over 12 with their families are welcome to attend. A question and answer session with a book signing will follow.

Due to limited seating, tickets are required to attend and will be distributed on a first order basis. To order online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hawt-presents-ghosts-and-legends-with-jeff-belanger-tickets-73201173681>

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Angioscreen Event

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding an Angioscreen event, Wednesday, October 23, 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Learn your risk of heart attack and stroke. Screenings include carotid artery ultrasound, heart rhythm, blood pressure and screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm and peripheral artery disease. Receive a color report of your findings, education materials and consultation with a registered nurse. The cost is \$49.95. Registration is required, visit <https://www.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/events> or call 1-800-560-9990.

Yard Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Magyar Reformed Church is having a Yard Sale, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Church Parking Lot off Wilson Street. Tables are available: 1 for \$20 or 2 for \$30. In the event of inclement weather, we will hold the Sale in the Church center. For more information please call: Pam at 732-257-7182 or Laura at 732-521-1017.

Pet of the Week



Tyrion enjoys the South Amboy Arts Festival

Have a Special Pet?

E-mail us your Pet Photos to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

Perth Amboy

Board of Education Forum

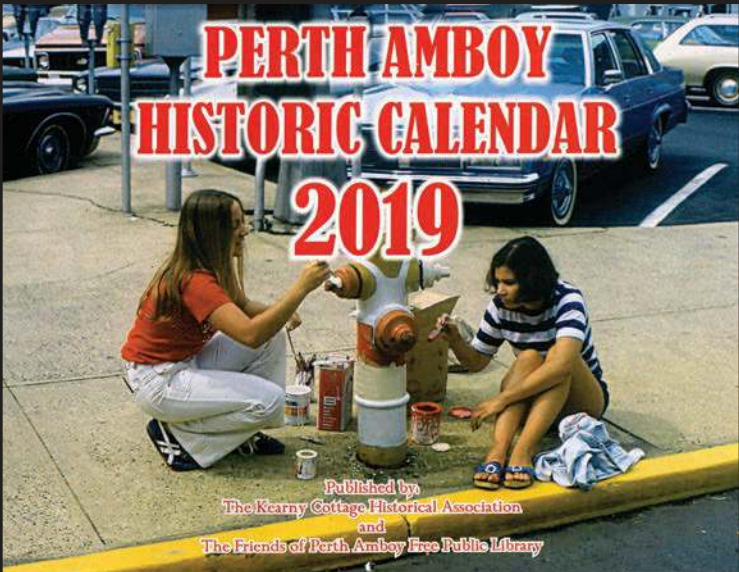
PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Federation is sponsoring the Perth Amboy Board of Education Candidate’s Forum on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in the Perth Amboy High School Auditorium, 300 Eagle Ave., Perth Amboy from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will be moderated by the League of Women’s Voters.

Candidates: There are Limited Dates to Send Your Platforms!

Last Print Ad Before Election is Oct. 16th
No Attack Ads for Oct. 16th Issue

Only Letters of Support for a
Candidate will be Permitted for Oct. 16th Issue
Call us for Website Ad Pricing for One or
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2019 Historic Perth Amboy
Calendars



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

#FTLO Quality Education Candidates Launch
their Campaign



Press Release
Perth Amboy—The #FTLO Quality Education Candidates Maria Rodriguez and Stanley Sierakowski successfully launched their 2019 campaign for the Perth Amboy Board of Education this past Sunday, September 22nd. Rodriguez and Sierakowski will be running on Column G this November 5th and are looking forward to advocating for our children on the Perth Amboy Board of Education. Both Maria and Stan have served our Perth Amboy Community with over a combined 30 years of service as County Committeeman and County Committeewoman.

Maria is a mother, a grandmother, and a retired business professional who has lived in Perth Amboy for over 45 years. “I know that a quality education is the only way our children will achieve success in life. They are the future and that is why I am running,” Rodriguez said.
Stanley, who is a Perth Amboy Alumnus and a retired Middlesex County Coordinator for Senior and Disabled Transportation, believes a quality education includes expansion of opportunities. “The pathway to success in America is to increase opportunities for students who are interested in pursuing college, trade schools,

or an artist’s profession,” said Sierakowski.
Rapid growth of enrollment in the Perth Amboy Schools remains at the forefront of concerns for both candidates. Smart planning and development is needed in our schools, and Rodriguez and Sierakowski are asking the Perth Amboy City Residents for the opportunity to serve on the Perth Amboy Board of Education to help enhance the education of our children and provide new and fresh ideas, and innovative solutions.
You can follow their campaign on facebook @FTLOQualityEducation.

Tom's Tax Tips

Help Older Adults
Stand Up Against Scams

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

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau recently reported in financial exploitation cases that older adults lost an average of \$34,200. Unfortunately, these funds are often never recovered. You can ensure this doesn't happen by learning more about scams and how to protect yourself. Here are some tips:

- **Recognize the scams.** The best way to protect yourself from a scam is to understand what they look and sound like. Here are a few key elements to look for when identifying a scam: Did you know? IRS impersonation scams are the No. 1 scam targeting older adults, according to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, with more than 2.4 million Americans targeted.
 - o You are promised a great offer or benefits
 - o You are forced to make quick decisions
 - o You are pressured to provide financial and/or personal information
 - o You are threatened
- **Know why you are a target.** You and other older adults may be targeted because you own a home, and have retirement savings and exceptional credit - a treasure trove for con artists to pillage. Scammers take advantage of trusting older adults because they're less likely to say no and sometimes have cognitive issues that affect decision-making skills. In other cases, family members and non-related caregivers may have easier access to their funds, making them more susceptible to theft.
- **Keep your personal and financial information safe.** Keep your bank information, Social Security card and other finances stored somewhere secure in your home. Think twice about what you are sharing on Facebook, and don't give out your Social Security or account numbers without vetting the person or company asking you for it. Con artists find useful information on social media sites about your family members and then pretend to be a relative who asks for money, or they could directly ask you for sensitive information over the phone or via email.
- **Hang up if you feel uncomfortable.** Don't worry about being impolite if someone on the phone is pressuring you into sharing sensitive information. Hang up. If the call comes from a company you trust, you can call back and ask for the department that handles your account to determine if the call is for a legitimate reason.
- **Turn down unsolicited offers.** If you receive a call or an in-person visit from someone you don't know selling you a product or service you didn't request, turn it down or tell them you'll decide at a later time. If the service or product interests you, conduct independent research on three suppliers. Proactively contact all three and determine the best offer. Include a trusted family member in the decision-making process. Doing this can effectively eliminate most scams.
- **Use direct deposit.** You can avoid having your checks stolen when you arrange for your checks to be directly deposited into your bank account. Ask your bank to show you how.
- **Speak up if you think you're a scam victim.** There's no need to feel embarrassed or ashamed if you think you've been scammed. Instead, let people know right away.
 - o Call your bank and/or credit card companies.
 - o Reset your account passwords.
 - o Call the police to report stolen property.
 - o Submit a consumer complaint using the FTC consumer Complaint Assistant.
 - o Report the scam by calling the United States Senate Special Committee on Aging Fraud Hotline at 1-855-303-9470.
 - o If you suspect elder abuse is also involved, contact adult protective services.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding your tax situation please feel free to call.

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 Red Army on September 29, 1944, begins to move toward Yugoslavia from Romania. Farther north, the Red Army begins amphibious landings to clear German Army Group North from islands in the eastern Baltic Sea.

On September 30, the German garrison occupying the French port of Calais surrenders to besieging Canadian forces. There is rejoicing in the streets of Dover, England, at the announcement that the last of the German cross-Channel guns (at Calais), which have pounded the southeast coast of Great Britain for three years, have been silenced.

Soviet troops enter Yugoslavia on October 1. In Finland, the Finnish Army continues its assault against German troops in Tornio, on the Gulf of Bothnia. In Greece, British commandos land at Poros, about 30 miles south of Piraeus, while Greek troops land at Lesbos and Lemnos, islands in the northeastern Aegean Sea.

The Germans on October 2 finally put down the Warsaw Uprising, after 63 days. The Armia Krajowa (Polish Home Army) is forced to surrender after all its food and ammunition has run out. The Wehrmacht, recognizing the Poles’ valor, agrees to treat the surviving combatants not as partisans but as regular POWs under the Geneva Convention. Some 9,000 Polish fighters have been killed in action, and 6,000 are missing. Between 150,000 and 200,000 Polish civilians have died in the fighting. The center of Warsaw is in ruins. Almost immediately, the Germans begin expelling the 500,000–700,000 civilians remaining in the city, moving them to a transit camp in Pruszków, about 12 miles southeast of Warsaw. Around a fifth of these will be sent to Nazi death camps, the rest will be transported to various destinations and released. The Red Army remains immobile on the east bank of the Vistula River, across from the Polish capital. In the Aegean Sea, the Allies land troops on the island of Crete. The Australian Army’s II Corps assumes the responsibility for mopping up and securing Papua-New Guinea. This frees up the U.S. Army’s XIV Corps to assist in offensives in the Philippines.

The Allies, which have besieged Dunkirk, in northern France, since September 15, 1944, on October 3 negotiate a 60-hour truce with the Germans to allow the evacuation of 17,500 civilians, as well as Allied and German wounded. North of Aachen, Germany, elements of the U.S. First Army break through the German forces holding the Siegfried Line. In Germany, the Messerschmitt Me-262 jet fighter officially becomes operational. A total of 40 are deployed at an airbase near Osnabrück, in northwestern Germany.

The British on October 4 launch “Operation Manna,” involving joint British and Greek activities in Greece in the wake of German withdrawals. The British 2nd Airborne Brigade makes a landing at Patras. Additional landings take place on Crete and other islands in the Aegean Sea. The Soviet 46th Army is within 10 miles of Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Meanwhile, the Soviet 3rd Ukrainian Front captures Pančevo, on the north bank of the Danube River, east of Belgrade. The Allies bomb Prague, Czechoslovakia, for the first time. On New Britain, in the Bismarck Archipelago of Papua-New Guinea, the Australian 5th Infantry Division arrives to relieve the U.S. Army’s 40th Infantry Division, which will be transferred to the Philippines. The Australians will continue to contain Japanese troops who have been bypassed on the island and mop up pockets of resistance.

Canadian troops cross from Belgium into the Netherlands on October 5. The Red Army enters Hungary. The Soviets begin an offensive to capture Riga, Latvia. The first German Me-262 jet fighter is shot down over the Netherlands; the “kill” is shared by five Royal Canadian Air Force pilots. In Germany, the minimum draft age for military service is cut to 16. Additionally, all hospitals are placed under military control.

Soviet troops enter Czechoslovakia on October 6, 1944. The Allies conduct heavy daylight and night-time air raids over Berlin. On Bougainville, in the northern Solomon Islands, the Australian 3rd Infantry Division comes ashore, relieving the U.S. Army’s 129th and 145th Infantry Regiments. The Australians will conduct offensive operations to contain or eliminate as many as they can of the 40,000 Japanese troops that have been bypassed and remain on the island. Several squadrons of the Royal New Zealand Air Force will provide air support for the Australian ground troops.

Forces of the U.S. Third Army make progress in Luxembourg and near Metz, France, on October 7. Warned of their imminent murder, Sonderkommandos — death-camp inmates forced by the Nazis to help dispose of corpses from gas chambers by burning them in crematoria — revolt at the Birkenau concentration camp (at Auschwitz), attacking SS guards with stones, axes and makeshift hand grenades. The uprising is put down by nightfall, with 451 Sonderkommandos killed, along with three SS guards. In the commotion, hundreds of other prisoners escape the camp, but all are quickly recaptured and immediately executed.

In Greece, British forces occupy Corinth and Samos on October 8. On the Western Front, the Allies face strengthening resistance from the Germans. In Cairo, Egypt, a meeting of representatives from Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Transjordan ends with a call for the formation of an Arab League. In the U.S., The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet makes its debut on the CBS Radio Network. The Nelsons’ sons, David and Ricky, are portrayed by professional actors, as the boys — aged 8 and 4, respectively — are considered too young to perform.

In the Soviet Union, the Fourth Moscow Conference begins on October 9, with Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin and U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union Averell Harriman discussing, among other things, post-war spheres of influence in the Balkans and elsewhere in Europe. Heavy fighting occurs in the region between Aachen, Germany, and Metz, France. In the Netherlands, the Germans shut off the electric power in Amsterdam.

The Red Army on October 10 reaches the Nemen River in Prussia and continues the fighting around Riga, Latvia. The Soviets reach the Baltic Sea at Memel, Lithuania, and cut off 26 divisions of German Army Group North. Allied combined forces — primarily British and Greek — take Corinth, in southern Greece. In the Pacific Theater, U.S. Navy planes from Adm. William Halsey’s Fast Carrier Task Force 38 bomb Okinawa. At Auschwitz, 800 Romani (gypsy) children are murdered by the Nazis.

The Red Army captures Cluj-Napoca in Romania on October 11. The Soviet Union and Hungary begin secret negotiations for a ceasefire. In the Pacific, Peleliu, in the Palau Group of the Caroline Islands, is declared secured, although fighting against Japanese pockets of resistance continue for another month and a half.

U.S. Navy carrier aircraft begin attacking Formosa on October 12. In the seven-day bombing campaign against the island off China, 650 Japanese planes are reported destroyed. In Greece, Allied paratroopers land at Athens airfield, British troops land on Corfu and the Germans evacuate Piraeus.

CASA of Middlesex County Seeking Volunteers

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

Join our next information session on Thursday, September 26th 6-7 PM and learn what it takes to be an advocate and change a child’s life forever.
RSVP to Nora Siklosi Szabo, at nora@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org
Where: CASA of Middlesex County office, 77 Church Street, New Brunswick
When: Thursday, September 26th 6-7 PM
For more information: <http://www.casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/volunteer>

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Table of Plenty

PERTH AMBOY – St. John Paul Parish will be serving meals on November 2nd, November 23rd, and December 21st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State St., Mechanic Street Entrance. Open to anyone who needs a hot meal. If you would like to donate food for these meals, please contact Rosemary: 732-826-5385 or Geri: 732-637-7593. Please use collection box in vestibule for monetary donations.

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have a book sale every other Saturday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center at the corner of Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the fall is as follows: Saturday, October 5, 19. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardcovers are \$1, \$5 for a bag full, no limit to size of bag except no lawn or garbage bags. We have best sellers by popular authors that are like new. The money we raise goes to support the library with providing programs, promoting literacy or to provide funds to the library with their needs beyond their budget. For more information email us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com, or call us at 201-381-1903 and like us on Facebook. Dealers are welcome.

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For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents
will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.
For more info please call 732-293-1090

Museum Pass Program

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

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

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

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

Pass Case: \$1
Museum Passes available:
•American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY | free admission and 1 free exhibit or show
•Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton NJ | pass admits 4 people
•Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, New York, NY | pass admits 6 people

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www.folperthamboy.com For more information, please call the Perth Amboy Free Public Library: 732-826-2600.

AMBOY SPOTLIGHT: Broadway Ange

Broadway Ange, 124 South Broadway, South Amboy, NJ 08879; Open: Mon.-Sat.: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Grand Opening of Broadway Ange on 8/17/19 Mayor Fred Henry (far right) and Councilwoman Zusette Dato (second right), friends and family celebrate the ribbon cutting.



Wizard of Oz Children's Table and Chairs was sold within one hour



Antiques for sale
*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Renee Banks (R) and Julia Wyrzuc (L)



Mayor Fred Henry and wife, Linda



Lovely Memorabilia



Renee Banks

By: Carolyn Maxwell
SOUTH AMBOY – Broadway Ange is the latest business to recently open in South Amboy. The co-owners of this unique antique and décor shop are Renee Banks and Julia Wyrzuc. The Instagram Page is @broadwayange124.
I recently got a chance to talk to the owners. Renee Banks said she also had a shop at Winterhill Antiques located in Scotch Plains, and Summit Antiques in Summit, and another store “Pieces of Time” in West Orange.
As a little girl, Julia was always fascinated with antiques and would always play with old china sets placed on antique linen. Renee said that she and Julia’s mother, who is an actress

were best friends.
The shop also specializes in painting furniture and has online sales of any of their pieces. Not only that, but they did the painting and some of the carpentry work in the store itself.
Renee Banks lives in Linden, and I was curious how she found out about the vacant storefront in South Amboy. She explained that her father (who recently passed away – Retired Detective Sonny DePeyster) was a patient at Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center and she would constantly drive through Broadway when she would visit him. She was looking for a place to open up another antique store, and that particular spot caught her eye.
Banks explained, “In January

of this year is when I noticed the sign in the window, and I contacted the landlord. We acquired the property in July. We also specialized in doing estate sales. I remember at the age of 8 being fascinated with antiques. My first purchase at that age was an old doorknob.”
Julia then chimed in and remembered that she herself used to have tea parties at the age of 4.
When I first walked into Broadway Ange, I felt as if I was walking into a Norman Rockwell painting. It was very calm, relaxing, and inviting which is a reflection of the owners. There is something in this shop for all age groups and for all different kinds of tastes. There is a place for everything, and everything

in it has its place. You really have to take your time to look at every nook and cranny because there is always something new to be discovered. I remember going from the front to the back. As I was walking back to the front, there was some things that I discovered that I missed on the first trip. There was one item that caught my eye which unfortunately is not my size. It was a green, yellow, and white tweed suit. The outfit is timeless, well-constructed, and could be worn today.
This shop brought back memories of when I was growing up, especially some of the furniture. My Mother’s vanity set would have been right at home here. I could remember my mother sitting on the cushion seat look-

ing in the mirror as she combed her hair and applied her lipstick. Furniture and clothing was built to last, and that’s why they are called “antiques” and “vintage” – not like some of the throw-away material of today.
I think this shop is well suited and what is needed in South Amboy. I’ll say one thing. Renee and Julia share the same interest in antiques and vintage items. They both share a passion for preserving the beauty of the past and bringing it into the future. They invite all to see what they have to offer, even if it’s just to browse. Don’t be surprised if you walk away with a piece of history, (memories, and material).

MOVIE REVIEW: DOWNTON ABBEY

By: Anton Massopust III
“Your Majesty’s welcome, too.”
Downton - the award-winning phenomenon has been made into a big scale movie which continues the adventures of lies and loves of this family that occupies Downton Abbey. A royal post has been sent to the family, and after it is received, they are overjoyed that the royal family, the King and Queen of England are coming to visit them. It’s just for an overnight visit, but there also will be a parade with the military. Many stories overlap and continue. With the royal visitors come to Downton Abbey, all of the original actors who portrayed their roles from the TV series reprise their roles. The movie picks up right where they left off.
If you have fans of this series, they will love this and its bigger

grander scale showing off more of the grounds and the beauty of the house. The attention to detail is spot-on. What I really loved about this movie is they give a lot of story to the Grand Duchess, who is probably the most wonderful and most interesting character, as she sorts out her little intrigue in this royal visit. You get to see much of their beautiful clothes and the ins-and-outs of the servants as they sort out what this means for their household.
My only complaint is that you probably would say that they could have just done this as a TV movie and that would have been that. However, I think that this is just as fun to see it on the big screen as it is to see it on a large TV screen.
What I always liked about this series is that it has a sense of



humor and is also very serious all at the same time. This movie continues that wonderful tradi-

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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
The Blessed Virgin**

(Never known to fail)
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity *(make request)*. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee *(3 times)*.
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**Miraculous Invocation
to St. Theresa**

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

Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, TV picture, or receive roses, also can get a strange scent of roses in home even if no roses present. Must promise publication. J.M.P. 10/16

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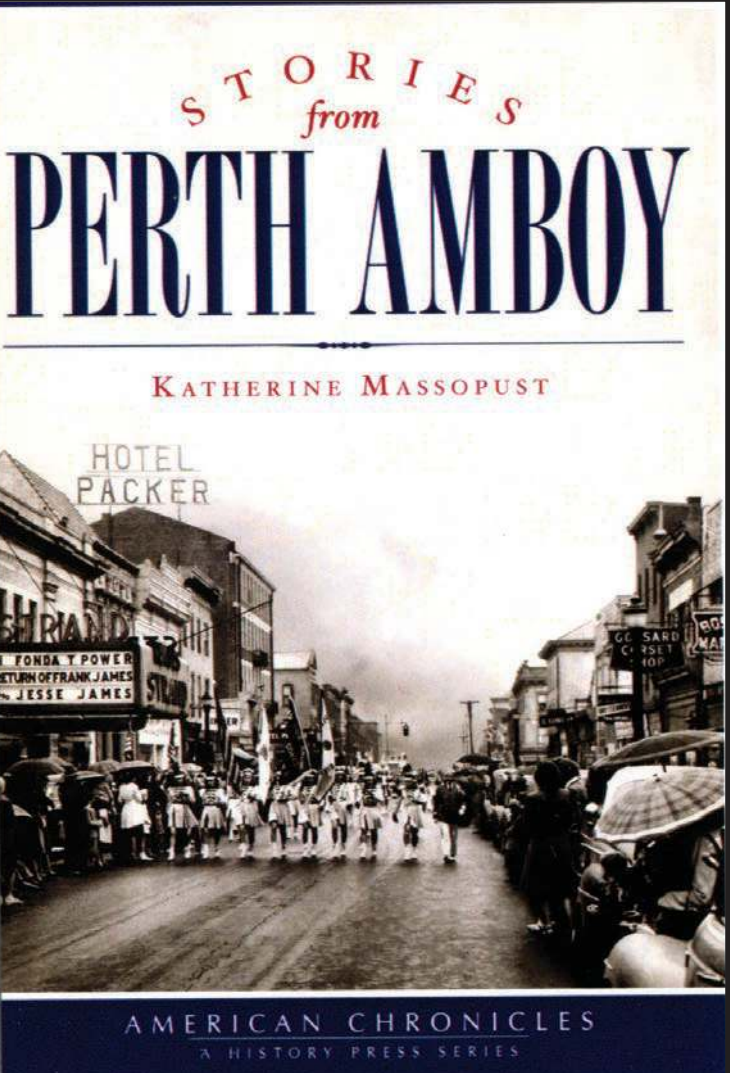
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- THURS. Oct. 3 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
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**Answers
From Puzzle
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Moose 1360 Little League Perth Amboy around 1967.

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This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.

South Amboy Art Fest, North Broadway 9/22/19

*Photos by Katherine Massopust



Blood Drive, Perth Amboy Fire House 9/17/19

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It Got Ugly

9/25/19 Council Meeting

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Fighting is not helping the situation. Put the axes and swords away everybody and move the city forward. This is a spectacle that people in other towns enjoy watching because it doesn't happen in other towns. Do I agree with what everyone says? I do disagree about what was said about our water. There are contaminants in the water of all towns. State and Federal standards say the water can have certain contaminants."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, "I'm 60 years old. My career is done and I'm moving forward. There are 476 city employees of which 334 are Latinos. The majority of people who voted in the last election put us back in here. I spoke for having money put back into the Mayor's salary. I told the Mayor I needed one person from her side and one person from the Business Administrator's side for layoff. I reached out to the prosecutor. You (the Mayor) did not defend those positions that were cut. I ask you to give

me information on what those people did. You never presented anything to me."

Mayor Diaz responded, "You voted every year for them."

Pabon spoke up and stated, "Let's look at those meeting minutes."

The Mayor answered back, "You (the Council) are always blaming someone else."

Councilwoman Tejeda spoke up, "Since I've been here, there hasn't been any cooperation. You (the Mayor) are the leader, but you are talking over everyone. You think this is the way to get people to come here. Employees got a \$20,000 raise. I really didn't like to see anyone defunded. Bring me the data about these defunded positions which was never given to me."

The Mayor shouted back, "You targeted them!"

Petrick concluded the meeting stating, "This is the image of our community. She (Mayor Diaz) promised to run for two terms. Now, she's going for four terms. This is a disgrace what she is presenting to the public."

For the consent the agenda R-410 thru R-425, it was moved

by Councilman Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Caba. Ordinance first reading No. 1 An Ordinance amending an ordinance entitled Fixing and establishing a schedule of salaries and salary ranges and increments for officers and employees for the city of Perth Amboy

re: Perth Amboy Uniformed Firefighters. Ordinance No. 1 was removed from the agenda. Ordinance No. 2 first reading (no public discussion) re: parking prohibited on Andrews Drive and Wagner Avenue was moved by Councilman Irizarry

and seconded by Councilman Caba. Councilman Joel Pabon abstained. Reason given he felt it would be opening up a can of worms, and residents in other areas of town where there are bars would want the same consideration.

Old Naval Building Demolished, Perth Amboy 9/22/19

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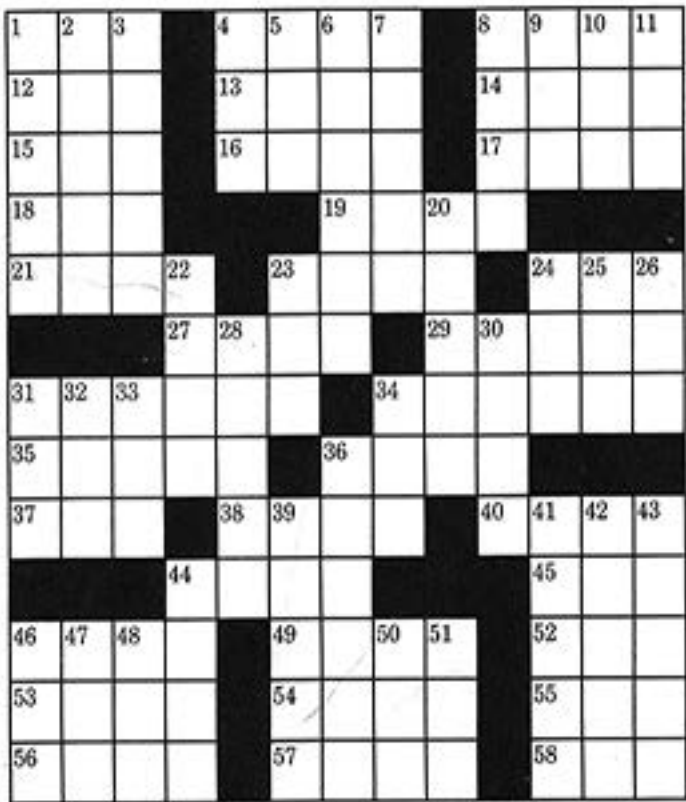
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4. Elongated circle
8. Genesis man
12. In the tradition of: 2 wds.
13. Harsh sentence
14. Soda-machine possibility
15. Signal for help
16. Be bold
17. Exam
18. Blasting compound: abbr.
19. Part of "MFA"

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

DOWN

1. Poles on schooners
2. Without any company
3. Fettuccine or ziti
4. Like Father Time
5. By means of
6. Scared
7. Sly glances
8. Plays a role

9. Fawn's mother
10. Gore and Jolson
11. Bathroom rug
20. Age after two
22. Final
23. Expire
24. Word with "neither"
25. Summer citrus drink
26. TV's Koppel
28. Call on
30. Singer Williams
31. "_____ sleeping dogs lie"
32. Fuss
33. Wee swallow
34. The _____ Commandments
36. Male feline
39. Takes five
41. Not wearing any clothes
42. Pimento-filled food
43. Become broader
44. In a nonchalant way
46. Old hand
47. Was a cross-country competitor
48. Petroleum product
50. Lumber-jack's tool
51. Cup edge



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