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South Amboy City Council Meeting 9/18/19 - 7 p.m.; Perth Amboy City Council: Caucus 9/23/19 - 4:30 p.m.; Regular 9/25/19 - 7 p.m.



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Municipal Board, Gateway Project, & Budget Amendments Discussed 9/9/19 Caucus & Council Meetings

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY - At the 4:30 p.m. Caucus Meeting, Councilman Joel Pabon requested that the Rent Leveling Board be discussed. Pabon stated that residents had concerns about this Board due to a tax increase and a possibility that rents may also go up. "The Rent Leveling Board had been in existence before, and I think it should be re-nacted because residents wonder where they should go (if they believe they have unreasonable rent increases)."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke up and questioned, "If the Mayor is not going to appoint people to this Board, then we should make a resolution to abolish it."

Pabon continued, "It's happening with other Boards where we have too many vacancies or when members do meet, they don't have enough for a quorum. It's happening with other Boards, too. We need to put more effort into advertising for all Boards (that have vacancies)."

Council President Bill Petrick then asked Law Director King, "What will be the power of the Rent Leveling Board?"

King stated, "The Board can hear renter's concerns about landlords raising rents above the limit. The Mayor appoints the members with the advice and consent of the Council."

The next discussion centered on Ordinance No. 1 for adoption - An Amendment of the Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area 1 (Gateway) in accordance with the local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

Annie Hindelang came up to speak when Council President Bill Petrick questioned, "Why is this Ordinance on the agenda pertaining to the warehousing?"

Hindelang explained, "Warehousing was not part of the plan. The ordinance was for mixed use buildings: commercial and residential."

Pabon then spoke up, "I think we are going backwards. We really don't want a warehouse which was presented at the two August 12, 2019 Meetings which I wasn't present at."

Hindelang continued, "In 2013, RFP's were sent out for that area. There were 2-3 responses. Tate Goss was one of those who responded. He presented a plan which would include an entertainment and residential use. If that was not viable, then warehousing would be part of the plan. Other groups came in and presented plans for putting in sports arenas. The numbers just didn't work for an entertainment center."

Council President Bill Petrick then asked, "Were you looking to put all the property for one particular use or were you going to break up the property for mixed use purposes?"

Hindelang responded, "We're looking to put it up for multiple uses. People still want to do retail."

Councilman Irizarry spoke up and asked, "Did PARA pass a resolution for warehousing in that area?"

Hindelang explained, "We had a letter supporting having a warehouse. All proposals were reviewed by PARA. I can



Councilman Joel Pabon accepted a check on behalf of the City from participants of the Extreme Jeep Show to add Veteran's names to the War Memorial on Sadowski Parkway *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

give you the PARA minutes and videos (regarding those discussions)." Hindelang then discussed, "The City is a member of the B.D.A. (Brownfield Development Agency). The City has to pay to be a member of the group. Other members include: Logistics, BRIDGE, and the County. The annual fees are between \$11,000 - \$12,000. The State chooses who the coordinator will be, and the coordinator will be responsible for any invoices and bills. Only 3 developers responded to the RFP's for the Gateway Project. They invested a lot of money presenting their projects."

Councilman Irizarry said, "I heard there was a developer of a hotel who is interested in building here, but he couldn't get funding for the project."

Hindelang responded, "That's true. And then there was no market for a hotel (in the Gateway area)."

Business Administrator Frederick Carr spoke up, "There are developers here to present a plan to see if the Council will vote on it."

Irizarry spoke up, "I have to see what's best for the City."

The first person to come up to speak was Attorney Aravind Aithal, who is with the law firm of Bob Smith and Associates. "A hotel is not financially viable for the City. A housing project would be more viable. Retail won't work. Over the 4 years that we have been presenting our plans to the City. Our plans have been very flexible. The City has certain constraints. Retail and warehouse will be parts of the project. Property owners are paying taxes and cleanups will be made. We have gone back and forth and did due diligence on what was proposed. The City and landowners have been waiting for decades for the property to be developed. Housing was taken off the table because the City didn't want it. Warehouses will work, but not a hotel. The kind of hotel project you want will not work."

Councilman Irizarry asked, "What economic rationale do you have that the warehouses will work?"

Aithal then asked for Michael Cahn, who is the regional Vice President of Viridian Partners to come up to answer that question. Cahn stated, "The property has 15 million negative impact already. There's no demand for retail. Viridian has gone through changes to address what you want. Revenue has to be considered - how much per unit and per square foot. We are still at

risk on the retail end. Things are driven by the market. Industrial use will be the best. We are not looking for a PILOT. 500 jobs will be created."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda then spoke up, "I am looking at something to put Perth Amboy on the map - and not warehouses."

Council President Petrick spoke up, "I'm excited about the retail space and your warehousing designs are beautiful. People have been coming here and have always said that 600 jobs will be created. That number has always been thrown around."

Cahn explained, "125 jobs would be under retail and the rest are benchmarked for warehousing jobs."

Aithal spoke up again, "The public health cost are factors, especially with environmental cleanups. Residential components are factors. Monroe Township has residential and retail. We are bound by what the City permits."

The next question that was asked had to do with resolutions R-372 & R-373 dealing with the lawsuit of Wilda Diaz vs. the Council of the City of Perth Amboy and William A. Petrick, Council President.

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and stated, "It upsets me that we have to do this when it wasn't necessary. We just want to keep spending money - and it's both sides."

Council President Petrick responded, "Because of me being named individually in the lawsuit, two resolutions had to be drawn up."

Law Director Peter King spoke up and stated, "Litigation is not for money."

Petrick then spoke up, "It's costing money."

King continued, "The DCA said the Mayor were not looking at a financial resource. You could have just used one attorney."

Pabon spoke up again, "At the end of the day, the taxpayers will pay."

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke up, "The financial impact is on the taxpayers. The Mayor was denied all of her motions by the court."

Councilman Irizarry said, "I do not like the language that are in the whereas clauses. It was abusive and confrontational."

Law Director King spoke up, "Only one bill was presented from the Bernstein law firm."

Irizarry spoke up again and

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Overgrown Property on Pupek Street a Major Issue

9/4/19 Business Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – Before the start of the South Amboy Business Meeting, JCP&L (Jersey Central Power & Light) Area Manager James Markey gave a brief overview of how JCP&L gives back to the community. “There are around 280,000 customers without power (due to Hurricane Dorian). The company sent a couple hundred workers to Florida (to help with power during Hurricane Dorian). It’s what we do. Restoration first – then back to business.”

Council President Mickey Gross added, “During Hurricane Sandy, there were 5 firehouses that didn’t have generators. We got 5 generators in 2 days. We thank the gentleman (the then Area Manager) from JCP&L who got them for us.”

Markey then stated, “You’re all professionals.”

Markey gave out his business cards and told the Council to contact him in case of any problems.”

When the Meeting began, Resident Larry Parsons who was very distraught. Parsons came to complain to the Council about the property behind his house which is full of overgrown weeds, etc. (46 Pupek). “3 weeks ago, I contacted Brian (Councilman McLaughlin), Fred (Mayor Henry) and Mickey (Council President Gross) about the property behind my house.” Parsons showed the Council photos of said property.

“This is ongoing with this guy (the owner).”

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski stated, “A contractor went down there. They are going to go down and we’re setting up on Saturday to go to each house to tell them what we’re doing.”

Parsons stated, “It’s an undoggy trough. That side of the trough – it’s growing wild with weeds. Originally, he did not build a swale.”

Council President Mickey Gross was adamant about solving this issue, “Tomorrow afternoon I want all City workers after 3 p.m. or when they get off to go down there, clean up that property and put them on overtime and bill it to the owner by putting it on his tax bill. It’s disgusting!”

Gross continued, “I want city workers to manicure that property!”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin stated, “I’m all for it, but can we get them to pay?”

Parsons then argued that he knew an 85-year-old woman who had gotten a summons for a minor infraction on her property.

B.A. Skarzynski stated, “These are two different issues that absolutely need to be addressed.”

Gross added, “There is no reason that he (the owner) cannot be cited every day. Fining this guy \$1000 is like shooting an elephant with a peashooter. Have City workers do it!”

Law Director Francis Womack stated, “We put a lien on it. We go in and do it, we should make him pay.”

Mayor Fred Henry felt that the City could have legal issues if the owner was making some sort of effort to clean up the property. “He’s (the owner) was out there (on his property) today.”

Parsons was still disgusted at the owner of the property, “Defiant (describing the owner) is the word!”

Gross was adamant about his feelings on this issue, “I had insurance this was going to be done by Labor Day!”

Council Vice President Christine Noble added, “It was supposed to be done by Memorial Day.”

Mayor Henry felt that the City may have ramifications of Gross’s plan if the owner was making some sort of effort to clean the property. “He (the owner) got something (some sort of equipment) there now.”

Councilman McLaughlin said, “As long as it’s not a dog and pony show.”

Councilman Thomas Reilly asked, “Has he been summoned?”

B.A. Skarzynski answered, “Yes, but his court date hasn’t come up yet.”

Mayor Fred Henry then stated, “Give him a shot. Keep fining him.” Henry then added, “We will definitely monitor it and make sure it’s done.”

Skarzynski noted that when the weeds will be cut, it will disturb any creatures (varmints) living there.

Law Director Womack explained, “When it comes to property, with a municipality, it’s straight forward. If there’s an overhang, the owner of the infringed property has a right to cut the infringement off. If it’s a tree, one has a right to get an order of who the person has the tree (where it is over their property) cut. You can get an attorney. There’s a sidewalk part and who is responsible. For an overhang issue, New Jersey never adopted a statewide statute. That’s covered with city code.”

Gross added, “The brush, high grass, and underbrush – it’s a public health violation!”

Womack reminded everyone that the trees were not considered a hazard unless they have branches hanging (causing danger) or if they are unhealthy. “That’s another matter.”

Reilly asked, “Who decides if it’s a hazard?” Reilly referenced the 85-year-old woman who was worried if a storm came and a tree would fall on her property.

Womack answered “If the next storm will take the tree down, we may make that determination if it’s a hazard. If you want me to speak to the woman, I’ll speak to her.”

After Parsons was reassured the matter would be taken care of, the regular meeting continued. Deborah Brooks was wel-

comed as the new City Clerk.

Under Requests and Invitations a.) B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated that he met with a traffic safety and the City is just letting everyone make sure that any handicapped individual that still has a parking space still resides at their address. The City is sending a letter to the residences of the handicapped individual. They have 60 days to reply and let the City know they still reside there.

Mayor Fred Henry asked that this be done every year. Skarzynski stated that could be done.

Under Business Items a.) Discuss a Resolution to Amend the City Policy. B.A. Skarzynski stated that this change was required by Federal Law. It refers to CDL now being required for all drivers working for the City of South Amboy. Skarzynski stated that there are now very strict rules regarding CDL’s. “There’s things we have to do.”

Business Item b.) Discuss a Resolution to purchase two police interceptors - SUV. B.A. Skarzynski stated that this was approved during the Budget process.

Business Items c & d dealt with performance guarantee and a change order and bond release for 2018 road improvements. City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz was not present at the Meeting, so these items were not discussed.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Remembering Russell O'Reilly



Local Authors Katherine Massopust and Paul W. Wang sign their books, “Then and Now: Perth Amboy” and “Stories From Perth Amboy,” at the Thomas Natchuras Apartments as Resident Russell O’Reilly and UAW Representative Jane Sarwin look on. The books were purchased for the library at the Natchuras Apartments.

*File Photo by Carolyn Maxwell 7/6/18

Another of Perth Amboy’s Residents who loved to keep Perth Amboy’s history alive has left us recently. That person is Russell O’Reilly.

I served on the PAHPC (Perth Amboy Historic Preservation Commission) when I was appointed as an alternate when Mayor Wilda Diaz decided to revive the Commission under the direction of the then City Historian Jack M. Dudas in 2009. At the time, Bill Pavlovsky was elected Chair and Russell O’Reilly was elected Vice-Chair unanimously. They were a perfect fit for the position. They loved the history of Perth Amboy. It was something ingrained from their youth. Because of work commitments, Bill Pavlovsky had to resign from the PAHPC and O’Reilly became Chair.

O’Reilly often spoke about the building which he resided in which was at one time the Town Tavern where it is believed that George Washington had stayed overnight. The Town Tavern (Smith and High Streets) later on became the Packer Hotel which burned down on March 17, 1969. The UAW built a new apartment complex there in the 1970’s. Because of the history of that building, Russell O’Reilly had the determination to have that building marked for its history. On Saturday, April 14, 2018 the UAW Building at 315 High St. was renamed the Thomas Natchuras Apartments in honor of Past UAW Organizer and Director, the late Thomas Natchuras.

Besides Russell O’Reilly, the people involved in preserving

the history of that building were: Harry Scheman, Tom Ward, Bill Pavlovsky, and Ken Balut. Unfortunately, Tom Ward and Bill Pavlovsky have since passed away and the project is still unfinished. As a tribute to Russell O’Reilly, I feel that project should be revived and completed in his honor.

As Russell O’Reilly began to have health issues, he resigned as a Historic Commissioner, but he always spoke about how he loved Perth Amboy’s rich history. A part of history dies every time someone who lived it passes away. That knowledge can never be replaced. Hopefully, he passed on some of that knowledge to his descendants.

I knew Russell for a long time. His knowledge and the love of history and Perth Amboy was always with him. That showed in his participation on the PAHPC which are trying to preserve the history of the town. I’ve worked with him on some of the projects of the PAHPC. This included 3 signs: one in front of Thomas Mundy Peterson School (State Street); in front of Barracks Street Administration Building, and in front of McGinnis School (State Street).

He served in the US Navy in the Vietnam War and has served on the Board of Education. Russell always attended the Amboy parades regardless of what kind of parade it was. He always attended (health permitting) the Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day services.

Perth Amboy has lost a son. RIP Russell. *C.M., K.M. P.W.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Conspiracy Theories

Is questioning the Warren Report a fantasy conspiracy theory? Only to the fooled who ignore the facts of the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

nations. Your Public Library has the books on the subject. Another letter confused the Armalite Rifle with AK47 assault rifles. Is that just ignorance? The use of black plastic is an engineering decision; when was

the last time you saw wood trim in an automobile? The AR-15 and other modern rifles meet customer needs and expectations. A self-proclaimed expert needs education.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Sardines in the School System

Here it comes! Another school year for the Perth Amboy School System. YES! Pack them in like sardines! Those traffic jams! Those poor teachers having nervous break downs

before class even starts. Still waiting for the new high school to be built. Yes, the schools are overcrowded, but you have to understand lots of babies are made in Perth Amboy, and how many come from other towns? And those Illegal housing are a part of it (2 family homes with

30 people in it)! I was told Perth Amboy will be a bedroom city and they were right. I guess it's something we have to live with. That's what those School Board Members will tell you. So, keep packing them in like sardines.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Letter to the Perth Amboy Police Department

September 3, 2019
Perth Amboy Police Department
375 New Brunswick Avenue
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Dear Chief McKean:

No one deserves to live in hell because of unruly neighbors who disrespect everyone and deliberately subject them to behavior that defies the ordinances people in Perth Amboy are supposed to uphold. Their constant and repeated disregard leads one to the assumption that they have been given immunity and are excused for their behavior even though it is disruptive to others. Police are summoned for the disorderly conduct that occurs during the daytime and well into the night or early morning hours. Yet there is no sign of it stopping because no fines are given, and the com-

plaints are made without any resolution causing one to wonder if the appearance of police is merely a pretense. Why only a few are compelled to comply to laws and ordinances while others live by modified rules remains a mystery.

People are made to endure the impossible from the tremendous stress they face in what is supposed to be the comfort of their own homes. They are kept up all night and cannot keep windows open but nothing is ever done to protect those in need from those who are arrogant and defiant.

Perth Amboy has taken many steps back after showing signs of growth and prosperity until now when there are no signs of it recovering from its losses. We used to have curfews but that has disappeared along with everything else that should be a priority. People are outdoors, on their front porches drinking to excess, playing loud music and raising voices well into the night. They continue to park on sidewalks, yet no tickets are is-

sued. Cars are double parked on the streets while police drive by and go around them without telling the driver to move. It doesn't make sense that someone has to call and report a violation that can be seen and heard by police who should act accordingly.

Unfortunately, Perth Amboy has given an inch that has become a mile to many who abuse every privilege given them and the rest of us are made to suffer the consequences of illicit behavior that goes unpunished. People are fearful of retribution and rightfully so especially after being called vile names for no reason, publicly humiliated by guilt ridden individuals whose only recourse is to frighten.

Hopefully having you at the helm will redirect the goals of Perth Amboy and its administrators for a better life even though that seems impossible in this present state.

C. Johnson

Letter to Mayor Wilda Diaz

September 3, 2019
Mayor Wilda Diaz
City of Perth Amboy
260 High Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
Dear Mayor Diaz:

Nothing good can and will come out of police response to the loud, boisterous, unruly, drunken behavior that is repeatedly reported by neighbors who suffer the consequences of individuals who seem to realize that no stern sanctions will be imposed on them. Shaking a finger at them has led to nothing more than far worse behavior of elevated proportion and spiteful conduct against innocent bystanders of 11 ethnicities except that of the people involved in committing repeated violations. Vile and snide comments against neighbors is becoming rampant and the verbal harassment contagious. Concerns that this will become more physi-

cal has instilled fear into many. Having others see this behavior escalate will empower them into falsely accusing and chastising those who are not deserving of such actions. Loud and public verbal assassination by the very people who are the basis of the problems as evidenced by the many complaints that have been made throughout Perth Amboy should not be ignored as have the many complaints brought to the attention of Administrators, Police and Council members who have done little or nothing to rectify the situations far too many of us face on a daily basis. At some point the city of Perth Amboy has to be held accountable for the dangers many of us face through retaliation from frightening and unsavory characters who seem to be sheltered from legal action.

Perth Amboy has lost its heart and soul and has become a haven of disarray causing its reputation to decline and deteriorate through the weakness of its

administrators. The foundation has crumbled with no assurance of restructure in the short term by individuals running the city nor those who are apparently running them. Residents of Perth Amboy have a voice that is not being heard. It is ignored and silenced by far too many who have no liberties to do so. It has become more and more apparent that the rumors of bias involving a particular group of individuals holds true. A group of people who have inundated the city, many of whom are illegal immigrants living in overcrowded and cramped conditions while knowingly committing violations of all kinds without remorse or fear of any legal action taken against them. Sanctuary does not mean free of all obligations. Nor does it mean transparent to the point of being non-existent in the eye of the law. They remain isolated among their peers who afford

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SEWAREN CORNER DELI	514 WEST AVE.
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AMBOY NATIONAL BANK	100 N. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BAGELS	105 S. BROADWAY
BROADWAY DINER	126 N. BROADWAY
CITY HALL	140 N. BROADWAY
COMMUNITY CENTER	200 O'LEARY BLVD.
KRAUSZER'S	200 N. BROADWAY
KRAUSZER'S	717 BORDENTOWN AVE.
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SCIORTINO'S HARBOR LIGHTS	132 S. BROADWAY
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CITY HALL	1 MAIN ST.
MAIN ST. FARM	107 MAIN ST.
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Proprietary
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Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel. 732-826-5527 E-mail: info@proprietaryhouse.org. Follow us on our website, www.theproprietaryhouse.org and or/ Facebook.

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

Historic Surveyor
General's Office

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

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!

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

THURS. Sept. 19 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.
MON. Sept. 23 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
WED. Sept. 25 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
THURS. Sept. 26 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Sept. 18 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

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stated, “I have to agree with Councilman Pabon about spending unnecessary money.”

Petrick then explained, “The amount of \$15,000 for each of the resolutions is the limit that can be spent, but it doesn’t mean we’re going to spend \$15,000.”

Irizarry spoke up again, “We don’t have the money for this. We have to go through resolutions, get them approved, and the Mayor has to sign off on them.”

King then told the Council, “The bill that the Bernstein law firm submitted was a little over \$8000.”

During the public portion, Ken Balut came up to speak. “The lights by the Landings walkway have not worked for months. An owner of one of the Landings units had a leak from her apartment to the apartment below. She received a summons for the leak. It’s Kusnher’s fault for not installing a firestop.” Balut then told the Council that things should not be presented to them until you know about what’s going on beforehand. You didn’t know about the company who proposed building a hotel (in the Gateway area). PARA is not giving you the information. Now I heard that the City had a \$2 million check that could be used to offset the taxes. When I was on the Council, we found money that Vas had hidden. The City did some work on a street and some of the asphalt that was used on the street was leaked onto a sidewalk. That should have been cleaned up.”

Councilman Pabon answered the question regarding the lights on the Landings walkway. “I have been talking about those lights for months. I was told the old naval building will be knocked down and it’s connected to those lights.”

Council President Petrick questioned, “Can we stop them from knocking down the building? Can it be historic?”

Law Director King responded, “It’s private property and they have received permission to knock it down. You can take them to court.”

Petrick spoke up again, “The federal government put up the building so it may be historical. I don’t know if it’s deed restricted.”

Councilman Joel Pabon suggested, “We shouldn’t get involved. Do away with the structure so we can get the lights working at the Landings.”

B.A. Carr told Balut, “The only money I can think about is the City received a check for an insurance claim and it would go back into the funds that it came from.”

At that point a gentleman from the insurance company employed by the City came up to speak about the \$2 million that Balut had mentioned. He explained that he and his associates went before several court hearings to get back a \$2 million claim they felt that was owed to the City. After several court appearances and appeal processes, the final decision was that the City of Perth Amboy was due to be reimbursed that insurance claim which was \$2 million which had to go back to the insurance fund.”

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak next. “Is the Council allowed to accept gifts?”

They all answered “No.”

Silber continued, “When it comes to legal bills, you cannot accept gifts – nor can the Mayor. And the Mayor can’t get pro bonos from a lawyer. How much money does it cost if the Mayor can do what she wants? The Mayor said the Council can’t get a lawyer – but she can. Her lawsuit was found to be frivolous. Why have a Council if you are being ignored? You are also paying for work that was already done that you didn’t vote on (R-392-9/19 – Awarding a contract to Topology for general planning services to the City of Perth Amboy for the period covering January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$17,499.00)

Businessman and Resident David Caba (who is also a realtor) came up next, “Since all 5 Council Members are here, could you tell me when Rector Street will be done?” He then started to talk about some of the closings he did on some of the Kushner units in the last 6 months on Rector Street. “There were 6 closings and each of the properties all of them sold for less than \$300,000 each. Yet Kushner bragged about a unit that he sold in Long Branch for \$2.7 million. Who is fighting for the Landings property owners?”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr told Caba that they don’t have a start date for the Rector Street road repairs.

Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak about R-378-9/19-Authorizing a refund of utility payments made in error to Prologis in the total amount of \$79,574.26 and waiving the interest on the account to be paid by Buckeye Partners LP.

Mackiel asked, “How many months is this payment for? Buckeye has disgusting looking tanks. Moving ahead, improving the City is beneficial to the Country, too. You need to go ahead with this Gateway Project.”

B.A. Carr told Mackiel, “The amount to be refunded to Buckeye are for one property on Amboy Avenue and one property on Convery Boulevard. The refund is from this year.”

Vince Mackiel continued, “Prologis is not being helpful to the City.” He stated he would also volunteer to be a part of the Rent Leveling Board.

Petrick told Mackiel he would have to fill out an application.

The Council went into closed session around 6:50 p.m. The Council returned at 7:50 p.m. to begin the Regular Council Meeting. At the beginning of the Meeting, Mayor’s Aide Jeanette Rios brought up members of a jeep club who presented a check to the City to pay for Veteran’s names to be added to the War Memorial on Sadowski Parkway. Rios requested that Councilman Joel Pabon who is a Veteran to come forward and accept the check on behalf of the City. Pabon was very appreciative of the club because he had asked that the jeep club do this fundraiser and they came through.

During the Public Comments on agenda items only, Resident Ken Balut came up first, “It was nice for the Jeep Club to raise money to add names to the wall

on Sadowski Parkway.” Balut then referenced R-374 which pertained to the City’s annual audit. He wanted to know why isn’t the Y mentioned in the audit report. “Didn’t the new auditors know that it’s a liability?” He referenced R-392 (paying Topology). “You are paying for work that wasn’t approved. PARA is not telling you everything. You should be aware of everything that is going on with them.” Balut then questioned the overpayment that Buckeye made. “Does the City have to pay Buckeye any interest back?”

Carr said, “Because it’s an overpayment regarding a water bill, there is no interest.”

Balut then questioned Ordinance No. 1 – regarding a payment to an engineering company of \$1 million to design a bridge (on Rte. 35). “Looking at the hourly rate to design a bridge. That’s where the cost is.”

Pabon responded, “I remember when a lot of people came here to talk about that bridge.”

B.A. Carr said, “We got a grant for the bridge design and 5 engineering firms applied. We talked to 3 of them and we chose one of the three to come to talk at the next regular Council Meeting. This firm has worked for the City before and New Jersey Transit.”

Council President Petrick asked, “Can we use an old design?”

Carr then explained, “The design had to be specific for that bridge.”

After the ordinances were voted on, Resolutions R-372 thru R- 391 and R-393 thru R-395 and R-397 thru R-405 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon. For R-392, the Council voted across “No.” For R-372 and R-373 when it came to voting, all the Council Members voted “Yes” except for Councilman Irizarry who voted, “No”. R-396-9/16 was pulled off the agenda at the Caucus Meeting. For R-406-R-407, all the Council Members voted “Yes” except for Councilman Irizarry who voted “No”.

For the Public Portion, Mayor’s Aide Jeanette Rios came up first. She referenced R-406 – Amending the CY 2019 Budget. She questioned, “If “We” meaning herself, the Public Relations Officer, an employee in the Office of Aging, and one Code Enforcement Officer – are we part of the 1% layoff?”

Carr responded, “Yes.”

Rios continued, “There is money. Is it about me or the money?”

Carr responded, “We have the money.”

Rios said, “Then it’s retaliation against me. We had a Mayor’s Aide position before, and this is my livelihood. I volunteered for 7 years in the Police Department and worked for \$12 an hour when I was in the Parking Authority. This is shameful.”

Joel Pabon responded, “Has anybody explained the process of how this was decided?”

Rios went on, “These positions have been defunded by the Council.”

Carr then spoke up, “She (Rios) will be placed in another position. Without a layoff, they can’t be bumped.”

Attorney Billy Delgado came up next, “Has the Assistant Prosecutor’s Office been defunded?”

Carr responded, “Yes.”

Delgado continued, “There was no process. I got a call from Law Director King and Business Administrator Carr. The Prosecutor’s Office? I’m astounded. We will see what happens on Wednesday when Court is back in session. 5 Puerto Rican women and 1 Puerto Rican male were defunded. Positions were defunded where there is money. We have the lowest paid Police Department in the County. You (the Council) just want to finger point. What is your plan? There may be a lawsuit pending about this.”

Noelia Colon, who is the Public Relations Officer came up to speak and referenced R-406, “I have been employed with the City since 2009 and I have been recognized by the City and the State for my work. There has been no explanation for me being defunded. Your actions have been unethical and illegal. There is money.”

Carr responded, “There is enough money to fund the 4 positions.”

Council President Petrick then responded, “Prior to this Meeting, there was no money. Now, money was found and we’re using that instead of using some of the surplus money.”

Lissette Martinez who works in the Office of Aging and whose title is also being defunded came up to speak, “Are you telling me you didn’t know about the surplus before tonight?”

Petrick responded, “I knew before tonight.”

Martinez responded, “We know your character. I have 28 years with the City. I went from the Board of Education to here. You (Petrick) don’t care about values or quality. The seniors love me, and I love what I do. I will be in another position, and I will continue to do my job wherever I’ll be. You have daughters.” Then she addressed the Council as a whole, “Some of you have daughters. You may have won the battle, but not the war.”

Resident Junior Iglesia came up to speak, “Your decision affected the community. I try to understand your rationale. Just please explain the way you voted.”

A City Worker from the Office of Human Services came up to speak, “We are doing our best. We will keep being City employees. There are internal fights between you and the Mayor. We do more with less money. I love Perth Amboy. Who will be next? We have to keep working and we have families. I love living by example, but who will be the next target? I feel sorry for my coworkers. I know you were voted in by the people, but God also put you in that position and He doesn’t like ugly.”

Code Enforcement Officer Yvette Rios came up to speak. “I was a former police officer in Puerto Rico, and I worked in drug enforcement. I gave 200% to the City of Perth Amboy. I have a lawsuit regarding retaliation with the federal agency. You are affecting people in the Budapest Area. The Council President can’t vote on any resolutions involving me. I believe this is about me. I saved 3 lives in a fire and I do my job.”

Mayor’s Secretary Margarita Feliciano came to speak about

the 4 people, especially the 2 workers in City Hall whose positions were being defunded. She spoke highly of them and what a great work ethic they have and how they helped her when she first started working in the Mayor’s Office. “When they leave, I will be the only one left in that office.”

A Resident who lives on First Street came up to speak, “I’m very sad. We are dealing with problems of the City and we are divided instead of uniting. These 4 women support the community very well.”

Code Enforcement Director Irving Lozada spoke next. “I’m very confused. I was the Mayor’s Aide and it’s impossible to have one person work in the Mayor’s Office. At one time, there used to be 8 Code Enforcement Inspectors. Now, there will only be 4. Defunding those positions will hurt the City.”

Council President Bill Petrick questioned Lozada about there being 8 Code Enforcement Inspectors.

Lozada explained before he took over that position, there were 8 Code Enforcement Inspectors. “I can get the names of the 8 that were there at one time.”

A Resident from Smith Street came up, “Mr. Petrick, your behavior is very disrespectful.”

Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez of God’s Army Ministry came up to speak, “Have you sat with these individuals to see the work that they do?”

The Council responded, “No.”

Pastor Berny continued, “I have worked with all of them. I was an auditor for a financial firm. When you do an audit, you have to sit with each employee and see what they do. I’m sure any one of you would have those positions (that were defunded) if you became mayor. Unless you do someone’s job, you don’t know what you’re doing. I’m extremely hurt by this. I am praying for you all. If it’s personal, I’m disappointed.”

Resident Gregory Pabon came up next, “Pastor Berny said a lot of the things I intended to say myself. I know the jobs of 3 of the 4 people. This looks political and that these individuals are being targeted. If we have another mayor, will these positions be reinstated? I don’t understand. If there’s money, then why are these positions being refunded? I will work with whoever will be mayor.”

Resident Dorothy Carty-Daniel came up to speak. She read the oath of office that the Members of the Council had to take. “I listened to Councilman Fernando Irizarry’s prayer before the Meeting began. You need to understand clearly that it’s not about you. I see a deficit of communications amongst the Council and you need training regarding this. I’ve taught classes on how people can get along even when they have disagreements. Look at the Woodbridge Council Meetings on TV and how they conduct themselves. Here, it’s like a really bad marriage. I’m not including Ms. Tejeda in this because she just got here. I asked your help in getting better fencing for the Victory Bridge. I want you to consider yourselves

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as parents of the City and to be more cohesive. Who is going to pick up the slack of the defunded employees? I told Mayor Otowski when I saw wrongdoings. I told Vas the same things. The City eats their young.”

A City Resident came up who talked about Bill Petrick’s former Facebook posts in the past where he disparaged some ethnic groups and women. “There were no consequences. You could not explain to these women why they were defunded.” She continued, “Councilwoman Tejeda, you are woman and how do feel about the Council President’s remarks that he made about different ethnic groups and disrespecting women?”

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez came up next. He thanked the Council for not increasing the budget. “I always voted to decrease the budget. The Mayor should have protected her people. She could have looked at the waste at Public Works. None of these positions should have let go. The Administration has to stay within their means. We waste too much money in the City. People can’t

afford the taxes. The Mayor should not be losing the people that she’s losing.”

A Resident who lives on Andrews Street in Spa Springs came up to speak about the Heat Bar on Convery Boulevard, “They have loud music playing, a lot of loitering and people urinating. There’s no parking or any kind of signage on their property.”

B.A. Frederick Carr stated, “I will see what their requirements are for their property and if they are in compliance.”

Councilman Pabon addressed this Resident, “We saw the communication from the residents (affected by that business).” The communications submitted by the residents of Andrews Drive – Communication No. 23 – Residents of Andrews Drive submitted a petition containing 18 signatures asking the City to consider instituting resident parking signs to keep the patrons of Heat Sports Bar and Lounge from parking on their street.”

Resident Iris Rodriguez came up next. “I live by the Richardson School. In the past, they allowed us to park our cars in their parking lot (when school was not in session). Recently, when I had my car parked there, the gate was closed and there was a note

left on my car. It said that residents can no longer park there. There are two bars by me. We need residential parking stickers. Residents on Fayette Street and Watson Avenue are forgotten when it comes to parking. I also think that Billy (Delgado) is doing a good job as Prosecutor.”

Resident Tashi Vasquez came up next. “I’m asking for clarification on the people whose title were defunded. So, will they will not get paid for their current titles?”

Carr responded, “You can defund a position and the Council can transfer funds from a line item. Long term employees will be moved to a different position. They will still work currently in the Mayor’s Office, but funded by another checkbook.”

Council Comments:

Councilman Helmin Caba said, “It’s always about the money. It’s unfortunate that 4 positions were defunded. We are in a financial mess. We get a lot of grants, especially with the school system. I am up for reelection next year. Originally, it was supposed to be a 5.4% increase for the taxes. A lot of longtime residents are leaving because they can’t afford the high taxes. We just approved 6 new police hires. It’s going to

hurt the City to eliminate those 4 positions, but not as much as a deficit in the Police, Fire, or Code Enforcement Departments. If we are more conservative in the last few years, those 4 positions could have been saved. It’s nothing personal. A majority of my friends are Puerto Rican and female.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry remarked, “I voted against the budget, because it was not physically sound and the way the surplus was used.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “I question why a particular person did not question saving these positions. I told the Mayor I needed one person eliminated from her office and one person eliminated from Business Administrator Carr’s office. We have a \$200 million deficit. I would have defended each one of those positions. If it was me, I would have found a way to keep those positions. I want to thank those who stayed here until the end of the Meeting. It’s a negotiation thing. There is a lack of communication with us, too. We are losing revenue every day because of people not doing their job. When we went to the DCA, they said they were concerned without our revenue.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda

spoke next, “I’m not here to talk about specific gender or race. I’m here for the whole community. I did not get cooperation with the Administration. I’m very hurt by what was said, especially when it was said that it was personal. Taxes are high and that’s why people don’t buy homes here. It’s not about gender or race.”

Council President Bill Petrick spoke, “I’m not going to rehash the ugly things that were said here tonight. The budget was passed with the taxpayers in mind. There is only 29% homeownership in Perth Amboy. Rents have to be raised because of that. Extra money was found because of people leaving. Trenton insisted we fund certain items, including union that are still in negotiations. Those people (whose positions were defunded) will have bumping rights.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Overgrown Property on Pupek Street a Major Issue

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Business Item e.) Discuss an Ordinance amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 26-02 (sewer user fees). B.A. Skarzynski stated that when the Council passed the Ordinance increasing sewer rates, the City neglected to include a connection fee – only for new construction – not for current buildings in the City. “We had to do a study to put a number on it for us. It’s between \$1800 - \$2164 – a one-time fee,” Skarzynski stated.

Business Item f.) Discuss an Ordinance to adopt code. This item was tabled. B.A. Skarzynski stated “The 4½ month odyssey of digitizing our municipal codes is done. Two chapters were not submitted. We have a hard copy of it. By October, it will be online.”

Business Item g.) Discuss Parade as a City Sponsored Event. Council President Mickey Gross was happy to announce the St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be on Sunday, March 15, 2020 and there will be one Mummer Band in the parade.

Business Item h.) Discuss 611 Bordentown Ave. Easement. Because City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz was not present, the item was only briefly discussed.

Business Item i.) Discuss Ordinance for Art Commission. Law Director Francis Womack stated, “We have a straightforward ordinance – creating an Arts Commission, indicating terms of their service. We will also adopt a resolution to form a 501c3. The South Amboy Art’s Alliance will be working along with the Art’s Commission. Their by-laws are done. We’re incorporating the Art’s Alliance opening a bank account and

taking care of finances. It’s for grant purposes dedicated solely to them.” It was suggested that one Council Member should be a liaison to the Art Commission.

Skarzynski stated, “Arts, History, Youth Sports, Fraternal Organizations - every charity organization has a seat under the umbrella of a 501c3. (for the Art Alliance)

Law Director Womack stated that one person from the Council can be a member.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked for a list of Municipal Board Members and a list of the members in each committee.

B.A. Skarzynski stated that there will be a new senior bus coming and depending on the DOT (Division of Transit), it could be here anytime from 1 week to 3 years. “It’s a 16 passenger with a lift.”

B.A. Skarzynski stated that the South Amboy ArtFest is coming on September 22nd. Mayor Fred Henry stated that he only wanted a few food vendors in the festival, and the arts should be emphasized.

Resolutions 148-2019 – Resolution appointing David Kales to South Amboy Redevelopment Agency and 149-2019 – Resolution for South Amboy Arts Alliance to apply for grant funding. The Council voted yes unanimously to both Resolutions. The Bill List was approved. It was noted that some of the bills were still paying the former Law Director John Lanza.

Council Comments:

Mayor Fred Henry noted the passing of former Police Chief Leroy Kurtz. “He served 37 years on the Police Department.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked about lower Main Street construction.

B.A. Skarzynski stated that construction has not started

and there is absence of certain info in the bid specs. “We don’t know how it’s going to proceed. We have to work from the company how unexpected costs will be addressed.”

Council President Gross stated it was 14 days ago.

When asked about Stevens Avenue. Law Director Womack answered that City Engineer Ra-

simowicz has to send out a new bid. “I haven’t heard from anyone in a couple of weeks.”

Skarzynski stated the Ferry Terminal is waiting on the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection).

Councilman Thomas Reilly asked if the New Business Packet been updated.

Skarzynski said it has and a

dozen more things are available on the South Amboy Website. He also stated there are new signs up at the School Library Complex.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato was not present at the Meeting. The Regular Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at City Hall.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING CONSOLIDATED PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT PROGRAM YEAR 2018

City of Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Notice is hereby provided that the City of Perth Amboy, NJ has completed its draft of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2018 Program Year for the Community Development Block Grant CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership programs. This report contains information including: 1) summary of the resources and accomplishments, 2) status of actions taken during the year to implement the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan, and 3) evaluation of the progress made during the year in addressing identified priority needs and objectives.

This report is available to the public for review at the Office of Economic and Community Development located at 260 High St., Perth Amboy NJ 08861.

A fifteen (15) day public comment period will begin on Thursday, September 19, 2019 during which the public is invited to address written comments to: Maritza C. Rodriguez, Office of Economic and Community Development, 260 High St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

The City will also hold a public hearing for citizens desiring to comment on the CAPER report on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.. at the Perth Amboy City Hall, Council Chambers, 260 High St., Perth Amboy NJ 08861. Perth Amboy intends to submit the final 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or about Friday, October 4, 2019.

Persons requiring special accommodations to facilitate participation in the public hearing may call the Office of Economic and Community Development at (732) 826-0290, Extension 4860.

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additional protection while allowing disruptive behavior. The city benefits little to nothing from illegal citizens who cannot tribute anything publicly because of their status yet earn unlimited respect while those who surrender themselves to the demands the city places on them are regarded as secondary and their requests betterment ignored.

What has to happen before Perth Amboy wakes up? Hopefully it won't be at the expense of the innocent suffering undue consequences- through costly neglect by those who have the power to protect the voters who relied on them to do that very thing.

The prior administration contributed a great deal to Perth Amboy and was determined to raise it above the indignities that plagued it for far too long. Because of a mistake that dream was only partially fulfilled, and Perth Amboy once again has slipped into the depths of degradation because of an inadequate

administration and its policies. We need the strength and foresight that will provide growth in a town that once was held in high esteem before its possibilities and acclaimed beauty were extinguished.

You must take our pleas seriously before things get totally out of hand. Far too much is at stake. And responding to someone who states a complaint by saying that it's a big city and we have to expect things is not acceptable. Comments like that lack strength and reinforce our beliefs that Perth Amboy's leaders show little concern for our welfare even though they claim otherwise by asking us to bring issues to their attention. Why? What will we get in return? More empty promises and superficial responses while the travesty continues, and the problems worsen.

C. Johnson

CC: Police Chief McKean

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.

Tip a Pint

SOUTH AMBOY - The Friends of South Amboy will be hosting a tip a pint at Murphy's Shamrock located at 147 S. Pine Ave., South Amboy, on Thursday night, September 26, 2019 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Beer, wine, soda and food. \$20 pp. All proceeds will go to Pat Leonard and his family. For tickets please call Dave Kales at 848-565-0140.

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.

Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is hosting a free Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts lecture on Thursday, September 26, 6-7p.m. at Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, Centennial Hall A. The lecture will be given Karl Strom, M.D. Registration is required, visit <https://www.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/events> or call 1-800-560-9990.

Women & Wellness Fair

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is hosting a Women & Wellness Fair on Thursday, September 26, 11a.m.-3p.m. at the Women's Health Center, 466 New Brunswick Avenue in Perth Amboy. Come out and enjoy an informative celebrating of women. Featuring presentations, demonstrations and much more.

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Table of Plenty

PERTH AMBOY - St. John Paul Parish will be serving meals on September 21st, 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 summer is as follows: Saturday, September 7, 21. 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.

The Friends are also sponsoring the Lizard Guys on September 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the children's room of the Perth Amboy Library. Mark your calendars.

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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.

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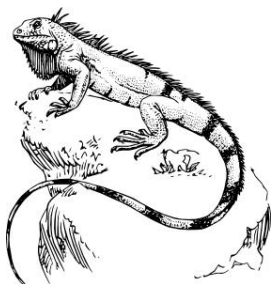
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Perth Amboy NAACP Meeting

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.



Meet The Lizard Guys

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are happy once again to host The Lizard Guys on Saturday, September 28th at 1 pm in the Children's Room of the Perth Amboy Public Library located at 196 Jefferson St.

The Lizard Guys, now a division of Juniors' Venture, Inc., are a New Jersey based educational entertainment group that provides live animal presentations with lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs and various bugs. Find out more about them by visiting their website at <http://www.thelizardguys.com>

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For information, contact the Friends at (201) 381-1903, e-mail at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com, find us on Facebook on visit us on-line at www.folperthamboy.com

Friends encourage the love of reading and independent learning, play a role in community involvement, sponsor special programs, raise funds for special projects, equipment and materials in excess of the general Library budget.

Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 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.

Goat Yoga

OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP: - Old Bridge residents will have the opportunity to experience the popular new fitness trend - goat yoga - on Friday, September 27th at 7:30pm in Geick Park.

Goat yoga began on the west coast in 2017 and spread east. The goats used are generally the size of small dogs and wander among the yogis during the class. Some curl up in an inviting lap, others jump onto the back of someone in a downward dog pose. The session will be instructed by Totes Goats from Ringwood, NJ. The session fee is \$25 per person, and registration can be done in-person at the Richard Cooper Civic Center in the Municipal Center or online at www.oldbridge.com/recreation. Attendees must be at least 18 years old and must bring their own yoga mats.

"Goats are considered one of the best emotional support animals and many people find this unique activity very soothing and relaxing," noted Mayor Owen Henry. "I'm pleased we're offering residents this special program, and if I can find my yoga mat I may even join in."

For more information about this or other Recreation programs, please call (732) 721-5600 ext.4999 or go to: www.oldbridge.com/recreation.

Joshua Hedberg Promotion to , Perth Amboy 9/9/19

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - Joshua Hedberg was promoted to the U.S. Marine Corps Rank of Gunnery Sergeant on Friday, September 6, 2019 on the fishing dock by the Armory Restaurant, Front Street.



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Reenactment of the Peace Conference, Conference (Billopp House), Tottenville, State Island, NY 9/7/19

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Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - On Sunday, September 22nd, at 2 PM, join history & music lovers in the drawing room of Proprietary House, the Royal Governor’s Mansion, to enjoy an afternoon of music performed by renowned heritage musicians, Anne and Ridley Ensloes.

This very special program - organized by the Ensloes expressly for Proprietary House - will illustrate the evolution of popular music over the life of the historic mansion, from colonial times through the 20th century. Hear songs of liberty, songs of love, military songs, drinking songs & much more. Light refreshments will follow the performance.

Doors open at 1 PM and the performance starts promptly at 2 PM. Limited space, so arrive early. **ADMISSION:** \$25 (Members \$20; 12 & under \$10). Proprietary House Museum is disabilities accessible.

Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ. Phone: (732) 826-5527 - Email: info@theproprietary-house.org

RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA Joins Welcoming America in Celebrating New Americans During Welcoming Week

Press Release 9/5/19
PERTH AMBOY—This Welcoming Week, taking place September 16-20, RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA will join Welcoming America and hundreds of YMCAs and other organizations nationwide in hosting events to celebrate immigrants’ contributions to communities and bring together all residents in a spirit of unity.

“At the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA, we believe Perth Amboy is stronger when everyone in the community feels welcome and we can all work together for the common good,” said Nilda Delgado, VP of Operations. “Welcoming Week is an opportunity for neighbors—both immigrants and U.S.-born—to connect, find common ground and celebrate our shared values. We are proud to be a part of Welcoming Week, which is demonstrating that in places large and small, rural and urban, people of all backgrounds are coming together to create stronger communities.”

During Welcoming Week, the

RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA will host activities, which are open to the public such as: Membership Monday, Facility Tours and AM International Coffees Civic Tuesday, Voter Registration and Volunteer Information Wellness Wednesday, Amerigroup and NJ Spine & Wellness and Movie under the Stars Health Challenge Thursday, Take on the Name Challenge with the Health & Wellness Team Friday, Behavioral Health and Counseling Services Information

“These events are part of a powerful and growing movement in our country and around the world, demonstrating that communities want to be welcoming,” said Rachel Peric, Executive Director of Welcoming America. “Welcoming Week is a reminder of the resilient and inclusive spirit of American communities. Thousands of local leaders nationwide are bringing their communities together to bridge divides and build stronger local economies where everyone belongs.”

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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

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Council Adopts BID Budget

Special Council Meeting 9/12/19

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – The Special Council Meeting of 9/12/19 was highly anticipated because it involved the public hearing of R-408-9/19 – Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2019 Perth Amboy Business Improvement Budget.

The first one to come up to speak are Stanley Sierakowski who questioned the façade and arch programs. He suggested if the BID has surplus money, they should extend the façade program to businesses in other parts of town. He also spoke about videos that have the Mayor promoting the City. “It looks very pollical. If you do a commercial, you should also include the Council.” He also questioned, “What is being used for the \$200,000 budget to the Arts Program?” He also suggested that Amboy Avenue especially need to be included in the façade program. He suggested the Council need to have all the BID’s minutes and they should be approved before the Council votes on this resolution. “You need oversight on the BID budget and minutes.”

Businessman J.B. Vas came up next. He questioned the delay in the BID presenting their budget. “As a businessowner, we need more time to review their budget. The façade grants are small. Marketing helps, but physical improvements are needed.” Vas was also concerned about all the bricks coming up on the sidewalks. “We need more garbage cans and lighting in the business district. Many businesses didn’t know about the façade program. When businessowners were approved for making improvements, they are only reimbursed 50% of their cost. There’s surplus money rolling over. I’m also updating my windows. Let businessowners know that these programs exist. They have a \$480,000 revenue and a \$200,000 budget. They are spending double of what they collect. They’re having a marketing campaign a year before the election. Look at their summer and winter programs. Most programs on located downtown. Is there a dedicated vac person (to operate the machine to clean up the trash downtown)? We (businesses in the BID district) are paying additional taxes.”

Resident John Katz mentioned, “I have been here before to discuss all the pavers that are coming up from the sidewalk. “They’re getting worse and worse. I should not have to show you where they are coming up. The first elderly person who falls there will be a lawsuit. Who is going to fix them? The City? Or will the work be outsourced?

Council President William Petrick responded, “It’s the administration who decides.”

John Katz asked again, “Who is going to fix them?”

Law Director King spoke up, “It’s the owners that have to clean up their sidewalks.”

John Katz said, “The City built the sidewalks.”

Resident Alan Silber came up next and questioned the legality

of having this meeting. “Especially if the money is already spent. Were there laws broken? There are appropriations and spending of government funds. The Mayor sits on the Board. Legislatures is necessary for government to spend money. They only have had one Chairperson for 25 years. A Vice-President of a bank is also a long-term member. Where is the oversight? Who signs the checks? Do they have regular meetings? When was the budget supposed to be in?”

Petrick responded, “The BID budget was supposed to be presented in December (2018) or January (2019).”

King spoke up and said, “That was there past practice. I need to see their by-laws.”

Silber continued, “I assume you are going to table this resolution. Pabon said he that he was not going to vote. You (the Council) don’t know what was going on. You need to send the proper authorities to see if it was a misuse of public funds.”

Businesswoman Sharon Huberman came up next to speak about the tax levy revenue. “I don’t see positive revenue that we are bringing in. If you don’t use the money, you lose the money not spent. There was money spent without the advise and consent of the Council.” She then talked about the \$29,000 budget for the planters. “Compared to other towns, our planters are not beautiful. Why are the arts included in the budget? This should be more about marketing the town. \$15,000 for the Art Program should be allocated to the Arts Council. We’re spending more than what’s coming in. It’s not beneficial. This is a bloated budget. Let Trenton look at it.”

BID Chair came up to answer some of the concerns. He spoke about the limits and the area of coverage in the BID district. “It includes the Armory and the Barge on Front Street and on Smith Street and some of the side streets off of Smith Street. It does not include Amboy Avenue. We (the BID) have suggested that Amboy Avenue, Hall Avenue, and State Street be included. Those businesses on those streets are not extra taxed. The BID is incorporated and authorized by State law. We can only use the vac machines in the BID district. The laws are that strict. We have one vac machine not dedicated to any particular street. BID funds can only be used exclusively in specific areas. We are restricted with businesses in the façade areas. Property owners must request façade monies from the BID. We can remove graffiti. We have money set aside for that. The most a business can request for improvements is \$10,000 but we can only give them 50% of any requested money. They have to submit the bills and we have to improve the completed work. We don’t have a free and open checkbook.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda spoke up, “I know of business owners that don’t know of the façade programs. How do you

market this?”

Rosengarten stated, “We have periodic business meetings that are presented in different businesses in the BID district and all representatives in all City departments. The Mayor volunteers her time to be present also at these meetings.”

Petrick spoke up, “We need a map of the BID district, your meeting dates, and the topics that were covered.”

Rosengarten responded, “We have the maps and they were sent to you on your phones.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up next, “I’ve voiced my concerns. The people who are asking questions (regarding the BID budget) should go to the BID meetings.” He then asked, “I want to know if legally I can vote on things that were spent on already.”

Rosengarten responded, “Yes, we are presenting it (the budget) very late, but in the meantime, we had two different directors who left. Now we’re are interviewing for a new director.”

An auditor for the BID came up to speak and said, “Historically the BID budget was handed in January (of the budget year).”

Law Director King then spoke up, “The BID money is subject to certified funds. They collect the money and you (the Council) are voting on the allocated budget.”

Petrick spoke up and said, “The funds are not anticipated, but the money is already spent.”

King then stated, “You don’t make decisions on money spent. This is money that the BID feels they need for their budget.”

Pabon spoke up again, “I still don’t feel comfortable voting for this, and the 2020 budget is due in two months.”

Petrick then stated, “We are certifying this budget.”

King then told the Council, “You (the Council) is making sure the BID is spending the money correctly.”

Rosengarten then reassured the Council, “We always have money in the BID account. There are two signatories: myself and the treasurer. The Council can expand the BID area. The UEZ (Urban Enterprise Zone) has a larger area of businesses than the BID.”

Petrick then said, “The BID has the City tax rate plus a special BID tax rate.”

Rosengarten responded, “Yes, but the BID tax rate has not changed in 12 years. We have a clean team that purchased 2 vac machines. Public Works pays for the mechanical modifications and for the employees who operate those machines. The BID contributes \$35,000 to Public Works. Now Public Works only have one employee for cleaning the streets with the one mad-vac machine.” Rosengarten then talked about the loose bricks. “They tend to come loose depending on the weather conditions. We have also seen the gum accumulated on the sidewalks. In the past, we have used the gumbuster. The city has to maintain the bricks, but the businessowners have

to clean up the garbage at their businesses. There’s a program in the schools (and for the general public) about the proper disposal of garbage. We have a person who covers it on social media.”

Lisette Lebron came up speak. She is the Community Member for BID. She spoke about some of the social media presented. “It costs about \$50. Sometimes it includes posting events that takes about 4 weeks prior to the event date. We put it on analytics to reach out to people who show prior interest specific events. We have also advertised on WCTC to promote our small businesses. The City is well-known for our beauty and food. It was free advertising paid for by the BID for the businesses. On the southeast corner of Smith Street (and Convery Boulevard) billboards are used to advertise various City Programs. We needed to have a digital billboard. The owners of the Celotex property gave us permission to use their land for a billboard.”

Rosengarten talked again, “We are waiting for the DOT (Department of Transportation) for approval for a 20’x20’ digital sign on the opposite side of the street.”

Lebron proceeded and talked about the Arts and Flow Program, “There are 5 projects which included street performances that took place in the BID district. That started June 14th and concluded August 23rd. It was a collaboration between the BID and PARTNER which included performances by musicians and artists that were held by 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. They utilize open spaces, commercial property, and vacant or active stores. Some of the shows are popups and some will be forthcoming.”

Law Director King spoke up next, “I told the Council that you were making sure that the BID is keeping up within their charter and goals that you want. They are in charge of spending money and that they take in the money. You (the Council) are saying that you approve of the BID’s spending expenditures.” Rosengarten spoke up again, “One business wanted to put his lighting to some of the BID’s lighting to prove that their lighting was better than ours. We (the BID) are not allowed to do this.”

Petrick asked, “So, we can change, add, or cut the BID budget?”

King responded, “You can make suggestions.”

Petrick then asked, “Can the City Council adjust the fixed tax rate?”

King responded, “You can dissolve the BID, but you need 3 votes to pass this resolution.”

Rosengarten spoke up and told the Council and the public, “You can attend all the BID meetings which includes their regular meetings and the special

meetings.”

When it came time to vote, Pabon moved the resolution and it was seconded by Councilwoman Milady Tejeda. Council President Bill Petrick, Councilman Joel Pabon, Councilwoman Milady Tejeda all voted, “Yes.” Councilman Fernando Irizarry and Councilman Helmin Caba were absent with an excuse. R-408 passed.

Councilwoman Tejeda spoke up, “I’m glad to see Lisette Lebron as a Community Member of the BID. I would love to see businessowners invited earlier to the meeting.”

Councilman Joel Pabon then added, “The businessowners should be going to the BID Meetings. We had meetings prior to this, and no one showed up. We need to work on the downtown area.”

During the last public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak again, “The BID needs to expand their area to include State Street and Amboy Avenue, especially if they have surplus monies so we can look more like Metuchen and Westfield.” Sierakowski then suggested the BID incorporate the Garden Club and give them \$15,000 to maintain the planters.

Rosengarten said he already spoke to Ms. Nanton.

Businessman Reinaldo Aviles came up. He stated he has a business at 159 New Brunswick Ave. “Since I’ve been there, the BID has never visited me. We didn’t get a letter about any of the meetings. The owner of the building gets the letter, but not a business who rents the building. Find out who is the owner of the building. You (the Council) need to regulate how late-starters come to you. It’s up to you to see who has not presented your budgets. Put it in an ordinance. I was never invited to a meeting (by the BID).”

Councilman Joel Pabon addressed this issue, “The speaker is right. It is us. I wanted a legal opinion to make sure it’s ok to vote (on R-408).”

Resident Alan Silber came up, “I was not talking about the legality of the vote. There was an hour-long filibuster today. The check is signed by a long-term BID member. It’s the Business Admonitor’s fault for you not getting the BID budget. You (the Council) can’t have a staff, but the Mayor can have a big staff. The court was shut down today. People should walk Smith Street to High Street starting from the Speedway Gas Station (Grace Street) and see how you feel. What improvements have been made in 10 years? Now we have Car and Jeep shows. It’s all about events. It’s a disgrace. Look at the storefronts of the BID district. Where is the improvements? If you approve the resolution, why would they change it? They’ve hired people who never did a budget. You should read the statute again.”

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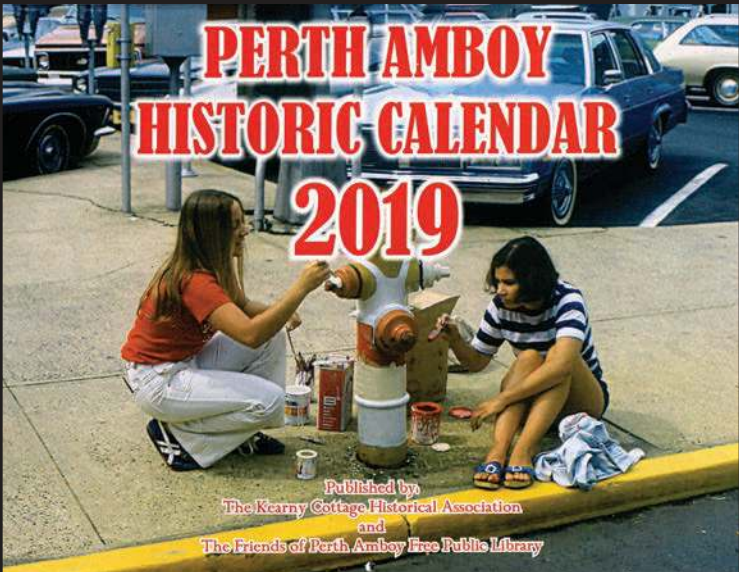


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2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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.

Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center Appoints Winston Ramkissoon as Director of Emergency Department

Press Release 9/12/19
PERTH AMBOY, NJ – Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is pleased to announce the addition of Winston Ramkissoon, MS, MPH, RN, CPPS as director of the Emergency Department in Old Bridge and Perth Amboy, effective October 7.

Prior to joining Raritan Bay, Winston served 24 years of dedicated service to Hackensack Meridian Health Hackensack University Medical Center. He served as the manager of the Emergency & Trauma Department at both Hackensack University Medical Center and Hackensack Meridian Health Pascack Valley Medical Center. Additionally, he served as

the manager of Performance Improvement and Regulatory Compliance for the Department of Patient Safety and Quality.

“We look forward to having Winston join our team here at Raritan Bay,” said Thomas Shanahan, chief hospital executive, Raritan Bay Medical Center. “For more than 24 years, Winston has shown remarkable leadership while making a significant impact in the community.”

As a leader responsible for implementation of quality and safety redesign initiatives, Winston successfully redesigned, developed, and monitored numerous performance activities related to the Department of Patient Care, Quality and Safety

Department and the Joint Commission Disease Specific Care Program.

For more than 100 years, Raritan Bay Medical Center Emergency Department has been the trusted Emergency Department for the community. Responding to approximately 5,000 calls each year in the surrounding communities, our certified paramedics trained in advanced life support are able to administer life-saving interventions at the scene of an emergency.

For more information about the Raritan Bay Medical Center Emergency Department, please visit: <https://www.rbmc.org/emergency-medical-services/>

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September 24 is National Voter Registration Day 2019

The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA plans to register voters in Perth Amboy to Celebrate the National Holiday

Press Release 9/5/19
PERTH AMBOY – On September 24, 2019, Americans will celebrate National Voter Registration Day with a massive 50-state effort to register voters before Election Day this November.

With local elections happening in a few weeks, every eligible American voter should exercise his or her right to be heard at the ballot box this year and next. National Voter Registration Day is the right place to start by getting registered. That is why communities across the country are planning to use National Voter Registration Day to increase voter participation.

Thousands of national, state, and local organizations and volunteers will be the driving force behind National Voter Registration Day 2019. Partner organizations will coordinate hundreds of National Voter Registration Day events nationwide and leverage #NationalVoterRegistrationDay on all social media platforms to drive attention to voter registration and the November elections.

The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA is proud to be a National Voter Registration Day partner. On September 24th, the Y will engage its constituency and community to register voters.

The effort's website, www.NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org, provides a listing of National Voter Registration Day events across the country. Founded in 2012, National Voter Registration Day is designed to create an annual moment when the entire nation focuses on registering Americans to exercise their most basic right – the right to vote. More than two million Americans have registered to vote on this day since the inaugural National Voter Registration Day.

To get involved or to inquire about National Voter Registration Day, please contact us, 732.442.3632.

Tom's Tax Tips

Cash Flow Concepts That Can Save Your Business

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

A sad and oft-repeated truth is that half of all new businesses fail within the first five years. Although many factors contribute to business failure, a common culprit is poor cash management. All businesses, large and small, must deal with the uncertainty of fluctuating sales, inventories and expenses. Follow these practices to moderate the ebb and flow of cash in your business:

- **Analyze cash flow.** If you don't know it's broken, you can't fix it. The starting point for any meaningful action to control cash is discovering where the money's coming from and where it's going. Get a handle on cash by monitoring your bank accounts for at least one complete business cycle; then use that information to establish a realistic forecast. This should be done throughout the year to help you understand your seasonal cash needs.
 - **Monitor receivables.** Extending credit to risky customers, failing to identify late payers, refusing to collect payment on a timely basis - these practices amplify cash flow problems. Mitigate receivable fluctuations by generating aging reports. Use the report to follow up when payments are late. You may even wish to offer discounts to customers who pay early.
 - **Slow down payments.** Prudent cash flow management dictates that you retain cash as long as possible. So pay your vendors on time - not too early. Of course, if suppliers offer discounts for early payment, take advantage of cost savings whenever possible. Also consider negotiating with suppliers to extend payment terms.
 - **Time large expenses.** If you know a property tax payment is due in May, start setting aside money in a separate fund in October. The same holds true for any large payment that comes due during the year. If your equipment is nearing the end of its useful life or your roof is showing signs of wear, start saving now. Don't let big expenditures catch you by surprise.
- By taking these steps and endeavoring to smooth out cash fluctuations, proficient managers keep their companies strong throughout the business cycle.

World War II - 75 Years Ago

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

In the Pacific, the U.S. First Marine Division lands on Peleliu, in the Palau Islands, on September 15, 1944. A bloody fight of attrition lasts for 2-1/2 months. In the Dutch East Indies, U.S. Army troops invade Morotai Island, in the Moluccas. Although far outnumbering the Japanese defenders, the Americans face fierce resistance. In two weeks, U.S. troops gain control of the island, which will be used as a jumping-off point for invasions of the Philippines and Borneo. Pockets of fighting on the island will continue, however, through the end of the war. In France, the de Gaulle Administration orders the arrest of Marshal Philippe Pétain and all members of the Vichy French Cabinet because of their alleged collaboration with the Nazis. In Belgium, German underwater commandos damage the floodgates at Antwerp, making the port unusable for the Allies for over six weeks.

The Germans inaugurate a new V-1 “flying bomb” campaign on September 16, launching the missiles from planes flying over Holland. Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels exhorts the German populace to fight “with the utmost fanaticism.” In the Pacific, U.S. Army troops assault Angaur, southeast of Peleliu, in the Palau Islands. In eastern Europe, the Red Army launches an offensive towards Riga, Latvia, and Tallinn, Estonia. In the Balkans, elements of the 3rd Ukrainian Front occupy Sofia, Bulgaria, then turn west to try to block the retreat of German troops from Greece.

In Europe on September 17, the Allies begin “Operation Market Garden,” a combined airborne and ground attack planned and primarily led by the British Army under Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery. The objective is for paratroops to capture and secure several bridges over the lower Rhine River so that Allied ground forces can consolidate at Arnhem, the Netherlands, and enter Germany’s heavily industrial Ruhr region. Unfortunately, the operation is plagued by errors and miscalculations. In southern China, U.S. forces, pressed by the Japanese, abandon their airbase at Kweilin.

Brest, France, an important port on the English Channel, falls to the Allies on September 18. *En route* to Sumatra, the Japanese cargo ship *Junyo Maru*, carrying 1,449 Dutch, Australian, British and American prisoners of war and 4,200 Javanese slave laborers, is attacked and sunk by the British submarine *HMS Tradewind*, killing 5,620. It is, at the time, the world’s greatest sea disaster. In the only major supply drop by the Western Allies that Soviet authorities will permit, American B-17 bombers drop 1,284 containers of supplies to the *Armia Krajowa* (Polish Home Army) in Warsaw. Unfortunately, only 228 of the containers fall into territory controlled by the Poles, who are still fighting desperately against the Germans. Meanwhile, the nearby Red Army remains idle.

On September 19 the Soviet Union and Finland sign an armistice agreement, ending the three-year-long, so-called Continuation War (which followed their Winter War, fought from November 1939 to March 1940). In France, the city of Nancy is liberated by American troops. The first of a series of fights between American and German troops begins in the Hürtgen Forest, located on the border between Belgium and Germany. In the Pacific, fighting is intense on Peleliu and Angaur Islands in the Palau, with the Japanese garrisons holding firm against American attacks.

In the Philippines, U.S. planes on September 20 conduct a bombing raid on Manila and surrounding areas, destroying 357 Japanese aircraft. Angaur Island, in the Palaus, is declared mostly secured by the U.S. Army. In the Netherlands, Polish troops free Terneuzen, a port city in the southwestern part of the country. In Italy, the British V Corps, part of the British Eighth Army, enters the Republic of San Marino.

British forces on September 21 take Rimini, in northern Italy on the Adriatic coast. U.S. planes hit Manila, the Philippines, a second day in a row, this time sinking 40 ships in Manila Bay and damaging 35. In Poland, the Polish Home Army is forced to abandon its Vistula bridgeheads in and south of Warsaw.

On September 22, 1944, the 3rd Canadian Division takes Boulogne-sur-Mer, on the English Channel between Normandy and Calais. Elements of the U.S. Third Army reach the River Seine near Mantes-Gassicourt, France, 30 miles west of Paris. Inspired and emboldened by the Allies’ approach, the French Resistance in Paris begins an open rebellion against German occupation forces. Finland breaks off diplomatic relations with Japan.

A regiment of the U.S. Army’s 81st Infantry Division takes over unoccupied Ulithi Atoll, in the Caroline Islands, on September 23. A few days later, U.S. Navy Seabees arrive and begin transforming the atoll into an important naval base that can accommodate up to 700 ships. Soviet and Romanian troops enter Hungary. The Dortmund-Ems Canal in Germany is badly damaged in a bombing raid by 141 British aircraft. The canal is used to transport, among other things, pre-fabricated U-boat parts.

British naval units on September 24 begin operations against German-occupied islands in the Aegean Sea in the eastern Mediterranean. Finnish troops attack German forces in the north of the country who have refused to leave under terms of the Finnish-Soviet armistice.

After nine days of vicious fighting, Allied troops on September 25 are ordered to pull out of Arnhem, the Netherlands, marking the failure of “Operation Market Garden.” The Allies do not cross the Rhine as planned and suffer around 16,000 casualties, including over 6,000 Allied paratroopers captured. Strong German resistance, delays and failures to take some of the targeted bridges, and German successes in defending or destroying others doom the operation. Hopes for an early end to the war — by Christmas 1944 — are dashed. Held under the radar for a long time, the failed operation is first widely publicized in the 1974 Cornelius Ryan book “A Bridge Too Far,” as well as a motion picture of the same title three years later. Vidkun Quisling’s ministers urge the Germans to end their occupation of Norway. In the western Caroline Islands, on Peleliu, U.S. soldiers and marines, using tanks and flamethrowers, advance northward against strong, entrenched Japanese resistance.

German cross-Channel guns bombard Dover, England, on September 26. One shell hits a hostel in the city, killing 49 people. There begin to appear strong signs of an impending civil war in Greece between the communist-backed National Liberation Front and the British-backed Greek government. In Italy, the British Eighth Army crosses the Rubicon River. In Germany, Adolf Hitler signs a decree establishing the *Volkssturm* (People’s Militia). Every able-bodied male aged 16–60 not already in the *Wehrmacht* will be drafted as a member and will fight with the army as needed. The militia is to be commanded by *Reichsführer-SS* Heinrich Himmler.

German forces of Army Group E begin to evacuate western Greece on September 27. The Royal Air Force announces that the first British jet fighter, the Gloster Meteor, was successfully used in action on August 4, 1944. Over 2,000 fighters of the *Armia Krajowa* (Polish Home Army) surrender to the Germans in the Mokotów district in central Warsaw; others are being squeezed into smaller and smaller areas of the city. Sweden closes its ports to German shipping. Soviet, Bulgarian and Yugoslav Partisan forces jointly begin the Belgrade Offensive, intended to interrupt German lines of communication and transit between Greece and Hungary, liberate Serbia from German occupation and retake its capital, Belgrade.

German scuba divers on September 28 attempt to blow up the bridge over the Waal River at Nijmegen, the Netherlands, but are unsuccessful. In Moscow, Joseph Stalin and Josip Broz Tito reach an agreement that allows the Red Army to enter Yugoslavia.

Meditation

WOODBIDGE - Celebrate Fall with Meditation. Join Jim Rose, M. Ed retired executive with Johnson & Johnson and longtime meditator as he shows you how meditation can grant you the peace you seek. Enjoy the fall by learning a simple technique leading to the deepest levels of calmness, peace and joy. Participants will be guided through a first-hand personal experience of meditation which is the secret to profound personal well-being. Monday September 23rd @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodbridge Main Library, 1 George Frederick Pl. For more info, call 732-634-4450.

How to Get Your Facebook Page Ready for Effective Ads

FORDS - presented by: Pastor Leslie Samuel Metro Park Assembly of God Church. Tuesday, September 17, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. Fords Branch Library, 211 Ford Ave, Fords. - free program! In this session attendees will get to appreciate the details & work needed to have a well-rounded Facebook Business presence. Please register on Eventbrite. For more info call 732-726-7071.

Chronic Disease Workshop

WOODBIDGE – Are you or a loved one living with: Arthritis – Diabetes – High Blood Pressure – Chronic Pain – Anxiety or other ongoing health conditions? Join us to take control of your health. A FREE six-week workshop, 2 hours per session, one session per week health education workshop for people with any ongoing or long-term health conditions or their caregivers. Social workers Julie Haklar, M.S.W., L.S.W. and Melissa Krublit M.S.W., L.S.W. will be leading the workshop. Dates: Thursday, September 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3, and 10, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Meeting Room at Woodbridge Main Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. Pre-Registration is required. For more information, call the Division of Multi-Service Program on Aging: 732-726-6262. A Woodbridge Township Social Work Division Providing Senior Services to Township Residents Designed to Support Older Adults in Leading Independent Lives with Dignity during Challenging Times.

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Henry Inman Book Club

COLONIA - Join us as we read: Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell. Thursday, September 19, 2019 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at the Henry Inman Branch Meeting Room in the Henry Inman Branch Library, 607 Inman Ave, Colonia. For more info, go to Woodbridgelibrary.org or call 732.726.7072x7210

Stop Smoking with Hypnosis

PERTH AMBOY – Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is hosting Stop Smoking with Hypnosis on Wednesday, September 18 from 6-7p.m. at the Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, Centennial Hall A. This group session is \$30 and registration is required at <https://www.hackensack-meridianhealth.org/events> or call 1-800-560-9990.

Sleep Problems in Children

PERTH AMBOY – Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is hosting a free Sleep Problems in Children lecture on Tuesday, September 17, 6-7p.m. at Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, Centennial Hall Room A. Attendees will learn the signs and symptoms of sleep disorders as well as tips on improving your child’s sleep. Registration is required, visit <https://www.hackensack-meridianhealth.org/events> or call 1-800-560-9990.

Celebrating the Sesquarcentennial at “The Old White Church”

Historical Association of Woodbridge Township

WOODBIDGE - Join the Historical Association in celebrating the 350th Anniversary of Woodbridge Township at the historic First Presbyterian Church with music, readings, and keynote speaker Timothy Hart, President of the League of Historic Societies. Monday, September 23, 2019 @ 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge Township. The topic Mr. Hart will address is “The Importance to Remember and Celebrate.”

The Old White Church, as the First Presbyterian Church is commonly known, was built at the center of Woodbridge across from the Kirk Green in 1675. Originally this landmark was a Meetinghouse-Church reflecting the culture of the early Puritan settlers. During the week, the building was a meeting house for public affairs and on Sunday a house of worship. However the diverse worship services changed when the congregants voted to join the Philadelphia Presbytery in 1710, becoming the third oldest Presbyterian Church in New Jersey. The historic burial ground is adjacent to the church and holds over 3000 graves, including enlisted men and officers of America’s wars.

Pallone Statement on Rise of Vaping-Related Deaths and Illnesses

Congressman Has Legislation to Address the Youth Tobacco Epidemic & His Committee Is Investigating E-Cigarette Manufacturers

Press Release 9/16/19
LONG BRANCH – Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) issued the following statement in response to the increase of vaping-related deaths and illnesses:
“It’s clear that e-cigarettes are a major threat to public health in this country. Whether it be vaping-related lung disease that has led to six deaths thus far, seizures or the unknown long-term effects, we cannot ignore the negative impacts that e-cigarette use has on our nation’s health. We also cannot lose a new generation to a lifetime of nicotine addiction,” Congressman Pallone said. “That’s why

earlier this year I not only introduced comprehensive legislation to curb the youth tobacco epidemic, I’ve also launched an investigation into electronic cigarette manufacturers. I am deeply concerned that consumers lack adequate information to evaluate the serious health impacts of these new tobacco products, including e-cigarettes.”
Last April, Pallone introduced comprehensive legislation to address the youth tobacco epidemic. The Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019 would raise the minimum age for purchasing tobacco products to 21 years and makes it

unlawful for any retailer to sell a tobacco product to any person younger than 21 years of age. It would also prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol. Last month, Pallone’s Energy and Commerce Committee announced an investigation beginning with letters to five electronic cigarette manufacturers, and on September 25, Pallone’s Committee will hold an oversight hearing on the public health risks of e-cigarettes with officials from the FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health officials.

Violence Survivors, Calls on Senate to Pass Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization

Today marks the 25th Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act

Press Release September 13, 2019
LONG BRANCH – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) announced two federal grants totaling nearly \$1 million for legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence and children who are exposed to domestic violence, as well as a new prevention program and public awareness campaign. Pallone also called on Senate Republicans to schedule a vote on the House-passed Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization. VAWA expired earlier this year.

“These awards are good news for survivors of domestic violence and our entire region. I applaud the dedicated staff at Manavi for the critical support they provide our community and for the important work they do to prevent domestic violence,” Congressman Pallone said. “In Congress, I voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, and it’s time for Senate Republicans to stop blocking this legislation so that survivors have the support they need.”

In April, Pallone joined 262 House colleagues in voting to pass a strong reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act over the objections of the National Rifle Association (NRA). The reauthorization would block those convicted of domestic abuse and stalking from purchasing guns and strengthens other protections and services for survivors. Sen-

ate Republicans have refused to take up the bill.
Manavi will use the funds to improve legal assistance for domestic violence survivors, including additional legal services that are culturally and linguistically accessible to South Asian survivors. Funds will also be used for developing programs that expand and strengthen services for children and young adults who are exposed to sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence as well as prevention programs that engage men as role models in the community.

“In 1985, Manavi began as an awareness campaign, but grew into a direct service provider for survivors of gender-based violence in the South Asian community. Manavi was the first organization in the United States to address the needs of South Asian survivors affected by gender-based violence. With these grants, we will be able to expand on this success and provide more services to support the needs of survivors and raise awareness as we work together to create peaceful communities free from gender-based violence,” said Navneet Bhalla, Executive Director of Manavi. “I would like to thank Congressman Pallone for his support of the Violence Against Women Act and his continued advocacy for New Jersey.”

Manavi is the first South Asian women's rights organization in the United States and was founded in 1985.

Vitale, Coughlin and Lopez Commemorate Start of Expanded Service at NJ TRANSIT Avenal Station

Press Release 9/13/19
TRENTON –The NJ TRANSIT Avenal station has become a full-service train stop offering weekend service to riders across New Jersey for the first time since 1985.
Senator Joe Vitale, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez joined local leaders on Friday to mark the long-awaited expansion of service.
“This is a landmark day for the community of Avenel, Mayor McCormac and NJ TRANSIT,” said Senator Joe Vitale (D-Middlesex). “From the initial concept of the transit village to the expanded train service being delivered by the agency, this project proves what the right leadership and civic commitment can accomplish. We need to improve public transportation

in this state, and this is a shining example of how it can be done. It is an exciting time for the people of Avenel, and I look forward to many more projects like this throughout the district, and the state, in the future.”
“The Avenel Station is now a full-service station with weekend service for the first time in over three decades,” said Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex). “That’s great news for the increasing number of commuters who utilize this station. I firmly believe the service expansion will help grow the economy in and around the Avenel community. I’d especially like to thank Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac for his vision of redeveloping a long-vacant site and advancing it in a smart and environmentally-friendly way.”

“Thanks to the leadership of Mayor John McCormac and his administration, the Avenel Station has become much more than just a train stop,” said Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (D-Middlesex). “The Station is now a major hub of activity with a thriving business and residential community. NJ TRANSIT’s decision to expand weekday and weekend service will serve to further strengthen the Avenel community and Woodbridge as a whole. I am excited to see continued growth and look forward to taking advantage of the increased transit options.”

The expanded service will include the addition of 21 stops on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, as well as increased weekday service from 27 to 38 stops.

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Novena to St. Rita

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Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.
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Prayer to The Blessed Virgin

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

South Amboy ArtFest

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Arts Alliance and The City of South Amboy will be hosting ARTSFEST on September 22nd on Broadway with a Rain Date of September 29th. Food and Craft Vendors, Entertainment, Dancing and Art Exhibit at the Broadway Gallery as well as kids activities will be featured. Save the Date! Vendors and Artists of all Media should contact the Arts Alliance at 732-754-7913 or email southamboyart-salliance@gmail.com for additional information.

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.

Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE - Tuesdays May 14th thru Oct. 1st from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Wal-Mart Parking Lot). Weather Permitting. Rock & Roll Music, Trophies, Kids Games - Just Family Fun. For more info call 1-732-407-2396.



Cruise Nights on Broadway

SOUTH AMBOY - Come join us for fun,music, prizes, 50/50's, great people and their cars! All Cars are Welcome! The third Friday of every month from May to September (9/20) from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Parking on Broadway. May, July, and September parking from Augusta Street to First Street. June and August parking from Augusta Street to Henry Street. Bring the Family! For additional information please contact: MTOTH1@OPTONLINE.NET or 908-930-3497. Sponsored by the City of South Amboy.

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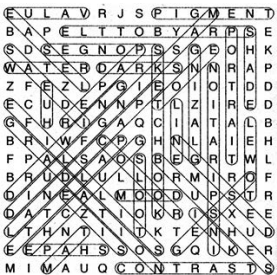
- TUES. Sept. 17 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. Sept. 18 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Sept. 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Sept. 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Sept. 24 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. Sept. 25 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Sept. 26 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m. Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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- MON. Sept. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- WED. Oct. 2 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Oct. 7 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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

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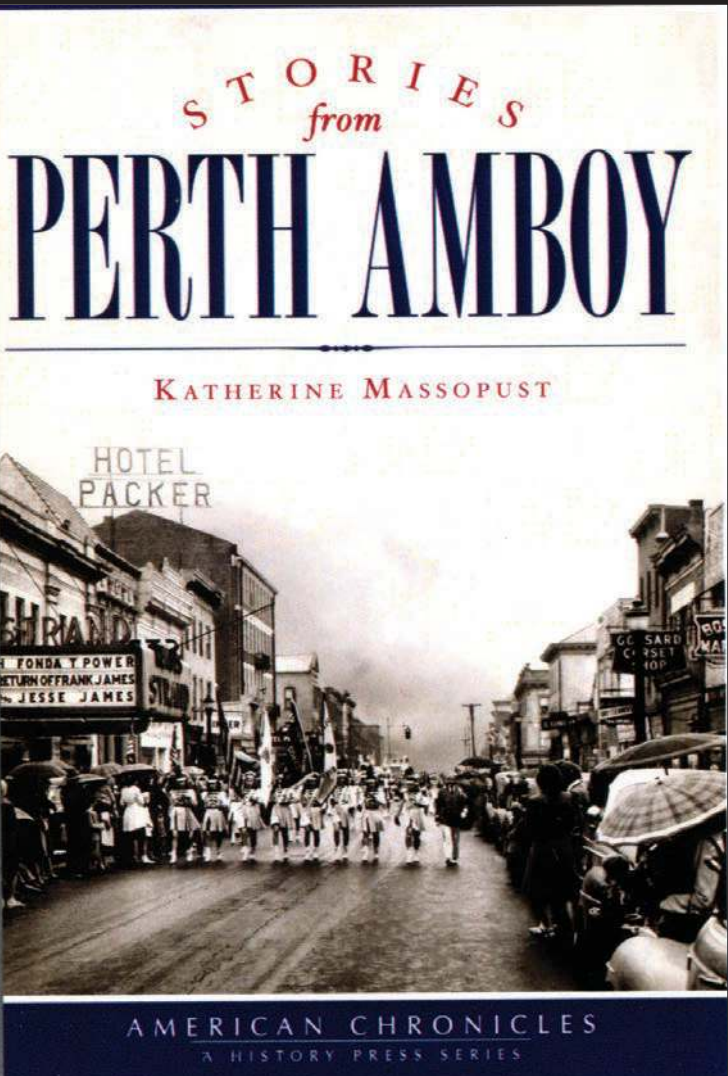


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – School 1940's

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Classic Car Show, High Street, Perth Amboy 9/7/19

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Photo Right - Mike Parfianowicz of South Amboy stands by his 1923 Ford “Bucket T” hot rod, which earned a trophy during the recent City-by-the-Bay’s 13th Annual Classic Car Show in Perth Amboy. The hot rod has a 302 cubic-inch engine with a four-barrel carburetor that delivers 325 horsepower. Mike says, “He enjoys driving the car everywhere. When I get behind the wheel and push down the gas pedal, I feel like I’m eighteen again.” The car show was presented by the City of Perth Amboy, its Business Improvement District (BID) and the Raritan Bay Cruisers car club.
*Photo by Bob Rinklin for the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District



Richard Amuso of Staten Island received Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz’s “Best in Show” trophy by exhibiting his 1923 Detroit Electric 97 B vehicle. The automobile was one of the more than 230 vehicles on display at the recent City-by-the-Bay Classic Car Show. Mr. Amuso found the vehicle in less than gracefully aging condition, and it was purchased from the Antique Auto Museum in Iowa. Over the course of a year and a half the Detroit Electric received a ground-up restoration. The car is powered by 14, six-volt batteries (seven in the front and same number in the rear). The estimated range for a single charge is 80 miles and the top speed is 25 miles an hour. This luxury vehicle retailed for \$3,000 in 1920s, and the car was very popular among women drivers due to its quietness and lack of hand-crank starting. Two of most notable owners of Detroit Electrics are Clara Ford and Mina Miller Edison, wives of Henry Ford and Thomas Edison, respectively. The car show was presented by the City of Perth Amboy, its Business Improvement District (BID) and the Raritan Bay Cruisers car club.
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Kenny Smetana restored this 1931 Ford Model A Coupe by using auto parts and equipment from five different decades. The body is from the 1930s, engine is 1949 Mercury flathead V-8, the five-speed transmission is from the 1950s, an interior from 1960s and rack-and-pinion steering from 1980s.
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John Orren with his 1965 Shelby AC Cobra Mk IV Roadster, which is a recreation of the high performance sports car created by the legendary automobile designer and race driver Carroll Shelby. This vehicle is equipped with 347-cubic inch Ford V-8 that produces 405 horsepower..
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A gorgeous 1970 Buick Electra 225 Custom coupe convertible that is owned by Phyllis Smith, who earned a trophy for this incredibly, well-restored automobile.
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“Blue Hawaiian” John Revilla from Staten Island with his 1973 Chevy Camaro that has a huge 383-cubic-inch V-8 engine that delivers 435 horsepower. John said, “I’ve ‘wrenched’ this whole car from the rusty shell it was to beauty it is today.” Blue Hawaiian was John’s nickname when he was growing up.
*Photo by Bob Rinklin for the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District

(Photo Right) - Junior classic car fans Mila and Zoe Sulikowski and Kylie Bucior (left to right) presented a trophy to car owner Sage Seijo, who brought nine vehicles to Perth Amboy’s auto show. The girls, who helped sell lemonade to raise funds for upcoming



Breast Cancer Awareness Month, selected Mr. Sage’s teal-colored and custom-outfitted, Volkswagen camper as their favorite car at the event. Sage also displayed six more VW vehicles, a 911 Porsche Carrera and 1964 Cadillac Coupe de Ville sedan.
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Photo Top - Bill and Linda (far right) Kaleta of Perth Amboy brought the 1966 Batmobile to the City-by-the-Bay’s 13th Annual Classic Car Show. This Batmobile was used as a stunt car in the original Batman TV Show. The Batmobile has a durable steel frame that was built on the chassis of a 1966 Chrysler 300 sedan. The Batmobile has 383-cubic-inch engine and four barrel carburetor. According to the Kaletas, Adam West, who played Batman on TV, had a tendency to drive the vehicle in to the walls of the bat cave and other objects. This vehicle became the stunt car because an auto body shop could quickly repair dents, scratches and punctures in auto’s steel body.
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Group Photo

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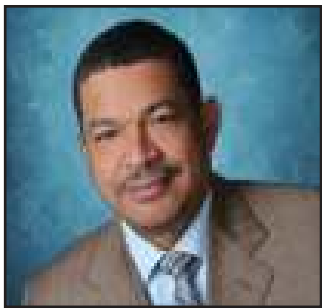
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