Special Meeting Called: BID Budget, Council Hiring Defense Attorney & Closed Session: Mayor vs. City Council

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8/16/19 Special Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY - The first Resolution that came up for discussion was R-368-8/19 - Approving the introduction of the CY 2019 Perth Amboy Business Improvement District Budget.

Business Administrator Frederick Carr stated that without the BID Budget, the Council could not complete their budget

During the public portion, Resident and Businessman Jeremy Baratta came up to speak. He questioned, "The BID had 8 months to present their budget. Why wait so long to put the Council in this position?

Resident and former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton came up next. She questioned, "How much of the City Budget is used by the BID?"

Carr answered, "None. The City pays for the administrator which they in turn pay back to us. I am trying to be that administrator."

Nanton continued, "Can the Council reduce the BID Budget?"

CFO Jill Goldy fielded that question. "I believe it's within the Council's right to recommend suggestions to the BID."

Nanton then suggested that the BID cut the budget for the planters. "The vines are overgrown, and people use them to put garbage in. Remove them. Also get rid of the banners that are on the lampposts. They are too small, and they really don't say anything. They're more of an eyesore and the planters were not taken care of for the price paid (\$60,000 which were originally allocated). On the budget, there is a \$15,000 line item to replace them."

Resident Alan Silber came up next, "The BID budget was voted on Tuesday (8/13/19)."

Carr explained, "The budget is late. They had a special meet-

Silber then asked, "Was there an attorney (at their meeting)?"

At this point, BID Chair Barry Rosengarten responded, "There was no attorney, but there was an accountant."

Silber continued, "There are 16 people listed on the BID Board and 8 of those 16 people were marked as absent."

Carr responded, "There are 15 Board Members, but one is an alternate. Either Jeanette Rios (Mayor's Aide) or the Mayor will attend. They both can't be present at the same meeting."

Silber then had questions about Resolution R-369-8/19 -Authorizing a professional service contract with Dominic P. DiYanni, Esq., of the law firm of Eric M. Bernstein, Associates for Legal Representation of the Council and William A. Petrick, Council President in the matter of Wilda Diaz vs. the City Council in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

He also referenced Resolution R-370-8/19 – Authorizing a closed session at the Special Public Meeting of August 16, 2019 to discuss the following: 1.) Litigation – Mayor vs. City Council.

Council President William Petrick answered Silber's concerns, "The lawsuit (pertaining to those 2 resolutions) involves the defendants, which would be the Council and myself."

Silber then stated, "King (The City's Law Director) is not here, and there are lawsuits involving litigation. Why is no one from King's law firm here? Does the lawsuit involving Rios's sister have a cost attached?



Lisa Nanton

CFO Goldy responded, "There was no contract or encompasses on City funds (involving that

Silber continued, "Are there any documents involving that lawsuit (Mayor vs. City Coun-

Petrick responded, "We (the Council) have to respond when we get the lawsuit."

Silber ended, "It's irresponsible of the Mayor."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles came up next, "If there is no attorney, how is this suit filed?"

Petrick addressed Aviles, "The Mayor's lawyer is Lanza and Lanza."

Aviles continued, "I've talked to tenants and landlords (in the BID District), and the assessment hasn't gone up much, but they say they see very little benefits, and the rate is high. Taxes are going up." Aviles then stated, "A systematic change is to see where the waste is. The assessment is where you have to look. I can't justify paying more here than in Franklin Township. All the people on the BID care about the town. Barry (Rosengarten) is Mister Perth Amboy. The planters and banners are small stuff. It's like when the Housing Authority came here at the last hour. It seems rushed (getting the BID Budget so late). You should table it. Two Council Members are missing (tonight).'

Council President William Petrick explained, "We have to vote (on the Introductory Budget) so that it's on the tax bill."

CFO Goldy came up to make a clarification, "You are not



BID Chair Barry Rosengarten

adopting the BID Budget. You

are just presenting it. You have

28 days and there will be a pub-

lic hearing and adoption to get

the tax rate set after the BID

Budget. There will have to be

another meeting (Date TBD).

We cannot start our Budget un-

til the year begins." Carr then spoke up and said, "We can't get a quorum."

BID Chair Barry Rosengarten came up to address some of the speakers concerns and stated, "The BID went through some serious transitions and we are in the process of going through another one. We went through an audit. I agree that the banners on the poles are too small. We need to advertise what we have (in the City). We're going to make changes. The planters are concrete. The broken ones have to be replaced. I welcome Lisa (Nanton) to be part of the planter committee."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry had a couple of questions regarding the BID Budget. He talked about the planters first. "Some of these planters have weeds and don't you have a contractor? The person is not doing the job and are they getting paid?"

Rosengarten responded, "They are getting paid and are maintaining the planters, but we need a Clean Team and also the public is not respecting the planters. The budget is \$240,000 and we have a surplus. We are continuing to educate the public about not misus-

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Perth Amboy Public Schools Recognized as a District of Distinction

Press Release 8/15/19

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amannounce that the district is one of thirty-four school districts nationwide recognized as "Districts of Distinction."

Districts of Distinction was established by District Administration magazine to honor innovative school districts that are leading the way with new ideas that solve challenges. Perth Amboy Public Schools is being recognized for its "High School Career-Based Communications Academy", in which district leaders partnered with communication experts from New York University, Seton Hall University, and Kean University to develop a new communications career-based curriculum. Courses feature both academic theory and hands-on practice. New facilities were added, including a television and recording studio,

six editing suites, and a virtual reality lab. Students who can boy Public Schools is pleased to communicate in more than one language can build those skills and also prepare for the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy. An international communications track features classes in international diplomacy.

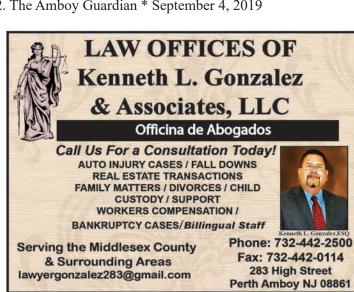
'Our district has a multitude of robust initiatives underway that are positively impacting student successes," says Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent. "The Communications Academy provides students with the college and career-readiness skills needed to fulfill all of their hopes and dreams."

Honorees are selected based on quantifiable results and the replicability of their initiatives. The July 2019 Districts of Distinction honorees were selected by the magazine's editors from numerous nominations. To view Perth Amboy's article and a full

list of the 2019 honorees, visit districtadministration.com/dod.

"These districts have developed innovative programs to support students in their education and well beyond the classroom," says JD Solomon, editorial director of District Administration magazine. "We hope our readers are inspired by the efforts of these honorees to create successful initiatives in their own districts."

About Perth Amboy Public Schools The Perth Amboy Public School District, located in the City of Perth Amboy, is a historic 4.5 square mile municipality resting along the shores of the beautiful Raritan Bay in Middlesex County. Our district provides a comprehensive and rigorous education for more than 11.000 students in Grades Pre-K through 12. For more information, please visit our website at www.paps.net.







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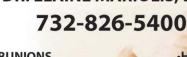


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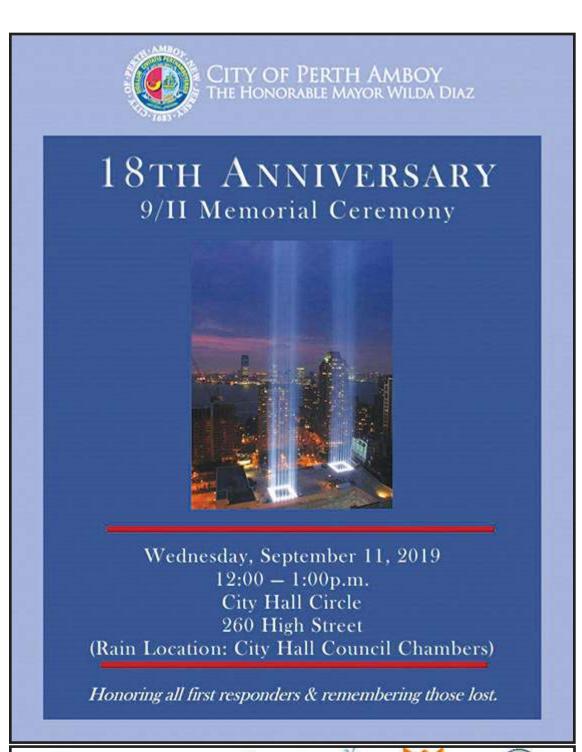
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Stroke Support Group

Group
PERTH AMBOY – Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan
Bay Medical Center is hosting
a free Stroke Support Group
on Thursday, September 12,
5:30-6:30p.m. at Perth Amboy
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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.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/events or call 1-800-560-9990.

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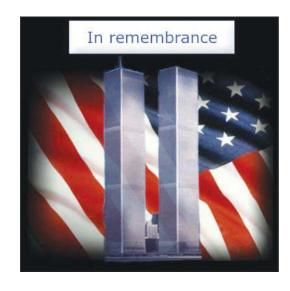
PERTH AMBOY – Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is hosting a free Bariatric Support Group on Tuesday, September 10, 7-8p.m. at Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, Centennial Hall A. Registration is required, visit https://www.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/events or call 1-800-560-9990.

Cholesterol: Know your Numbers

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is hosting a free Cholesterol: Know your Numbers lecture by Lewis M. Milrod, M.D. on Monday, September 16, 11-12p.m. at Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, Raritan Room C. Attendees will learn the difference between good and bad cholesterol, what your numbers mean and how you can better manage your cholesterol. Registration is required, visit https://www.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/events or call 1-800-560-9990.

Stop Smoking with Hypnosis PERTH AMBOY - Hacken-

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.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/events or call 1-800-560-9990.



LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

When We Were All In It Together

9-11-01 - A day that started out as a warm late summer day. The sky was blue which was complemented with a pleasant late summer breeze. I remember opening the back door and saying to myself, "What a beautiful day!" I was planning to go to New York that morning. I had walked into Coney Island Restaurant that morning and a police officer was standing at the counter and he was watching the TV screen which showed a plane had crashed into one of the towers of the World Trade Center. I asked him what was going on and he replied that it had to be terrorists because the jet pilots are trained to go into the water if something goes wrong (especially on the coast). I then saw live the second plane crashing into the other tower. Then the Pentagon got hit. America was under attack. Then the TV went blank and they had to put on the Spanish station which continued to broadcast the events.

The towers going down, the Pentagon getting hit, and the plane going down in Shanksville, PA. That day changed the course of history for years to come. So many people were in shock. New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani became "America's Mayor" faced with the responsibility of New York during this terrible attack on our freedom. President George W. Bush would later create the Division of Homeland Security in the President's Cabinet. K.M.

You have to remember the day our country was attacked had many aftershocks. Immediately the tunnels, bridges, and major highways were shut down. Many people who either lived or worked in New Jersey, New York or other parts of the tristate area were stuck where they were. You were one of the lucky ones if you were able to make it home. Some people were able to take the last ferry back to Jersey. Every commercial, private, or business airplane had orders to land in a specific time frame or you were going to be shot down. Can you imagine what all these airports had to go through to ac-commodate all these unscheduled flights coming in. You have to remember that not only vehicles carry people, but they transport tood and other necessary supplies. That means there were no deliveries being made.

I remember businesses and

Layout & Asst. Writer



World Trade Center Attacks 9-11-01 *Reuters

residents opening their doors to those who were stranded on either side of the river, so Perth Amboy residents and businesses opened their hearts and homes to perfect strangers. I remember that one of my sisters was in the hospital, and the hospital had cots and beds in the hallways waiting for the injured to come in from the World Trade Center. Unfortunately, none of them were used. You never want to see a tragedy, but watching those towers fall, I was hoping to see those beds and cots filled. Even if those who were injured who filled those beds may have succumbed, they would hae been in the company of a caregiver. It would be better than having a piece of jewelry or mementos found in the ashes and ruins or not even found.

Not only were all the major highways and railways shut down, many businesses down as well. No one knew who, if, or when we were going to be attacked next. It was a domino effect. There were rumors flying everywhere of what was going to be attacked next. Colleges and other schools were being shut down. For the next few days it was chaos.

We hope to never see anything like this again. *C.M.*

During the next days, everyone was in a daze, and no one knew how to address the situation including late night comedians. Sport events were cancelled. One thing held true - American flags were draped everywhere, and everyone was nice to each other, at least for a short time.

Now, 18 years later, people are still suffering the aftereffects of the tragedy. Because of this tragedy, the 9-11 Victim's Compensation Fund was started. (Affected first responders, residents. workers, teachers, and students along a certain perimeter are eligible.). Many 9-11 victims now conditions. First Responder Luis Alvarez (53 years old) recently passed away after testifying before congress fighting for the 9-11 Victim's Compensation Fund to continue.

We will never forget that day as long as we live. It was a day that changed the way we live, breathe, and think that looms over us like a shadow, always on guard that it would happen again. We must remain ever diligent to never let such a tragedy of that proportion ever happen again. *C.M.* & *K.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Firearms Study The September/October is-

sue of 'Discover' had a chart on page 32 that shows how firearm deaths escalated after the 1968 Gun Control Act.

Shouldn't we abolish this Federal Law to reverse its unforeseen effects?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

New Theme

for Trump
Well, I guess the Puppet Control Mainstream News Media playbook failed on the Trump Russian Collusion. Now, they have to use a new playbook on Trump. What's the new theme? "He's a Racist". Yes, they will use this until Election 2020, and if you vote Republican "You're a RICIST!" So, if you're African American or Hispanic voting republican:

you're a RICIST. We know this is a cheap shot and nothing else to win the game, but remember politics is a dirty game on both sides. Also, it will not surprise you if Hillary Clinton runs in 2020. She already is making the move by having one of those \$50,000 Hot Dogs fundraising dinners or for \$35,000 you can sit 20 feet from her. Yes, it will be Trump vs Hillary in 2020.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Volunteers Needed to Help Children in Foster Care

Press Release 5/30/19

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

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

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

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

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Special Public Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to advise you that the Council of the City of Perth Amboy will hold a Special Public Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall

The sole purpose of this meeting is for the public hearing and adoption of the CY 2019 Business Improvement Budget.

Proprietary House Open

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion.

Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open.

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 Cottage Open

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

Historic Surveyor General's Office

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

MON. Sept. 9 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

MON. Sept. 10 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.

Library, Jefferson St.

THURS. Sept. 12 Special Public Meeting, City Council, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St.

THURS. Sept. 19 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.

South Amboy

WED. Sept. 4 City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.

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

*Check our website www.amboyguardian.com for updates on meeting times and places

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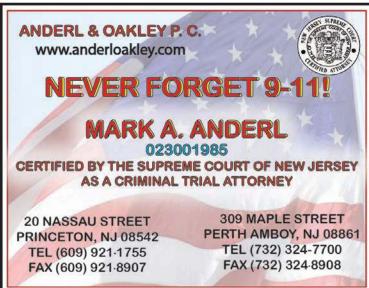
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District Honored, Concerns of Lopez School Traffic Patterns, Beginning of New School Year

8/30/19 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY – The 8/30/19 Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. The Board immediately went into closed session which lasted 3 hours. When the meeting reconvened, there was a presentation by Superintendent Dr. David Roman, Director of School Counseling & Related Services Ms. Mary J. McAdam, and Director of Curriculum Dr. Damian Medina.

The Perth Amboy School District has won 5 major awards over the past year:

- Lighthouse District
- National School of Character
- District of Distinction
- QSAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum –The Perth Amboy School District has been recognized as a high performing school district. The Graduation Rate has gone from 59.3% in 2013 to 80% in 2018.
- The Seal of Biliteracy

Dr. David Roman thanked everyone who made these honors possible. "I truly believe that

this district is the best in New Jersey on many levels. We have the best staff in the state of New Jersey. We have hardworking teachers and a superior staff. We are ready to open. There are approximately 220 new staff. Staff development was great. We've only just begun. Our goal is to reach national landmarks. The District's goals are both quantitative and qualitative. Perth Amboy is leading the way for the best of the nation. Every single Board Member we have past and present made this possible. We are illuminating the path forward."

Later during the meeting, there were some concerns about the traffic at the new Rose M. Lopez Elementary School located on Seaman Avenue. District Director of Operations Carmen Southward and District Chief of Security Personnel Tibor Kacso came up to speak about this issue, "We have detailed plans for all parents to drop off and pick up children. Seaman Avenue will be one-way during school

hours. It will officially be oneway 24/7 by the end of September. We have added 20 (bus)

Dr. David Roman continued, "We need to be patient and considerate."

Board Vice-President Tashi Vasquez then added, "Day 1 and Day 2 (of school) are always tough. I want to publicize the phone# in case of problems: 732-376-6200 ext. 30276; or ext. 30275; or ext. 30279. You will get a live person (not a computer). It will be on Channel 34 (Comcast) (Fios Ch. 48) as well."

Board Member Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe stated that is essential that the community know about the new traffic patterns. "It will be very congested at times when schools are opening and closing. The Community should be made aware of this."

It was noted by Ms. Mary J. McAdam (who came up to the podium to speak) that there will be a SAT Preparation class for



Superintendent Dr. David Roman *Photos by Katherine Massopust

students. She stated that it will accommodate 75-100 students and that this is the second year of the company the district is using, and the company worked out well.

Board Member Anton J. Massopust asked if there will be a photo of Rose M. Lopez and information about her in the alcove in the new school. Dr.



Director of Curriculum Dr. Damian Medina (L) and Director of School Counseling & Related Services Ms. Mary J. McAdam (R)

David Roman assured everyone that was 100% happening.

No one spoke at either public portion. Board Member Jesus Martinez was absent. The next Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at PAHS.

Special Meeting Called: BID Budget, Council Hiring Defense Attorney & Closed Session: Mayor vs. City Council

8/16/19 Special Council Meeting

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ing the planters." Rosengarten also mentioned that Randy Convery (acting BID Coordinator) did a very good job, but he left for a better job. We also had a Director and another person who was in a leadership position and left."

Irizarry spoke up again and said, "If the BID Chair and Vice-Chair are still intact, the Budget should have been done earlier."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up next and stated, "I don't like voting for something that was already done. More beautification is needed in the downtown area. Replace your landscaper. Some of this money on your budget stated it's for marketing and publication. Where is the advertising going on? This place should be packed with businesspeople."

Rosengarten responded to questions about the downtown not being that clean, "The vacmachines (streetcleaners) are secondary to the business owners. Each property owner is responsible for taking care of their property. The vacs are down, and the DPW have a shortage of personnel for us to use them."

Pabon spoke up again, "Some of this money should go to help business owners. Benches were removed (in the downtown business area) because of people sleeping on them. Seniors need someplace to sit down. I'm not voting on this (R-368)."

Council President Bill Petrick then chimed in, "We need to get benches with dividers. I'm looking at the ones that are on Smith and State Streets."

Councilman Irizarry then spoke up, "We need to start this process (voting on R-368) so that the City can strike a tax

rate. They will have to change the budget to allocate more money to put in benches in for this year."

Petrick responded, "We can change what hasn't been spent." He then told Rosengarten, "Take it to the Board (BID) that you need another landscaper."

Rosengarten responded, "The benches have been studied many times, but we have been stalled, and we need you (the Council) to work with us."

After all agenda items were discussed, there was a request to put on a late-starter R-371-8/19 by Council President William Petrick. This Resolution had name of the lawyer hired to represent the Council for the lawsuit that the Mayor filed against the Council and William Petrick. Petrick moved the Resolution to be put on as a late-starter and it was seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon. Petrick explained that the Resolution that King had drafted had the Mayor and the Council represented by the same law firm. "We can't have the same person representing both the Mayor and the Council. That is why I asked that R-371 be put on the agenda."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry voted "No" to R-371 to be added as a late starter. It was voted to have this put on the next regular meeting agenda in September – not as a late-starter.

Councilman Joel Pabon stated, "The attorney that was on the R-371 resolution had already contacted me because he had to go to court today (8/16/19) regarding this matter (the Mayor's lawsuit against the Council)."

Petrick then spoke up, "I had sent the resolution to everyone. This late-starter had more detailed information in it. Details included both attorneys (the Mayor's and the Council's). Even when police officers are

involved in the same case, they each need to have their own attorneys representing them."

During the last public portion, Reinaldo Aviles came up first. He told the Council, "Look at the old BID minutes. The City's website was updated, but it still has incorrect information. We have a Rent Control Ordinance, but we don't have a Rent Leveling Board. Where do people go to complain? Either you get rid of the Rent Control Ordinance or the Board."

Councilman Petrick responded, "We (the Council) should appoint the members."

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch spoke up and stated, "I have advertised 3 times regarding vacancies on the Rent Leveling Board and I had no responses."

Resident and Businessman Jeremy Baratta came up next, "The maximum increase (on rents) can only be 5% per year. If you don't pay, then the landlord can take the tenant to court. Every landlord should file their increase with the City." He then talked about the BID. By that time, Barry Rosengarten had already left. Baratta said, "Barry Rosengarten had said the BID Members were very involved, but half the time they don't even have a quorum at their meetings. When I asked businesses in the BID area about the BID, I can't repeat what they say. I applied for the BID and only got 3 votes. They pay someone \$1,000 a month to maintain their planters. Why is the 2020 Budget not here as well? In the past, they had a \$4,000 allotment 2 years ago for telephones. Now, it's only \$1,200. Look at who is on the BID. The quorum is 5 for members. Look at the attendance. If you own a business in the BID area, sometimes one business will have two people in the BID. There

are supposed to be one or two

slots for community members."

Resident Alan Silber spoke next about the BID Budget, "The owners of businesses in that area get taxed. Who authorizes the spent money? The Mayor is on the BID. They got rid of Virginia Lugo who questioned items." Silber also mentioned the new website which has Irving Lozada as Acting Code Enforcement Director.

Silber then questioned the lack of people that are here for this special meeting. He then went on to question the \$600,000 emergency service contract that was given to B&W. "How much of their original contract was used before the emergency situation? They were supposed to ask the Council for an extension on their contract. How did it go from \$600,000 to \$800,000? That is what is wrong when moving meeting dates. You get an agenda on Friday and people work. You can't move a meeting unless it's on a legal holiday. The emergency contract (to fix a road) was done illegally. We have to stop doing something because it's convenient. There is no lawyer here. There is no oversight at the BID when voting on their budget. 7 people were absent when they were doing the voting on the BID bud-

Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton came up to speak and questioned the attorneys who were listed on R-369. "Are they on the approved list?"

B.A. Carr responded, "One is on the list. The other law firm is not."

Petrick then spoke up and said, "I sent R-371 to the other Council Members a few days ago and sent the resolution to King for him to review."

Carr spoke up again and said he sent an email to all the Council Members regarding R-371 on Wednesday morning

(8/14/19).

Nanton continued, "So, tonight everyone had the Resolution R-371 beforehand." She continued, "When I was on the Council, before we hired Tarver (to represent the Council), I contacted everyone on the approval list of law firms and asked all of them if they knew our present Law Director Quinones or the Law Director before her, Blunda. If they said, "Yes," I didn't want them to represent us, and that's when we hired Tarver, because he was an independent."

Councilman Irizarry then spoke up and stated that Petrick added more to R-371 today (Friday) than what was originally given to us Wednesday morning (it was revised).

Petrick spoke up and replied, "I added on the resolution today the docket number, the hourly rate, and the do not exceed amount. I amended R-371 that you were emailed Wednesday morning and added today (Friday) more information to make it more thorough."

Nanton told the Council that it's critical that an independent attorney is hired for the Council.

For R-368, it was moved by Irizarry, seconded by Petrick. Pabon voted, "No."

For R-369 & R-370, Council President William Petrick said he was withdrawing both resolutions because the City had no legal representation present. R-371 was moved to be put on the agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting (9/9/19).

Councilwoman Milady Tejada and Councilman Helmin Caba were absent.

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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.

Perth Amboy **NAACP Meeting**PERTH AMBOY - The Perth

Amboy Unit of the NAACP meets Monday Sept. 16, 2019 at the Jankowski Senior Center, 1 Olive Street Perth Amboy NJ at 7 p.m. sharp. All are welcome. Reverend Donna Stewart Presi-



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.

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 23^{rd} to 25^{th} , 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.

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, Sept. 5, 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

Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN – The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip just to Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019. Cost is \$30 and \$25 back in play \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. For any questions - please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

A.C. Bus Trip St. John Paul II

Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on. Wed. 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.

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Table of PlentyPERTH 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.

Golf Outing Fundraiser

STATEN ISLAND - It is the 18th anniversary of the attack on our country at the World Trade Center. I know that the loss my family experienced that day is still as fresh as the day it happened. I am sure that many people feel the same sense of loss and struggle to understand the events of that day. Lorraine was born and raised on Staten Island and was a lifelong resident. We want to celebrate her life as a resident of Staten Island. We will celebrate her life at the Richmond County Country Club with our eighteenth annual fundraiser.

To honor the memory of our sister, Lorraine, lost on 9/11/01, our family established a nonprofit, charitable foundation known as "The Lorraine Greene Lee Memorial Foundation" a 501(c)(3) corporation. This year being the eighteenth anniversary of the tremendous loss suffered by thousands of families, we would like to make this event the most memorable to date and raise a record amount of money for charities in the New York metropolitan area. With that in mind we would like to invite you to our eighteenth annual fundraiser event. We know with your help we can make this our most successful year. 100% of the money raised will be donated to a variety of charities in Lorraine's name. We are a 501 (c)(3) corporation so all donations are 100% tax deductible.

You can go to our website to register for the golf outing and dinner on September 9th, 2019. The website is: Lorrainegreeneleememorialfoundation.org

When: September 9, 2019 **Richmond County Country Club** Where Staten Island, New York

Registration: 9:30 AM Breakfast: 10:00 AM Tee Time: 12:00 PM **Cocktail Hour:** 5:00 PM 6:00 PM Dinner: Cost: \$295 per golfer/ Dinner & Cocktails only \$150

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For more information, Contact Tom Greene at: 732-522-0504 or at greenestan@msn.com lorrainegreeneleememorialfoundation.org

If you are unable to attend and would like to donate, donations are gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to: Lorraine Greene Lee Memorial Foundation 2 Blueberry Lane, Leonardo, NJ 07737



Do you or someone you know have **Old Photographs or Documents?**

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area) For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you. For more info please call 732-293-1090

Museum Pass Program PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public

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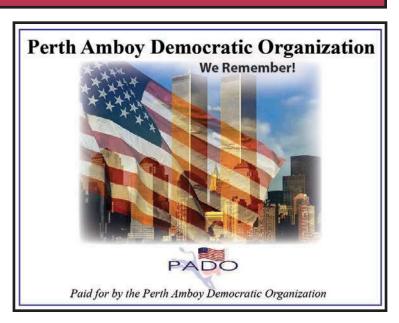
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September 11th Memorial Service

Press Release

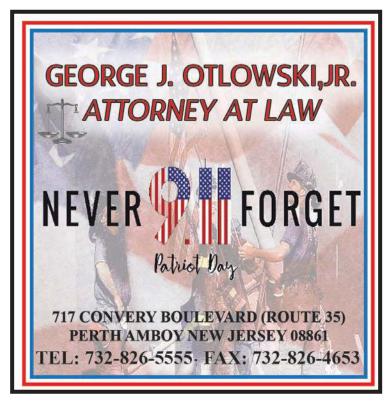
SAYREVILLE - The Borough of Sayreville will be hosting the 18th Annual Memorial Service to remember the victims of September 11, 2001. The Memorial Service will be held at 5:30pm, Sunday, September 8th, 2019 - rain or shine at the Sayreville Borough 9/11 Memorial in Burke's Park, Washington Road. Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive by 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Robert Bruce, Program Coordinator at 732-322-5514.



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WOODBRIDGE - Mayor John E. McCormac, the Woodbridge Township Municipal Council, and Woodbridge Interfaith Clergy invite you to "A Township Remembers" 9/11 Interfaith Memorial Service & Salute to the Woodbridge Township First Responder Community, Woodbridge Police Department, Woodbridge Township Fire Departments Woodbridge Township First Aid Squads, Woodbridge Township Office of Emergency Management Woodbridge Township C.E.R.T. Team. Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 9/11 Memorial Park, Woodbridge Township Municipal Building, 1 Main Street Woodbridge NJ.





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POW/MIA Gold Star Mother's Recognition Day

HOMDEL - Dear Ceremony Participants, with POW/MIA Gold Star Mother's Recognition Day just around the corner, it is time to plan for your organization's wreath at our annual ceremony. This year's ceremony will take place on Friday, September 20th at 11:00 a.m.

If you are planning on participating, we ask that someone from your organization notify us no later than Monday, September 16, 2019. If your wreath is currently stored at NJVVMF we will need to retrieve it from storage - so the deadline is very important.

As always, thank you for your support and dedication and we look forward to seeing you on this special day. New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, 1 Memorial Lane, PO Box 648, Holmdel, NJ. For more info, call: 732-335-0033 ext. 103 - Fax 732-335-1107

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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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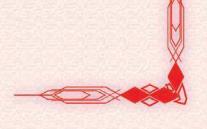
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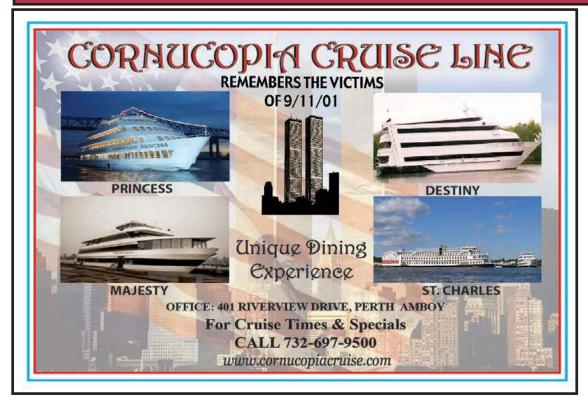






















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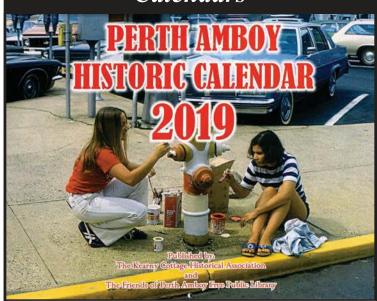
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Celebrating the Sesquarcentennial at "The Old White Church"

Historical Association of Woodbridge Township

WOODBRIDGE - 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.

Amboy Bank to Hold Seminars for Seniors and Their Adult Children

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Photo Release

OLD BRIDGE - As part of continuing efforts to serve the senior community, Amboy Bank will hold a number of complimentary "Caring for Aging Parents" seminars throughout September and October. Covered topics will include estate planning, senior home equity options, recognizing financial abuse and fraud and long-term

"Amboy Bank has always been at the forefront of providing information and consultative services to the seniors in our community," said Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank's President and CEO. "We believe these free, no-obligation seminars can be of great value to many families."

Branch Locations and Dates:

Aberdeen	Saturday, September 14	10:00 am
Millhurst	Thursday, September 19	4:30 pm
Freehold	Thursday, September 19	5:00 pm
Manalapan	Saturday, September 21	1:00 pm
Sayrewoods	Thursday, September 26	6:00 pm
Sayreville	Thursday, October 3	4:00 pm
Woodbridge	Thursday, October 3	4:00 pm
Browntown	Thursday, October 10	5:00 pm
Monmouth Junction	Thursday, October 10	5:00 pm
Ocean	Thursday, October 17	4:30 pm

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Smart Tactics To Manage Student Debt Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A. 1-800-801-1099

According to the Federal Reserve, U.S. student loan debt is now \$1.5 trillion with more than 44 million borrowers. Only mortgage debt currently has bigger numbers among types of consumer debt. Even worse, more than 10 percent of these loans are past due. Here are some tactics to help make student debt easier to manage:

- Know the loan terms. Not all student debt is created equal. Understanding the terms of all your student loans is important. With this knowledge, select the correct loan option and know which loan to pay first. Things you should know about each loan include: Suggestion: Create a spreadsheet with a student loan in each column. Then note the terms under each loan. This will create a strong visual of your situation and show you which loans are most important.
 - o The interest rate
 - o The term of the loan
 - o Amount of any up front fees
 - o Pre-payment penalties (if any)
 - o When interest and payments start
 - o Payment amounts
 - o Payment flexibility
 - o How the interest is calculated
- · Avoid accruing interest. Some student loans accrue interest while you are in school. With the compounding of this interest, your student loan amount continues to grow with each passing year before repayment begins. Banks love this - you should not. Suggestion: Figure out how to make some or all of the interest payments while in school. This will not only lock the amount you owe, it will reduce the amount of overall loan payments.
- Pay a little extra in the early days. The math of loans benefits banks in the early years of the repayment period. This is because the vast majority of interest is paid in the first years of repayment. By the time you get to the last year of repayment, payments are primarily the principal balance and interest is nil. Suggestion: Pay extra every month as soon as payments start. While this seems impossible as you enter the workforce, even \$25 extra per month can dramatically reduce the amount of total payments you make over the life of your loan. For example, a \$25 extra payment on a 10year \$50,000 student loan with 5 percent interest would cut six months off the loan, save \$834 in interest, AND save \$3,180 in future loan payments!
- Make small cuts elsewhere. Having a hard time finding a few extra dollars to make extra payments? Consider observing and then changing your spending habits. Suggestion: Purchase one less latte a week. Drop one monthly service from a bill. Eat in more often. Then use these savings as a bonus payment on your student loan principal.

While student debt is often an unavoidable outcome of getting a college education, it can be minimized if actively managed. Small changes can yield results if planned for in advance.

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.

Soviet forces reach the Bulgarian border at Giurgiu, on the Danube, on September 1, 1944. Bulgarian prime minister Ivan Bagrianov resigns, with Konstantin Muraviev replacing him. U.S. Army Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Commander in Chief, Allied Expeditionary Forces, establishes his Supreme Headquarters in France. Canadian First Army troops capture Dieppe, France, locale of a failed Canadian commando raid in August 1942. Gen. Bernard Montgomery is promoted to Field Marshal, the British Army's highest rank.

Allied troops enter Belgium on September 2. The Canadian First Army reaches the river Somme, in Picardy, northern France. The Germans begin to evacuate the Greek Aegean Islands. In Helsinki, Finnish Prime Minister Antii Hackzell announces that Finland is breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany and demands that all German troops be withdrawn. The German launching of V-1s from France ceases. Holocaust diarist Annelies "Anne" Frank, a 15-year-old Dutch Jew, having been held in an internment camp in the Netherlands since her family's capture in August, is sent to Auschwitz. The train carrying her, her family and others, is the last to leave the Netherlands for the Nazi concentration camp.

Brussels, Belgium, is liberated by the British on September 3, while Lyon, France, is freed by American and French troops. Finland and the Soviet Union agree on a ceasefire. Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt is appointed Commander of the German Army in the West, taking over for Field Marshal Walter Model, who retains command of Army Group B. In the Pacific, Wake Island and other strategic targets are bombed and strafed by U.S. Navy aircraft for two days, during which 13 Japanese ships are reported sunk.

The British, South African and U.S. air forces on September 4 start "Operation Ratweek," a joint operation with Allied ground forces and Yugoslav Partisans, to hinder the German retreat from the Balkans. The British 11th Armored Division enters Antwerp, Belgium. The Soviet and Finnish governments implement a cease-fire; the Germans are ordered to leave Finland by the 15th of September. In Bulgaria, four days of anti-government strikes begin; most are violent.

Antwerp, Belgium, is freed by the British on September 5. The Soviet Union declares war on Bulgaria. In Poland, the Second Warsaw Uprising continues; the Red Army continues to stand idly nearby. Sweden says it will bar entry to any Nazis attempting to flee Greater Germany. RAF planes bomb Le Havre, France, creating a firestorm that kills 2,500 people.

Canadian troops surround Calais, France, on September 6, trapping the German garrison. Liège, Belgium, falls to British troops, while the U.S. First Army pushes eastward through Belgium, crossing the River Meuse. The Soviets occupy Turnu-Severin, on the Danube in Romania, and advance to the Yugoslav border. They also reach the eastern Carpathian Mountains. In the United Kingdom, the Minister for Home Security announces a relaxation of blackout and other civil-defense measures. The British War Office ends compulsory training and drills for the Home Guard.

The British 11th Armoured Division crosses the Albert Canal, to the east of Antwerp, Belgium, on September 7. The U.S. Third Army crosses the Moselle River. U.S. 9th Air Force fighters, supporting elements of the U.S. Seventh Army in southern France, destroy an estimated 500 German vehicles along a 15-mile section of road. Germany's armored forces have been shattered along the Western Front — German Army Group B has only about a hundred operational tanks remaining. The Belgian government-in-exile returns to Brussels from London. Romania declares war on Hungary. The submarine *USS Paddle* torpedoes the Japanese cargo ship Shinyō Maru in the Sulu Sea. Intelligence reports said the vessel is transporting Japanese soldiers, but, unfortunately, it is carrying 750 American prisoners of war, of whom 688 perish.

The first German V-2 rockets (the first long-range, guided, ballistic missiles), launched from mobile bases in the Netherlands, land on London, Paris and Antwerp on September 8, 1944. Canadian troops liberate Ostend, Belgium. The Red Army invades Bulgaria, which immediately arranges an armistice with the Soviet Union and declares war on Germany.

The U.S. 113th Cavalry crosses the Belgian-Dutch border on September 9. In the Philippines, three groups of the U.S. Navy's Task Force 38, with a total of 12 aircraft carriers, attack Japanese airfields on Mindanao Island. In Bulgaria, a *coup d'etat* led primarily by communists and partisans overthrows Prime Minister Konstantin Muraviev after one week in office. He is replaced by Kimon Georgiev. In France, Provisional President Charles de Gaulle names himself as the country's prime minister.

Luxembourg is liberated by U.S. troops on September 10. Meanwhile, the first Allied troops reach western Germany, at Aachen, a city on the border with Belgium and the Netherlands. In the East, the Soviet 1st Belorussian Front attacks German forces defending Praga, a suburb of Warsaw on the east bank of the Vistula River.

The 15th Scottish Division crosses the Dutch border, east of Antwerp, on September 11. A bridgehead is established across the Meuse-Escaut canal. The U.S. Third Army captures a large part of France's Maginot Line intact and reaches the German border at Trier, on the Moselle River. The 1st French Division occupies Dijon, in eastern France. Elements of the Canadian First Army reach Zeebrugge, on the Belgian coast. Bulgaria begins releasing Allied prisoners of war.

After heavy fighting, the German garrison at Le Havre, France, surrenders on September 12. The Greek government-in-exile moves from Cairo, Egypt, to Caserta, in the south of liberated Italy, to be closer to Greece in anticipation of returning. Meeting at the Second Quebec Conference, in Quebec City, Canada, Churchill and Roosevelt discuss plans for the postwar status of Germany. Canadian Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King — present, but not a participant — expresses concern for President Roosevelt's physical appearance, writing in his diary: "It seemed to me . . . that he had failed very much since I last saw him." As it turns out, Roosevelt, and those closest to him, are concealing a serious heart ailment from the public. In the Pacific, American planes fly 2,400 sorties over the Visayan Islands, in the Philippines.

American naval forces begin a preliminary bombardment of Peleliu and Angaur in the Palau Islands of the western Carolines on September 13. American troops reach the Siegfried Line, the western wall of Germany's defense system. It stretches 390 miles from the German-Dutch border to the German-Swiss border, and includes more than 18,000 bunkers, tunnels and tank traps. The Soviets reach the Polish-Czechoslovak border. Romania signs an armistice with the Soviet Union and agrees to provide 12 divisions to fight the Germans.

U.S. troops take Aachen, the first large German city to fall to the Allies, on September 14. The Soviet "Baltic Offensive" begins: Three Red Army Baltic Fronts launch an offensive with 900,000 men, 3,000 tanks and 2,600 aircraft against Army Group North which is forced to fall back to defensive positions around Riga, Latvia. Red Army troops reach the Vistula in the Praga suburb of Warsaw but make no attempt to cross the river. The Soviets — relenting to pressure from the U.S. and the U.K. — air-drop supplies to the Polish Home Army in Warsaw.



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To register please contact Inna Kramers at 862-704-2283.

There is no cost to attend—please bring your Green Card to enroll. The enrollment session will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

The Fords Branch Library is located at 211 Ford Avenue, Fords, NJ 08863. For more information about JVS please see https://jvsnj.org/

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Novena to St. Rita

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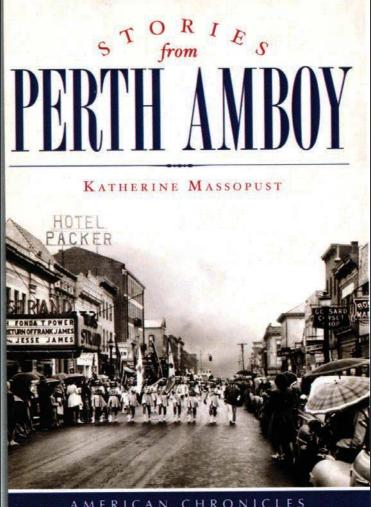
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- 12. Warn
- 13. Summer fruit drink
- 14. High card
- 15. Actor O'Toole
- 16. Made strong again
- 18. Tel Aviv's land
- 20. 1960s flower child: slang
- 23. "You can say that again!"
- 26. Achy
- 27. Level 29. Boy
- 31. Horse on a chessboard?
- 33. Shiny plating metal
- 35. Opposite of no
- 36. Capital of Norway
- 38. Not closed
- 39. Demonstrate
- 41. Wore away
- 43. Request boldly
- 45. Robbers
- 48. Leaves out
- 53. Hearing organ

54. Before, to a

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- 55. Broaddevice
- 57. Sunset
- - 2. Spanish

 - 4. Raw

 - 6. Oil
 - 7. Notion
 - 8. Under

- poet
- casting
- 56. Inquire of
- color
- 58. Extends across

DOWN

- 1. Tree fluid
- hurrah 3. "____ there
- be peace on earth . . ."
- mineral
- 5. Take off (a covering)
- container

- - 10. Frozen water
 - 11. Sleep site 17. Shade tree
 - 19. Removes lumps from

9. Uncooked

- (flour) 20. Sharpens, as a knife
- 21. Like a leprechaun
- 22. Wooden nail
- 24. Run off to wed
- 25. Titled 26. Word after "Vanilla" or "October"
- in movie titles
- 28. Oak nut
- 30. Lion's home

- 32. Nevertheless
 - 34. Fishing pole
 - 37. Rented
 - 40. Lyric poem
 - 42. Scents
 - 44. Lowly
 - 45. Steeped beverage
 - 46. Possesses
 - 47. Annov
 - 49. Atlas feature
 - 50. Lupino of the silver screen
 - 51. Metal can
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