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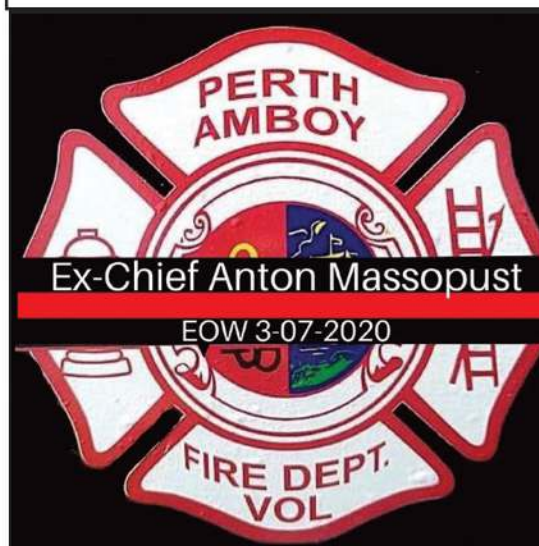
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Press Release From Mayor Wilda Diaz Regarding the Coronavirus

March 16, 2020

Dear Perth Amboy Community,

The City of Perth Amboy and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is monitoring and implementing emergency orders to attempt to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). My administration has been in discussions with various stakeholders including the Office of the Governor, New Jersey State Department of Health (NJDOH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure the safety and wellness of our residents. The following executive orders will be in effect starting Monday, March 16, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. Though we have no confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst our residents, we want to attempt to contain the spread of virus and take every precaution possible to safeguard our community.

- Mayor Wilda Diaz and the Office of Emergency Management have declared a State of Emergency for the City of Perth Amboy;
- All public, private, and parochial preschool programs, and elementary and secondary schools in Perth Amboy, including charter and renaissance schools, are closed beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020, and remain closed as long as the Order remains in effect. This does not apply to daycare centers which can remain open at their discretion;
- All gatherings of persons shall be limited to **25 persons** or fewer in Perth Amboy, with limited exceptions;
- All nightclubs, gyms, fitness centers and classes, movie theaters, and art galleries will be closed to the public beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. and remain closed as long as this Order remains in effect;
- All other non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses must cease daily operations from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. During business hours businesses may remain open if they limit their occupancy to no more than 50 persons and adhere to social distance guidelines;
- Essential businesses such as supermarkets, grocery stores, pharmacies, medical offices, and gas stations may remain open past 8:00 p.m. After 8:00 p.m. all non-essential business must close;
- All restaurant establishments, with or without a liquor, are limited to offering delivery and/or take out-services ONLY;
- Residents are encouraged to stay on their homes at this time, baring emergencies and exempting those reporting or returning from work. **ESSENTIAL TRAVEL ONLY.**

The Perth Amboy Police Department is keeping a close eye on price gauging throughout city-wide. Residents wanting to report price gouging and consumer fraud are encouraged to call the Division of Consumer Affairs at 973-504-6240

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CLOSURE AND CANCELLATIONS
EFFECTIVE MARCH 17TH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- o Schools will be closed as of Monday, March 16th until further notice
- o City Hall is closed to the public
- o Perth Amboy Public Library will be closed
- o All recreational programs, including senior services, have been suspended
- o Perth Amboy court sessions have been suspended for two weeks
- o The Tax and Water Department will be closed until further notice. Residents are encouraged to pay online and or use the city's drop off box in the front of City Hall. Please use a money order or check and be sure to add your account number.
- o All parks will enforce closure at dusk
- The Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center at 1 Olive Street will allow public to visit the Office of Vital Statistics, by appointment only.
- Code Enforcement Department will have the 1 st floor receptionist area open to assist residents with their code issues. All other offices will be closed and or by appointment only.
- The Department of Public works will remain in operation for garbage collection and sanitation.
- Public Safety will remain in full operation and will ensure enforcement of the city-wide State of Emergency Executive Order.
- Alternate side street cleaning is canceled until further notice

PREVENTION AND WELLNESS

It is important to stay up-to-date by visiting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's(CDC) website. Here are some everyday preventative measures you can follow (as instructed by the CDC):

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20



seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing;

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people keep a distance of six feet from others to avoid spreading or catching of the virus;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe;

Sign up for Coronavirus Notifications:

For the emergency updates and up-to-date notifications, residents are encouraged to text their zip code to 888777. I encourage our residents to follow these rules to help prevent the spread and infection of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), especially amongst elderly and those with underlying medical conditions. In times of crisis, we are reminded of our strength and courage as a community. As your mayor, I thank you for your cooperation so that our office and community partners can provide seamless care to the residents of Perth Amboy.

Yours truly,

Wilda Diaz
Mayor of Perth Amboy



PERTH AMBOY - Empty shelves in ShopRite due to fear of Corona Virus. *Photo by Justin Bognar

Cancellations & Postponements
The Following Events have been cancelled or postponed:

- Lecture on Women's Suffrage on March 23
- Friends of the Library Meeting on March 24
- St. John Paul II Bus Trip to A.C. on Mar. 25
- The Friends of the Library Book Sale on March 28
- The Women of Distinction Award Dinner on March 19 has been rescheduled for September
- The Women of the Moose Chapter 1247 Perth Amboy Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray has been postponed to May 30th,

Please go to www.amboyguardian.com for the latest information. For any event you are interested in attending, please confirm with the organizer if the event will still take place.

Coronavirus and PARA Top List of Subjects Discussed

3/11/20 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – Deputy Police Chief Lawrence Cattano presented an update of what the city is doing in response to the public’s concerns of the outbreak of the corona virus. He stated, “There is cross-training in all departments so that there is more than one person who can be assigned to do needed tasks. We are making sure that all necessary equipment is sanitized and there are enough cleaning supplies on hand. We are coordinating efforts with our hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and medical entities.”
Business Administrator Frederick Carr had some comments concerning Code Blue situations, “There should be a 6-foot distance from individuals who may be suffering symptoms. Clean your work area with wipes and disinfectants. Make sure you always wash your hands.”
Cattano then continued, “If someone comes into the hospital with symptoms and further testing is needed, samples are then sent to the state. If it's warranted, the state will send samples to the CDC. I was recently on a conference call with the White House. We discussed small business loans with low interest. The department of education is looking to relaxing the rules for those to graduate. We may recoup monies due to the corona virus if we have to use additional manpower.” Cattano also talked about the possibility of closing of schools and people who display mild symptoms may have to do self-isolation. People can also pay their bills for taxes and water online.
For the first public portion on agenda items only, Resident Ken Balut came up first. He referred to R-115-3/20 – A hazardous discharge site remediation grant from the Department of Environmental Protection. He talked about the Kushner properties again, and that a developer was given \$5 million for their land. “It’s taken \$20 million to clean up the place. This is a \$9 million grant and it’s disgusting to give it to a developer. Since 2006, the Kushner properties have been a rat-hole. Kushner has been selling condos in Long Branch for \$2.5 million for one condo. When I and Fernando Gonzalez were on the council, we wanted to break Kushner’s contract. Code Enforcement does nothing, and you should have the state investigate that department. Take control of PARA.”
Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up next. “Kushner has interest in that property (discussed on R-115). His contract is voidable and that property is probably worth double that was paid for the land. Get a qualified lawyer. They may think you are not qualified to make decisions. The mayor extended the contract that you can void.”
Sierakowski again urged the council to table R-100 (Refunding money to Seabra’s Armory for the Family Day Event). “The Armory prevented

residents from parking in their lot. You loaned the Armory \$400,000 and that money was not paid back.”
Vince Mackiel came up next. He had concerns about the new road by Second Street. “You need to look that along with what you want to do with the road along First Street (to relieve the congestion for the schools and the residents). You will be giving up recreational space.”
Mackiel was also concerned that the city was not doing enough when it came to deal with the corona virus. “We’ve lost facilities in Perth Amboy and we need spaces to add new beds. For the underinsured, there will not be enough doctors. We need new hospitals. China added new beds overnight. We need new hospitals. The city should apply for new beds now and have this as a primary obligation.”
Carr responded, “It was warehouses that were turned into hospitals (in China). Putting an application in for new hospitals is not viable. We have a robust health system.”
Cattano came up to address Mackiel, “I’ve been employed for 30 years at Robert Wood Johnson and Perth Amboy Hospital. There are areas in those hospitals that could be converted into treatment areas. Large tents have been ordered for Perth Amboy and Old Bridge. Statewide. We have EMS, Task Forces, and Field Hospitals, but there is certain information that cannot be divulged for security purposes. We have many emergency situations protocols in place.”
There was a lengthy discussion concerning the ordinance entitled: Wreckers (Towers). Council President William Petrick had questions regarding storage fees, call cancellations, how fees are displayed on the tow truck vehicles, and fees that are charged by the towers when cars are left in their garages for an extended period of time. Petrick was concerned that considering the city’s average income level, he felt the fees were too steep.
Later during the public portion, Adele Tawfik came up and explained, “When it came to pick up oil spills, depending on the spill, it’s 5-6 gallons of antifreeze in an average car. The labor charge is only one aspect. There are a lot of components involved.” He responded to Petrick’s statement, Tawfik answered, “When a car is towed, they should have 12 hours of free storage before they pick it up. I feel that 8 hours is enough time. Nobody disappears from their car for more than 8 hours. The rates are pretty fair, and we are below what the fees that the state charges. There is a fatality every 6 days for tow drivers. Give us what we deserve. We have been going through this for the last 10 years.”
Another tower who has a company on Second Street talked about the fees he incurs just when he has to get someone to

start a truck just to go out. I lose almost \$100 a day on cleanups. Transmission fluid is the most dangerous to clean up. If there is an accident involving glass, it may take us from 1-2 hours to do that. With some of these fees, we are not even breaking even. Sometimes we don’t get any payment for the cleanups.”
When it came to vote on the resolution, R-93 thru R-114 and R-118 thru R-120 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon.
R-116 – Overriding the Mayor’s veto of an ordinance dissolving PARA and designating the city council as the redevelopment entity for the city of Perth Amboy and enjoining those previously approved redevelopment projects identified in this ordinance pending review and further action by the city council.
R-117 – Overriding the Mayor’s veto of an ordinance entitled “An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled Redevelopment adopted May 28. 1997 a.k.a. Chapter 99 et seq. of the code of the city of Perth Amboy.
R-116 and R-117 were pulled to be voted on separately. When it came to vote, Councilman Fernando Irizarry and Councilman Joel Pabon voted “No”. Councilman Helmin Caba, Councilwoman Milady Tejada, and Council President Bill Petrick voted “Yes”. Motion did not pass (4 votes were needed to pass the resolutions involving PARA).
The reasons that were given for voting “No” are that Irizarry was concerned about the onslaught of lawsuits from developers that were already approved for their projects. Petrick reminded Irizarry that Perth Amboy is “hot property” for developers. “And presently PARA is operating fast and loose. We need to look at the projects that had caused them to lose money. There were decisions made by a small group of people.”
Tejada agreed with Petrick, “We have to take the bull by the ring.”
Petrick also stated, “Everyone is suing us already. We don’t review everything that PARA is doing now.” Tejada also questioned R-115 dealing with property for remediation that still belongs to the city. She questioned, “What will happen to that grant money if we turn down that resolution?”
B.A. Carr responded, “If we don’t use the grant, it would go somewhere else.”
Public Portion:
Resident Balut came up, “PARA has been a scam since the Joe Vas situation. There’s no overlook on the Kushner property and Kushner keeps benefiting. Former B.A. Peter Pellisier told me we are getting \$4 million from Kushner. The city is now faced with over a million-dollar lawsuit the police filed under an unfair labor practice. The firemen contract starts at \$41,000 for the first year. I guess other employees are more important than the police who

should be at least on the equal level than the firemen. You guys changed the police contract after they agreed to it.”
Irizarry challenged Balut and stated, “That doesn’t change what the police agreed to in the past.”
Balut came back and said, “When I was negotiating the contract for the police department, they all got raises.” Balut told the council that they need to read the unfair labor practices against them. You don’t read the lawsuits because no one cares.”
Stanley Sierakowski came up. “The council can save money with property such as Simpson Methodist Church Clock. I’m not against fixing the clock, but you need to see what the individual contract called for. Maybe you can get the state or the church to accept responsibility for the cost. Go higher to the state church. Maybe they could help out.”
Resident and businesswoman Sharon Hubberman came up. She talked about the measures taking place regarding the corona virus. “We want to be ahead of the curve.” She then tackled the two resolutions: R-115 and R-116 (regarding PARA). “To dissolve the entity is not the direction to go. We have a lot of vacancies. You need different input and I’m glad the resolutions didn’t pass.” She was happy to report the lights in her part of town are being fixed. “I appreciate the council looking out for the residents but regret the PBA litigation.”
Jeremy Baratta came up. “I looked at Wilda’s veto letter regarding the two PARA resolutions. I’m astounded the mayor couldn’t find 7 qualifying people out of a population of 60,000 people to apply for PARA. I applied and Stanley said he applied. I believe that Kenny Balut also said he applied for PARA.” Baratta then ask, “What does the word “enjoin” mean?”
Substitute Law Director Roman B. Himiak said he couldn’t go into more detail.
Baratta then asked the council if they get the PARA minutes. “I haven’t seen any PARA meetings posted. Do you get cancellation of your meetings?”
Petrick replied, “Speaking for myself. No.”
Baratta concluded, “A scheme has been said. There’s been encumbered services and land and funds going thru PARA.”
Resident Lisa Nanton came up. She congratulated the council for holding the line on the taxes. The homeowners own the burden of property taxes and they were not happy with the raises going to people who were disrespectful during meetings. The most valuable real estate in the United States is the shoreline, but PARA does not take advantage of it. The mayor appoints people to PARA and she benefits along with other politicians who get contributions from developers.”
Nanton then turned her attention to historic buildings, “We suggested the Copperworks

building could be used as a museum. The Planning Board was asked to tour the building. Only Petrick toured the building. The Copperworks was a historic building which didn’t need to be abolished. PARA had a \$3 million debt with nothing to show for it. PARA is not for the people. It’s for the politicians.”
Council Comments:
Before the comments started, B.A. Carr wanted to give an update on the barriers on the Rte. 35 Bridge. “The DOT said they won’t remove the barriers. They flat out refused.”
Pabon then commented, “Some of the barriers have been tipped over for a while which shows the DOT hasn’t been that area for a while.”
Irizarry heard the DOT was coming to Perth Amboy to discuss the Rte.35 road.
Carr responded, “They are coming to Perth Amboy to discuss something else.”
Irizarry said, “They should come at night so people can attend the meetings.”
Carr said, “I’ll make sure the DOT knows this.”
Helmin Caba had no comments.
Fernando Irizarry cautioned the public, “Don’t make comments that are not verified. Everyone should remain calm during the Corona Virus outbreak.”
Joel Pabons said, “We are all ears and appreciate all you say. Not everyone has a computer.” He also requested if they get the lawsuit filed by the PBA filed under unfair labor practice. “Stay safe and use common sense.”
Milady Tejada thanked everyone who gave an update on what’s being implemented in the city regarding the corona virus situation. “North Brunswick is closing their schools. Be cautious. We are all going to miss Mr. Massopust.”
Bill Petrick sent his sympathies to Mr. Massopust’s family. “Mrs. Massopust, his wife is also an educator.” He signed off by telling everyone, “Be careful, especially for those with compromised immune systems. We are all susceptible.”

Attend Public Meetings Have Your Voice Heard!

Correction
PERTH AMBOY – During the discussion in the 2/24/20 Caucus Meeting, there was mention of proper procedures the Fire Department will undertake after a fire. What Council President Bill Petrick actually said was, “In the Fire Department, we do a run-through after a fire incident to see what we did right or wrong.”

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Anton Massopust
Thanks for the Memories

I remember being invited to the Calendar Dance that has been held for a number of years at Ukrainian Assumption Church. I was pleasantly surprised to see all the tables decorated for the 4 seasons and songs to accompany each of the months. There was one year when Mr. and Mrs. Massopust along with their son, Anton dressed in Civil War garb to get into the spirit of the month they were representing. There was another time at the dance when Mrs. Massopust wore this beautiful outfit which originally, she had bought to go to a wedding reception. I remember when I complemented her on her attire, she told me she was not going to let that dress go to waste. Besides the good company and good food, I loved when the Massopust family got up to dance to a couple of fast dances and I joined in with them. My favorite part of the evening when it came to music was to see Mr. and Mrs. Massopust dancing to Elvis Presley's version of "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You." Sometimes they would spoil me when returning from their visits at Culvers Lake and bring me back a couple of pieces of Dales Fried Chicken. When I offered to pay them for it, they refused my money. I loved how Mr. Massopust would address his wife by calling her Marcy. Katherine would show me pictures she took of her parents when they vacationed in Cape May, Wildwood, and from day trips to the Great Swamp. They were so relaxed and happy, and I love to see couples who have been married for decades enjoy each other's company. There are 2 stories in my mind that Katherine told me. One how she and her mother got up very early to take pictures of the sunrise down the Waterfront. The other stunning picture took of her father fishing in Sunset Beach, Cape May. It's a very unique shot.

One of adventures that Katherine and I had was trying to find the gravesite of Marcus Spring in Alpine Cemetery. Her father knew where the grave was and told us where exactly in the cemetery where to find it. We followed the directions and we still couldn't find it, but I was pleasantly surprised when I saw the magnificent monument that said Massopust on it which were his ancestors who served

in the civil war. Another pleasant discovery, I have a penchant to always look at buildings, especially when they are older. One building caught my eye, it had the name of Massopust on top of the façade. I asked Mr. Massopust about it and he was telling me the Massopusts had businesses in town a long time ago.

I also like when they had their famous picnics in the backyard. Mr. Massopust loved to use the grill and the smoker to make his famous ribs, hamburgers, and chicken. Anton made lemonade and Mrs. Massopust made potato salad. Mr. Massopust always liked people to critique his ribs as if he was a contestant on Iron Chef. He was one of a kind and I was fortunate enough to be one of the attendees when Joanie, Mrs. Massopust's sister threw a party for their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2014. One of the souvenirs was a bottle of water with the label of Mr. and Mrs. Massopust on it. I still have that bottle and believe it or not it still has water in it. To me, it was one of the nicest souvenirs I ever kept.

I remember when Mrs. Massopust was telling a story of when she decided she wanted to marry him and told her mother. "But mom, I love him." Her voice changed as she told the story back to that young girl in love. Her face lit up. It was like as she remembered that moment as she went back in time.

Mr. Massopust told the story of how he was an event and talking to an older man who told him that he better not let that girl get away. When he told that story, his expression also changed. They had a lot in common being educators, and having a goal, and being on the same page.

I'm not saying they always had smooth sailing, but sometimes you have to ride through tough times. And it's how you react to those tough times that tells how strong a marriage you have. There are other stories that can be told about Mr. and Mrs. Massopust on their many trips by Katherine and Anton.

Thank God there are so many great memories that Mrs. Massopust, Katherine, and Anton have to cherish.

As for myself, I am grateful that they graciously welcomed me to share some of those moments and memories with them. C.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Upon the Passing
of Mr. Anton J.
Massopust

A bright light has gone out from the City of Perth Amboy with the passing of Mr. Anton J. Massopust. He was very active in our community, serving as the Fire Department Chief, Board of Education member, and participated in the bicentennial celebration of Perth Amboy's Signing the Bill of Rights First, which are just some of his many pursuits.

But what I remember him for most, was his time as a biology teacher in Perth Amboy High School. He made learning interesting as well as fun, with trips

to the Pine Barrens, and a sense of humor which brightened our days. As chair of the Science Department, we visited a room in his office that had animals which he rescued.

He also had a great love for the history of our city. "Mr. Mass," as we called him, led the archeological excavations at the Proprietary House and other locations. It was a real learning experience to actually touch history, to make it become real while finding artifacts.

Mr. Mass was a role model to students, many of whom looked up to him as a father-figure for his wise counsel. He was a moral man who shared his faith in God with others.

His wife, Marcella, was also

an educator, an art teacher, who inspired her students to excel. City Hall has a mural depicting the branches of our military which she supervised her students to paint. Together, the Massopusts shared their concern, time, and talent for the youth of our city.

I would like to extend my condolences to the entire family, Mrs. Mass, Katherine and her husband, Paul, and Anton III.

Although he is no longer among us, Mr. Mass will continue to live on in the happy memories that we have of him, and in the difference that he made to help so many other people.

Marianne Zanko Komek

How Much Does Perth Amboy Value Its History?



This building at the Copper Works site was one of 11 buildings in Perth Amboy on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. *Photo by Renee Skelton



But that distinction did not save it from recent destruction. *File Photo by John K. Dyke

This massive brick building stood for about 120 years at the southern end of Elm Street—the main office for what was Anaconda Copper. The building was listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places—one of just 11 buildings in Perth Amboy with that distinction. Unfortunately, that didn't save it from destruction. It's now gone, demolished just a few weeks ago to extend a planned parking lot.

Our Hall of Shame

The list of major pieces of this city's history that have been demolished for the most trivial of reasons is an amazing one. The Hall of Shame includes the Inness House, listed in both the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places. It was pulled down in 1993 for a hamburger place. Now it's an empty lot next to a car wash. In 2019 the owners of the Parkhurst House, a mid-19th century home on outer Smith Street that was part of the Eagleswood community and most likely a stop on the Underground Railroad, had it demolished. The debris-strewn lot remains empty. The latest on this list is the destruction of this 120-year-old Anaconda Copper administration building. Why? Because Home Depot, the new occupant of the gargantuan warehouses going up on the Copper Works site, demanded that the property owner/developer clear the

spot where the historic building stood for additional parking.

There is a second smaller building, the "Lab Building," across from where the administration building stood. The property owner, Duke Realty, has made a commitment to rehab that building for city offices and public bathrooms. But that doesn't make up for the loss of the much larger and more impressive administration building, which should have been saved as well—and could have been repurposed for use by the community.

The city was offered the building at some point in the process, but didn't have the money in its budget to restore and maintain it. Unfortunately, the historic preservation commission or others that might have been able to locate sources of alternate funding to save a building on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places were not brought into the decision-making process. Yes, the building was in private hands, and it would have been expensive to rehab it. But threatened buildings that are listed in the National or State Register often attract attention and funding that other buildings do not. Unfortunately, at this point we'll never know what could have been done—and this historic building is gone.

Perth Amboy's Industrial Heritage

The building that was just de-

molished was one of the last links to the city's industrial past. Built in about 1898, it was the main office for Anaconda Copper, the first of the city's major industrial giants. At its height, Anaconda Copper employed 2500 workers and produced almost 500 million pounds of refined copper each year.

Anaconda Copper, National Lead, American Smelting and Refining, General Cable, Chevron—all were part of an industrial engine that drove the economy of this city during the early to mid-20th century. These industries left a legacy of contamination that we are still dealing with today. Yet they also played a huge part in building the blue-collar working-class community that thrived in Perth Amboy for much of the 20th century. Just about all vestiges of that industrial heritage are gone—with the tiny Lab Building just about the only piece that remains.

People in Perth Amboy talk endlessly about their pride in our history, about the importance of history. But historic buildings are our history—in brick, mortar, wood, and stone. Whether residential, commercial, or industrial, they are a tangible link to the people and events of the past.

Preserving historic buildings while adapting them to new

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uses should always be preferred to demolition. We only have to look to other towns around the country—many right here in New Jersey—that preserved historic industrial buildings and repurposed them. In Trenton, 100-year-old industrial buildings of the Roebling Wire Works, which produced cable for the Brooklyn Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge, are being developed into “Roebling Center,” which will house a mixture of entertainment, retail, office, and residential space. In Paterson, several industrial buildings that were once textile mills are now home to art galleries, a museum, banquet facilities, and residences. Several other cities around the state, including Newark, Jersey City, and Camden, have presided over creative reuse of industrial buildings.

A Better Future for Our Past

A city like Perth Amboy, with all of its challenges, must use all of the tools in its toolbox for economic development. One of those tools is heritage tourism—using the city’s historic assets to attract people from other places to visit, with the resulting effect of boosting local restaurants and other businesses. Perth Amboy cannot attract heritage tourists or heritage businesses if it does not protect its historic buildings and historic districts, which are the anchors of any such initiative.

We can’t allow the destruction of our heritage to continue. Perth Amboy must give concrete protection to its historic resources in local law. Historic buildings worthy of preservation should be listed in the city’s Master Plan as such. Any requested alteration or destruc-

tion of these historic buildings should be a matter of public discussion and scrutiny—with such proposals undergoing review by the historic preservation commission, the planning board, and professionals with expertise in historic preservation.

The preservation of heritage in Perth Amboy requires more of us to be Keepers—protectors of that which has been passed down to us, with the sole mission to let it survive for future generations. Keepers don’t bargain away heritage. They don’t give permission to others to destroy it. They keep it and protect it for posterity. This city has lost too much already.

We didn’t succeed in saving the Copper Works building—but not for lack of trying. Those who helped in that effort deserve thanks:

- From the Proprietary House Association: Lisa Nanton and Mary Ellen Pavlovsky
- From the Historic Preservation Commission: Anna Daily, Jens Efsen, Phyllis Gianfrancesco, Katherine Massopust, and Luis Rosario
- From the City Council: Councilman Joel Pabon and Council President William Petrick

Thanks are also due to Mike Davis of Duke Realty for allowing us access to the buildings and for being open to saving some parts of the building for a historical monument on the site. Thanks also to city business administrator Fred Carr, who was made aware of our concerns and put us in touch with Duke for those discussions.

Renee Skelton

Lions and
Tigers And
Bears, Oh My!

This whole Corona thing is out of control. Granted it hard not to panic when your alleged leaders seem to be. If you think there is no panic, try to go out and find a roll of toilet paper.

I’ve always hated crowds from the get go, so I’m not too worried about going to mass gatherings, but canceling events and gatherings of 250 people or more? I guess 249 are OK. This panic is out of control and seems to be on the way to getting worse.

There are some good things that may come out of this, like

Nice to Know
and a Necessity

When we have lawyers making laws and educators deciding curriculum for school systems, I'd say we have a classic case of conflict of interests! Although society may benefit from this it is the lawyers that get wealthy and the teachers who get to keep their jobs regardless of whether or not the subjects that they teach ACTUALLY PREPARE our children for life in the

world of employment. There's a big difference between something that is "nice to know" and a necessity, especially now when virtually everything can be looked up so easily on various devices. Too bad most folks are duped into thinking that the importance of some things is really not that important!

Sincerely yours,
The Honorable
Michael J. Rusznak

Crime, Finances, and Renovations
Topics of Discussion
3/9/20 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – Evan Sullivan, a NJ Representative came before the council to give them an update on the new criminal justice reform bill. He stated, “The reform is working as intended and the jail population is lower. Of 1,426 individuals on pre-trial release, only 19 of those individuals violated the pre-trial release and are back in custody. Of that total, 13.6% were kept in custody. 73 individuals remained incarcerated after the hearing.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry challenged Sullivan and said, “Our police said that bail reform is not working. They are dealing with career criminals who are being released over and over again. It is a continuous cycle, and they are laughing at our officers.”

Sullivan suggested that these complaints should go to your state representatives. “The law states the accused is innocent until proven guilty. When individuals are released, there are several eyes placed on them. Reports on their activities are given to the prosecutor and the judge.”

Irizarry countered again, “It’s the legislators who implemented the law you are upholding.”

Sullivan responded, “It was a public question that was voted on. We can only go by what the law says. We are not letting dangerous people out as they do in other states.”

Council President Bill Petrick asked, “Is there anything built in for repeat offenders?”

Sullivan responded, “No, but the judge and prosecutor have to decide which individuals should be detained if needed. Once someone is released before the pre-trial, ankle bracelets can be placed on them for tracking purposes if needed. If they step out of line, they can be arrested. We’re mostly talking about low-level crimes.”

Council President Petrick questioned if muggings and robberies would be low-level crimes. “Would they be held?”

Sullivan said, “They may or may not be contained.”

The next presentation was given by Neil Grossman who is the City Financial Advisor. He wanted to present to the council how important it is to refinance 2 bonds: one from 2007 and the other from 2012. “By refinancing these bonds, the city will save \$1.1 - \$1.2 million a year between the years 2020 thru 2031.” He then went on to give an example: “Such as a person having a mortgage. Suppose you had an 8-12 year mortgage with an interest rate that would be from 5%-12%. You can refinance these two bonds. This is the right thing to do.”

Petrick also stated, “Bonds are not part of the stock market, which makes them safer.”

Topic #3 which dealt with the Sadowski Parkway project was presented by City Engineer Jeffery Rauch. “This is a part of the plan between the Board of Edu-

cation and the city to change the traffic pattern near the Wilentz School. There’s not enough parking in that area. We’re trying to reconnect part of this area to Sadowski Parkway. Part of the land we are looking at is Green Acres. There has to be a tradeoff between the city and the school. There may be a loophole to connect to Sadowski Parkway. We could connect a driveway down First Street going down to the Sadowski Parkway entrance. If we relocate the bathroom trailers, it could free up 86 parking places. If you keep those trailers in place, we’ll wind up with about 70 spaces. We also propose making that area a two-way during the school hours and when school is out for the summer.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and remembered that he was part of a project to start this about a year ago because they want to relieve some of the congestion around the school. I remember it was I and the Mayor meeting with some of the school board members about this problem. I believe that Milady Tejada was on the school board during these discussions. During the day, it’s hard to get parking near the Wilentz school. There’s a tenant on Madison Avenue who complains about the congestion during the school year and also with all the festivals taking place at the Waterfront. With this new project, it’s a win-win for everyone.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada spoke up, “I was not involved in the discussions involving the Sadowski Parkway Project. I was involved with the problems of traffic congestion at the Paten School.”

Councilman Irizarry then wondered if the Dominican Festival would still be able to put their rides on the property.

Rauch responded, “You’ll have to talk to the city on how to handle this if the plan goes through for renovations.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “We can’t base our decision on how it will affect festivals. We have to think about relieving traffic for the schools and residents.”

Tejada who is part of the Dominican Festival Committee said, “I just want to understand exactly what land will be a part of the parking? I agree that it should just be based on the needs of the school and the residents.”

Rauch continued, “The project will cost about \$350,000 and the cost will be between the Board of Education and the

city.”

Petrick had an alternate proposal which will connect First Street with Madison Avenue.

Pabon spoke up and said, “I don’t think that connection would work.”

Rauch continued and said, “It’s the drop-offs and pickups at the Wilentz School where the problem lies.”

Irizarry ended the discussion and stated, “This proposal is really looking at putting in another street and not a driveway. The problem is that we need more enforcement by the school now. People double park when picking up and dropping off the students. The same thing is happening at the Cruz School.”

The last topic for discussion was the Waters Stadium Entrance Façade.

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned, “Where are we at in this project? I thought we were going to reach out to Board of Education Secretary Derek Jess about the situation. Jess recently reached out to us (to question what is the status of this project).”

Resident Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe stated, “There has been a miscommunication. I was in a discussion with the Buildings and Grounds Committee. We want to put a fence up because the façade is falling.”

Council President Bill Petrick then saw resident John Dyke sitting in the audience and stated, “I see the City Historian is here. Maybe he would like to add some comments regarding this.”

John Dyke came up to the podium and stated, “I’m not the City Historian. That would be Tony Massopust who unfortunately just passed away.” Dyke then gave a brief overview of the importance of the archway. “In the 1920’s, Albert G. Waters was an auditor for the city. In the 1930’s, he was a commissioner and under him, a boat basin was built along with the McWilliam Stadium. Waters did a lot for the city – more than anybody would ever know. It was Reinaldo Aviles (who at the time was the chair of the Historic Preservation Commission) who contacted a historic architect. This architect stated that the façade could be restored. The suggested materials are stucco and fiberglass, but it won’t last long. This was a WPA project which was a program under FDR. The city has not maintained this structure. It’s been neglected

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for a long time and not just from this administration. There are other buildings that have also been ignored. I suggest preservation of this structure. It's not historic, but it has great sentimental value. It's been nostalgic for decades with graduations and football being played here. It can be repaired."

Someone asked Dyke if he knew what the price would be between restoring the structure or having a new one built. Dyke admitted he wouldn't know, "But don't be pennywise and pound foolish."

Councilman Irizarry suggested to restore the façade.

Pabon was not so sure, "There is a net there now, and the structure is falling. We need to talk more and maybe we can use other material than stucco."

Dyke still insisted, "It's because the structure has been ignored for decades." He also wanted to thank Mike Carr who is restoring the town clock. He thanked Petrick and the Council for supporting the restoration of that clock.

There was a motion made on whether or not to restore the Waters Stadium Façade. It was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Joel Pabon for the structure to be restored. All councilmembers present agreed. Public Portion:

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak. He was happy to report that this is the first weekend that he didn't have to take photos of buses parked on Bruck Avenue. He again talked about how Kushner still owes the city money and the vote that PARA did involving the latest Kushner Project. The tape of that meeting should be shown to the FBI." He once again spoke

about the Batista and Burgos cases and the YMCA contract "which should have been settled a long time ago. You can't give the police a 2% raise. Did anybody figure out the firemen's contract?" He was still concerned about a judge misusing handicapped parking. "The bail reform program is a scam. The police chief and director should have been here to question this program. The bail reform may work in other towns, but it's not working here."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak. He questioned, "Which crimes are exempt from bail reform? What is considered a serious crime? What towns are these crimes happening in (where many people are being released from jail)? The smaller and lower income towns are the ones being negatively affected by the criminal justice reform bill?"

Sierakowski then questioned Resolution R-100-3/20 – Authorizing \$3094 to Seabra's Armory for Family Day that was paid in error.

"Who was the city employee who received the check from the Armory? Why was the money given back to the Armory? When did this happen? You should table this. When Greg Fehrenbach (former B.A.) was here, he said that the Armory owed us \$486,000 because of improvements that the city made to the Armory property. We lost over \$400,000 from them over the years. Give them a \$400,000 ten-year loan with interest. This could pay for a lot of salaries."

Deputy Chief Larry Cattano came up in response to some of the questions regarding the Criminal Justice Reform Bill. "There is an added overtime cost for the police, because now a speedy trial is required.

We need to have all the paperwork ready for the prosecutor, which is a financial burden to us. In the past, the paperwork may have taken us a couple of days, but now the paperwork has to be done the same day. That may require an officer to work overtime to complete that task. There is a public safety score which determines if a person is held or released and this is determined by what's written in the bail reform law. I didn't know beforehand that there would be a gentleman here to discuss the Criminal Justice Reform Bill.

After Cattano finished talking, Adele Tawfik who has a towing company came up to discuss some of the items of concerns by the council. "Our insurance company needs to see what's in the city's ordinance when paying us. We pay a lot of money for insurance. We need to have to have the proper tools as to not damage the vehicles. When approving vehicles for towing when the police vehicles are used for towing cars, they will also need additional items such as the proper decals for their vehicles. Everything in the ordinance should be itemized so that the consumers and insurance companies can see what they are paying for."

Council Comments:

Councilman Helmin Caba had no comments.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry wanted to know, "What are the plans regarding the Corona Virus?"

B.A. Carr answered first, "It's similar to other emergency situations and the city has been in talks with the hospital and the Jewish Renaissance."

Deputy Chief Cattano came up to add to the conversation, "The government declared a state of emergency to free up

money. The hospital has isolation wards. There is a statewide plan in effect. If a person walks into a medical facility, and they appear to have the symptoms of the virus, they would be isolated. Only the state labs can analyze the test. If the results are positive, it goes to the CDC (Center of Disease Control). There are criteria that determine if you would be an inpatient or outpatient treatment. Quarantines are being taken over by the health department. Over 1000 people perished in New Jersey just by the common flu."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda spoke up, "I worked in the hospital and told people you cannot just walk into the emergency room and ask to be tested. They won't do it. You can't demand to have it done."

Cattano continued, "You have to meet the requirements through the checklist for people who may be suspected of having the Corona virus."

Council President Petrick interjected, "They don't want people coming in who just have a runny nose to be tested."

Cattano continued, "People should check with their local physician first. We are also meeting with the nurses who are in charge in the different schools."

Cattano then answered a question from Petrick dealing with the collapse of a building at 51 Washington St. "Heavy timber construction may have caused the collapse."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "There are people who question who is in charge of the walkway underneath the Yacht Club steps leading to Sadowski Parkway. It's very dark at night. It needs to be lit. Who does the lighting belong to: the city or the Yacht Club? They have the dog poop dispensers down the waterfront,

but there are never any bags in the machines. I want to congratulate the 5 new police officers who recently graduated. People are also complaining about a bodega who is receiving unfrozen meat. Did the health department get involved? Could it be there's a war going on between different stores? There was raw meat being delivered to a store with blood coming out of it." He then questioned the big fire on Market Street and the collapse on Washington Street. He also wanted to congratulate the police department who rescued a boater. "There was a fire by the Landings."

Deputy Chief Cattano answered the questions, "There were three people rescued at the fire on Market Street which started in the basement. We're working with Code Enforcement to check who was living in that structure. All the occupants escaped. With the collapse of the other building (on Washington Street), there were signs of human life and the building had to be taken down."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda thanked the fire and police department for what they do. "I also reached out to the Board of Education about Styrofoam used in the schools. They are looking to replace them. My prayers and condolences to the Massopust family. I and the entire community will miss Mr. Massopust."

Council President William Petrick stated how Anton Massopust touched many lives. "He was a volunteer with the First Aid Squad and served the Fire Department until the very end. He was the city historian and he was involved in so many things with many contributions which will be hard to beat."

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Anton J. Massopust

November 23, 1940 – March 7, 2020

PERTH AMBOY – Anton Massopust was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy whose ancestors from Perth Amboy fought in the Civil War. His father’s family were businessowners. Anton’s father died when he was 3 years old. Anton was raised by his mother, Anne. Anton Massopust graduated from Perth Amboy High School in 1958 with an interest in science, nature, and the fire department.

He went to college and graduated from Villanova University in 1962 with a B.S. in biology, a minor in chemistry, and a concentration in religion. He faced hardship when his mother, Anne Massopust, long time art teacher in Perth Amboy High School lost her battle with breast cancer. Alone at age 22 Anton Massopust continued his volunteer work as a Scoutmaster of Troop 10 from Perth Amboy, organizing camp activities. He had earned the honor of Eagle Scout previously and volunteered many hours with the Boy Scouts. Anton Massopust decided to become a teacher and always said, “When a carpenter builds a house and drives by it, he’ll say I built that house. A teacher helps build people. My students have become firefighters, EMT’s, biologists, teachers, politicians and many other vocations. I was a part of that, building their future. Teaching can be tough. You can’t rest, and you always must be on your toes. Every day is opening day on Broadway, and you are the star.”

Anton Massopust taught biology since the day he signed the contract with Perth Amboy High School. His love for nature especially small animals stems from his boy scout days where his scout leader, Mr. Nestle took him all over New Jersey to such places as the Great Swamp and the Pine Barrens.

He was a volunteer firefighter in the PAFD since age 21 and continued to be active in the fire department until his death. Combining two of his most favorite activities, teaching and firefighting, Anton Massopust taught firefighting in Perth Amboy along with EMT and numerous other courses.

At age 24 he married Marcella Zaleski, native of Perth Amboy and graduate of NYU and Parson’s School of Design and an Art Teacher of 44 years in the Perth Amboy School System. Later he became the father of two children, daughter, Katherine, and son Anton. Throughout his lifetime, he served as an officer on 3 historical committees including President of the Kearny Cottage Association for many years, Vice President of the Waterfront Association (an organization for the preservation of Perth Amboy’s Waterfront) and a trustee in the Proprietary House. In the late 1960’s to early 1970’s Tony Massopust served as supervisor of Archeological studies in Perth Amboy. This included excavations at the Proprietary House and the Waterfront Area. In 1974 Mr. Massopust was Chairman of the City of Perth Amboy Beautification Program.

In 1976 Anton Massopust was Chairman of the Perth Amboy Bicentennial Commission. Anton Massopust organized many events and coordinated the celebration throughout the year. He received a citation from President Gerald Ford for his work in the Bicentennial. Anton Massopust

was also a trustee and the Historic Fair Chairman for the Celebrate Perth Amboy Festival. In the early 1980’s, Mr. Massopust served as YCC advisor for Cheesequake Park, in which he built boardwalks and marked the trails at Cheesequake.

Anton Massopust was Science Department Head at Perth Amboy High School for over 33 years. He taught his favorite subject, biology and was beloved by many students who often speak fondly of Biology BSCS at Perth Amboy High School. During this time, Mr. Massopust served through 3 Middle States Evaluations, 3 State Monitoring Visitations and served on a visiting team for Middle States Evaluations. Mr. Massopust designed the science curriculum at PAHS were a variety of in-service programs and assemblies. In addition to basic Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, included in the curriculum were such subjects as Astronomy, Criminology, Ecology, Marine Science, and Anatomy & Physiology. Anton Massopust attended the State Education Academy, always improving his skills as both a teacher and department chairman.

He received his M.S. in Supervision in 1976 from Monmouth College and served on 10 committees during his 33-year run as PAHS Science Department. He received the esteemed Governor’s Teacher Award for excellence in teaching in 1987.

At Perth Amboy High School, Anton Massopust was active in student life, the advisor of 8 clubs including: The Biology Club, Military Modeling Club, Tropical Fish Club, Ecology Club, N.J. History Club, Softball Club, Angling Club, and Environmental Club. The biology club featured trips to the Pine Barrens canoeing down the Wading River and a trip to the Pine Barrens experiencing nature.

Anton Massopust was also active in the athletic department. He served as Athletic Trainer for 19 years in PAHS as a State Licensed Trainer. He was Girls Softball Coach in both Hopelawn Little League and Perth Amboy High School (a combination of 11 years). That is a total of 24 years of active service in the athletic department. He was a judge in the Decathlon of Knowledge for 3 years. He also participated in the “Faculty Follies”, a teacher’s show presented annually at PAHS during the 1980’s. Anton Massopust initiated the Night School Gardening Program and ran a Nature Program for the Special Education Camp Outs. He designed an outdoor program for the G&T Students. He served as CYO advisor for Saint Mary’s Church for 14 years and served as president of the PTA for 8 years at Ukrainian Assumption School. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption, and a member of the Ukrainian Assumption Church Cultural Festival Committee.

His service is undisputed in the community. Anton Massopust served as Grand Marshal of the 1994 Crop Walk. He has also served on the advisory committee of the Crompton-Chevron-Kindermorgan Community Advisory Panel and was president. He has served the city of Perth Amboy as Democratic Committeeman for Ward 3 District 2.

Of all of Anton Massopust’s

accomplishments the one most dear to him was his service to the Perth Amboy Fire Department. He was a volunteer firefighter since he was 21 years old and has now served for 59 years. During 1984-1987 Anton J. Massopust served as Fire Chief in the City of Perth Amboy. He has attended State, County and National Fire Academies and has taken over 36 different courses in Fire Science. These include: Arson Detection, Hazmat Awareness, the State Police Bomb School and Emergency Response to Terrorism Incidents plus a lengthy list of other fire courses. A Level II fire instructor, Mr. Massopust volunteered his time to pass down his knowledge of fire science as Lieutenant and training officer at the Perth Amboy Fire Department. He was an officer for many years and has remained active for the entire 59 years he has been a member of the PAFD. Mr. Massopust has also served on the Perth Amboy First Aid Squad, and still volunteers as an EMT, CPR, and Bomb awareness instructor. He even had a stint teaching fire science at the Middlesex County Fire Academy.

Even after Anton Massopust retired from teaching at PAHS, he continued to teach at Middlesex County College both biology and the Natural History of New Jersey, a popular class in which students took trips learning all about New Jersey’s treasures. He taught as an Associate Professor of Biology in Caldwell College, Caldwell New Jersey from 2011 to 2016. He has also taught at Ukrainian Assumption School, Mount Saint Mary’s Academy, and St. Peter’s High School.

Anton Massopust was inducted to Perth Amboy High School’s Hall of Fame in 2006 for Community Service and Secondary Education. He received a Citizenship Award in 2006 from the New Jersey Assembly and Senate. He received a citation from Mayor Wilda Diaz for saving a life at a Ukrainian Assumption Church Dance in 2010. He was honored by the Knights of Columbus earning the Shield Award in 2014. He was a member of the Perth Amboy Hibernians.

Anton Massopust was the City Historian in Perth Amboy. He served as a member of the Perth Amboy Board of Education for the year of 2013. He returned to serve on the Perth Amboy Board of Education from 2016 to 2018 and again from 2019 to present. He served as Chair of the Curriculum Committee. He was recently honored by the Boy Scouts in 2019 with the Service Award.

Anton Massopust died on March 7, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Marcella whom he was married to for 56 years, son Anton Massopust III, daughter Katherine Massopust, her husband Paul W. Wang, and sister-in-law Joan Zaleski. He is predeceased by his mother Anne Hallahan Massopust and his father Anton Massopust, his mother-in-law Anne Zaleski, and father-in-law Vincent Zaleski. He loved Perth Amboy, the town which he was born and grew up in and served so well. Anton was a man of faith who always believed in following his principles, love of God and neighbor. He will be missed by his family, friends, and students.

My Dad



Fishing at Sunset Beach, Cape May

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY - My dad liked snakes. I asked him one time why he liked snakes. He answered, “Because snakes are the underdog and no one likes snakes, so someone has to like them, so I do.”

He lived his life like that. He always stood up for the downtrodden and the people that needed help. If someone had a problem, he always helped them. That is one of the reasons he became a firefighter. To my dad, the Fire Department is a brotherhood and his fellow firefighters were his family. He was there for everyone in life and in death. If a fellow firefighter needed help, he helped them with whatever problem they faced. If a firefighter died, he was there at every funeral reading the fireman’s prayer.

He loved nature whatever the season was. He loved to go down to the Perth Amboy Waterfront to look at the brant, swans, or ducks or whatever creature was visiting down there. He loved the Great Swamp and made sure he went there every fall to see all the colors of the trees. When everyone else went shopping on Black Friday, my dad went to see the snow geese in Brigantine. He loved to go to Lancaster, not only to eat at Dinnier’s or Millers, but to stop, and watch the Amish Farmers plow their fields, or to buy all the many variety of pickles he enjoyed in Bird-in-Hand Market.

He loved Culvers Lake and listening to the insects and frogs on warm August nights. The locusts, crickets, other insects and the frogs were music to his ears. He loved to go to Wildwood for the Firemen’s Convention, and to Cape May in the summer and fall, especially to the nature reserve there and Sunset Beach to watch their flag ceremony. He used to ride the bikes across the entire boardwalk in Wildwood which is around 2 miles. He did this until he got too sick in 2003. (My mom still rode the bikes down the whole boardwalk 2 years ago – we both did!)

He was the Science Department Head in Perth Amboy

High School for over 30 years. I always remember him feeding the rats, mice, hamsters, gerbils, Guinea pigs, turtles, snakes, frogs, lizards, fish, and every other creature in the biology department including an alligator, a skunk, George the Parrot, Houdini the Ferret, and Thomas the Tarantula.

Every April 1st he made it a point to go to a pond in Culvers Lake to get frog eggs for his biology classes. The frogs always laid their eggs on the first day in April. Those eggs would eventually hatch into tadpoles, then transform into polliwogs, then frogs. The students saw this firsthand.

From when the time I was 11-16, my dad coached the Blue Koalas softball team in Hopelawn Little League and later on the girl’s softball team in Perth Amboy High School (from my sophomore year to the year after I graduated in 1985). I remember he had beard bite as one of the signals to steal a base. Sometimes he would forget himself and bite his beard, and the runner would go, even though it wasn’t a good time.

He always enjoyed the flea market in Culvers Lake. He loved to socialize with all the characters there, both the dealers or the customers. He would go on to run the Culver Lake Wicker Outlet and Flea Market in the Red Barn for over 30 years with his partners.

He always wanted to be the tough guy, the "real man," but he was tougher than he thought. More important than being a "real man," he was a good man. Daddy was the type of person who picked and chose his battles. If someone wronged him, many times he viewed bickering with them as a waste of his time and not worth the aggravation. He felt they had to live with what they did.

He was a man of character, and always believed to do what is morally right.

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The Gateway Neighborhood Collaborative encourage all our residents to stay informed during the COVID-19 outbreak by signing up with local, county and state updates.

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World War II - 75 Years Ago

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

In the Pacific, Iwo Jima is declared secured on March 16, 1945, after a month’s fighting, although sporadic skirmishing continues as isolated Japanese soldiers emerge from caves and tunnels. Halfway around the world, in Europe, the German offensive in Hungary ends in another victory for the Soviet Red Army. In a news conference in Washington, D.C., President Roosevelt says that as a matter of decency, Americans should tighten their belts so that food could be shipped to war-torn countries to feed people there who are starving.

The U.S. Third Army takes Koblenz, Germany, on March 17. The Ludendorff bridge, at Remagen, Germany, seized by U.S. troops on March 7, collapses suddenly, killing 25 U.S. Army engineers working to reinforce it. (It had likely been weakened by the battle fought around it as the Germans tried to recapture it. By this time, however, engineers of the U.S. First Army had already built other crossings.) Allied ships bombard the northern coast of Sumatra in the Dutch East Indies.

The Red Army on March 18 approaches Danzig, on the Baltic Sea. About 1,300 American bombers drop 3,000 tons of bombs on Berlin despite heavy anti-aircraft resistance, including numerous jet fighters. The U.S. Eighth Air Force loses six fighters and 13 bombers, while the *Luftwaffe* loses only two fighter planes. In the Ligurian Sea, off Genoa, Italy, British and German naval forces clash. Two German torpedo boats are sunk, and a destroyer is damaged. One British destroyer takes light damage.

Important bases of the Imperial Japanese Navy at Kobe and Kure, in Japan, are heavily bombed by American planes on March 19. In Berlin, Adolf Hitler issues what comes to be known as his “Nero Decree,” ordering that all of Germany’s infrastructure — industrial complexes, machine shops, military installations, transportation facilities and communications centers — be destroyed, so that it cannot be used by invading Allied forces. Aghast at the dictum, Albert Speer, the Third Reich’s Minister of Armaments and War Production, — who is made responsible for the decree’s implementation by Hitler — deliberately disobeys the order and works hard to prevent the decree from being carried out by others. Most German army commanders in the field either ignore or circumvent *der Führer’s* command. Off the coast of Japan, Japanese bombers attack the aircraft carrier *USS Franklin*, killing about 800 of her crew, wounding 486 and crippling the ship. (*Franklin’s* casualty numbers are the highest of any U.S. fleet carrier that survives the war.) *Franklin’s* Catholic chaplain, Lt. Cmdr. Joseph T. O’Callahan, S.J., provides extraordinary leadership in saving the ship — in addition to administering the last rites to the dead and dying, he organizes and directs firefighting and rescue parties and leads men below to wet down magazines that are in danger of exploding from the heat. In 1946, he is awarded the Medal of Honor for his work, the first of only two Navy chaplains ever to be so honored and the only chaplain of 464 individuals awarded the Medal of Honor during the war. Lt.(j.g.) Donald Gary is also awarded the nation’s highest military honor for his work on *Franklin* in rescuing 300 crewmen trapped below decks, organizing and leading firefighting parties on the hangar deck, and working his way below to the engineering spaces to raise steam in one boiler to power fire-fighting pumps.

After 12 days of fighting, Mandalay, in central Burma, is liberated by the (British) Indian Nineteenth Army on March 20 and is firmly under the control of British and Indian troops. Tokyo is firebombed again by American bombers. Lt. Gen. Patton’s U.S. Third Army troops capture Mainz, Germany. The U.S. Seventh Army captures Saarbrücken, in southwestern Germany. In Berlin, Adolf Hitler makes a rare public appearance, awarding medals to Hitler Youth (*Hitlerjugend*) soldiers. He also replaces Heinrich Himmler (who had declared himself “sick” and abandoned his post) as commander-in-chief of Army Group Vistula with Gen. Gotthard Heinrici, considered the best defensive tactician in the German Army. Heinrici is tasked with arranging defenses along the Oder River in anticipation of the Red Army’s expected offensive towards Berlin.

The Japanese attempt to attack Allied ships off Okinawa with the first Yokosuka MXY-7 Ohka flying bombs on March 21. The piloted, rocket-powered bombs, essentially *kamikaze* rockets, carried by and launched from Mitsubishi “Betty” bombers, can reach speeds up to 650 miles per hour in a dive. The flight of 16 Bettys carrying the Ohkas is intercepted by American carrier-based planes 60 miles from the task force and all are shot down. (The pilots note that the Bettys are flying unusually slowly and are carrying some sort of unusual payload, but the significance of this is not understood at the time.) The RAF conducts a precision airstrike on Gestapo headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark. Although the target building is destroyed, disrupting anti-resistance operations, the surrounding neighborhood suffers collateral damage, including a school where 86 students and 18 adults die. Also killed are 21 other civilians in the area.

U.S. and British troops cross the Rhine at Oppenheim, Germany, on March 22. In Cairo, Egypt, representatives from Egypt, Iraq, Transjordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Syria sign a charter creating the Arab League. In Madrid, Infante Juan de Borbon of Spain, Count of Barcelona and heir-apparent to the Spanish throne, demands the resignation of Francisco Franco and the restoration of the Spanish monarchy.

U.S. Marines on March 23 seize islands off the coast of Okinawa, south of Japan. Col.-Gen. Heinrich von Vietinghoff is named supreme commander of German forces in Italy, replacing Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, who had earlier been named as head of German Army Command West, in France. In Berlin, Adolf Hitler approves the withdrawal of German troops across the Rhine, but by the time this permission is granted, any German troops who were going to make it across were already across.

On March 24, two Allied airborne divisions capture bridges across the Rhine River to aid the Allied advance. British Field Marshal Montgomery’s troops cross the Rhine, at Wesel. Provisional President Charles de Gaulle announces in Paris that France intends to retain control of Indochina.

The U.S. Navy begins the pre-invasion bombardment of Okinawa on March 25, firing more than half a million shells and rockets in the space of a week. In a symbolic act, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, accompanied by Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery and a military escort, crosses the Rhine River into Germany near Wesel in an Allied landing craft. The group ventures as far as a bridge that is under enemy fire, then returns. (Gen. Eisenhower later says that if he had been there, he never would have let Churchill cross the river because of the obvious danger.) American troops capture Darmstadt, Germany, about 15 miles south of Frankfurt am Main; they find that about 60% of residents who are still there are homeless.

The last organized Japanese troops on Iwo Jima launch a suicide attack on March 26. In a pitched, 90-minute battle, Army pilots, Navy Seabees and Marines fend off the 300 Japanese attackers, suffering 53 killed and 126 wounded. Total U.S. casualties on Iwo Jima number 6,891 killed and 19,217 wounded. Japanese casualties number 18,300 killed and 216 captured. (Another 867 Japanese are captured by the U.S. Army after the marines leave the island.) Medals of Honor are awarded to 22 marines and five sailors for their efforts during the battle, the only one of the war where U.S. Marine casualties are higher than those of the Japanese. The Red Army captures two German strongpoints covering approaches to the Austrian border.

On March 27, the 1,115th V-2 launched — and the last to reach England — lands in Orpington, Kent, England, killing one person. There is bitter street fighting in Danzig (Gdańsk), Poland, as the Red Army forces its way into the city’s defenses. Argentina declares war on Germany and Japan.

The British Second Army on March 28 begins a drive towards the Elbe River in Germany as the U.S. First Army captures Marburg, 60 miles northeast of Koblenz. The U.S. Third Army captures Limburg on the River Lahn. The 1st Belorussian Front, after a long struggle, captures Gotenhafen (Gdynia), Poland, on the Baltic coast northwest of Danzig, along with 9,000 prisoners. After a heated argument with Hitler over the conduct of the war on both fronts, Col.-Gen. Heinz Guderian is replaced by Lt. Gen. Hans Krebs as chief of the German High Command. In Asia, Burmese politician and military leader Aung San leads his small Burma National Army in a revolt against the Japanese, with whom, until recently, he has been allied. On Bougainville Island, in the Solomons, the Australian 7th Brigade engages troops of the Japanese 6th Division in the start of the Battle of Slater’s Knoll.

On March 29, the Red Army enters Austria. The U.S. Seventh Army captures Mannheim and Heidelberg, both in Germany. Other Allied troops capture Frankfurt am Main. The Germans are in general retreat throughout the center of the country. The Soviets seize oilfields south of Komorn, Hungary, the last possible source of petroleum for the German war effort.

Hackensack Meridian Health
Announces Visitation
Restrictions at its Hospitals

Press Release
NEW JERSEY - As you know, the situation surrounding COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) continues to evolve and changes occur rapidly. As a result, Hackensack Meridian Health (HMH) is restricting visitation across all of its hospitals. This network-wide restriction takes effect on Friday, March 13, 2020. Please know, the health and safety of our patients, their families, and team members remains a top priority for HMH.

Visitation exceptions will be made in certain situations, including:

- Hospice
- Pediatric care
- Ambulatory Care/Same day surgery (one visitor)
- Maternity/Labor and delivery (one visitor)

Once a visitor is approved, they will undergo a temperature screening. They will also need to provide their contact information in the event that tracing becomes necessary. Phone and video calls to patients are welcome and encouraged.

As a precautionary measure

and to keep patients and team members safe, HMH is also asking its team members to self-monitor their temperature before they report to work.

Earlier this week, HMH also announced it was restricting visitation at all of its nursing and rehabilitation facilities. To view these restrictions visit HackensackMeridianHealth.org.

“We are taking these proactive precautions to protect our patients, team members, and the communities we serve,” said Jerry Zuckerman, M.D., vice president, Infection Prevention and Control at Hackensack Meridian Health. “Our care team is sensitive to the separation this restriction causes our patients and their loved ones, but we believe this measure of protection is essential at this time to keep people safe.”

These visitor restrictions will be reevaluated in 30 days. Hackensack Meridian Health remains committed to providing the highest level of compassionate, quality care.

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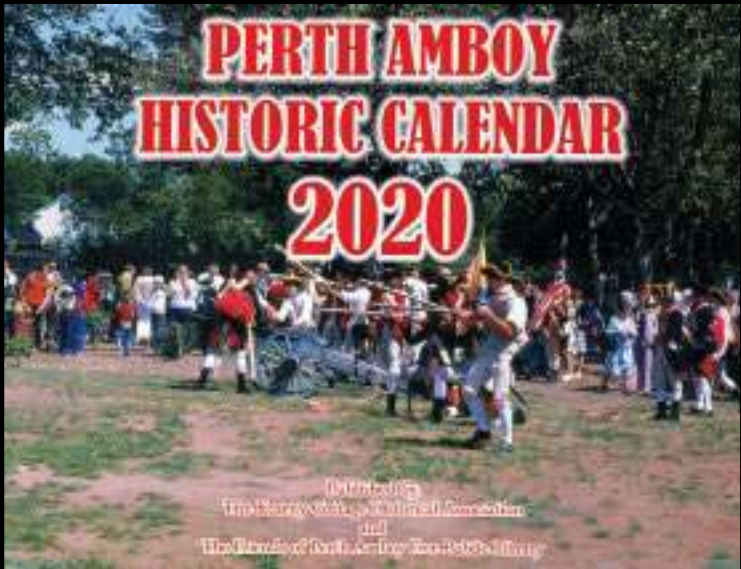
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2020 Historic Perth Amboy
Calendars



2020 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, and Perth Amboy City Hall. For more information: 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.

**Hungarian
Homemade Nut
Rolls Sale**

WOODBIDGE – The Loranffy Women’s Guild of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Woodbridge, NJ is having a Nut Roll Sale. Each individually hand rolled and made from the best ingredients. Each Weighing 1lb 8oz. Available in English Walnut, Poppy Seed, Prune-Lekvar, Apricot, Raspberry. Price: \$17.00 each. Deadline for orders by Monday, March 23, 2020. Orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, April 3, 2020 between 12 noon and 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Please use Ross Street Entrance. All orders must be paid in full upon ordering. Please call: Florette Pastor @ 732-636-2868.

**Fresh
Hungarian
Kolbasz Sale**

WOODBIDGE – Made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge on Friday, April 3, 2020. Place your orders with Audrey Marciniak @ 732-494-1431. Price: \$6.00 per lb. Deadline for order – Monday, March 23, 2020. Order may be picked-up on the day of the sale between 12 noon and 4 p.m. Use Ross Street entrance.

If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your order for Kolbasz at the same time.

Fish on Fridays

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave., invite you to Fish on Fridays during Lent. Starting Feb. 28, 2020 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Menu: 1 doz. Steamed Clams - \$8.00; Fish Sandwich w/Fries & Cole-slaw - \$10.00; Fish Dinner Platter - \$14.00; Shrimp Dinner Platter - \$14.00; Scallop Dinner Platter - \$16.00; Combo Platter w/4 Shrimp, 3 Scallops, & Fish Fillet - \$18.00.

All Platters are served with French Fries, Coleslaw, Soup or Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. For the Kids: 3 Chicken Fingers & Fries - \$5.00

Please be patient...All Menu Items are made to order. Your selection can be broiled or fried. Take Out Available and Weekly Specials. Please understand that your order cannot be changed once placed. Take your time while ordering. For more information call: 732-727-7170.

**Annual
Cabbage &
Noodle Sale**

PERTH AMBOY - St. John’s Evg. Lutheran Church is having a cabbage & noodle sale. Orders taken March 1st through March 28th. Pick up will be at 664 Amboy Ave (use the side door on Meredith St.) on Sunday March 29th from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Contact Lorraine at 732-996-8860 or kookie.mc@gmail.com to place your order. Cost: \$6.00 for 1 pound or buy 3 lbs. or more save \$1.00 per pound!

**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, Apr. 2, 2020. Bus leaves 12 Noon. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot play. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

**Bus Trip to
Playhouse**

Holy Rosary Seniors
HOPELAWN – The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Wednesday April 29th. Cost is \$100 which includes Bus, lunch and a “Sherlock Holmes Mystery” show. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. Any questions please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church will be holding their Pirohi Sale. Please call your order in from March 9th thru 11th, 2020 to 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Please call early so that you will not be closed out. Orders may be picked up on March 17th & 18th, 2020, at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ after 2:30 p.m.

**Palm Cross
Sale**

SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart Rosary Society will be selling Palm Crosses on the weekends of March 21st-22nd and 28th-29th in front of Memorial Hall across from Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Ave., South Amboy before and after all masses. The price is \$8.00 for one and \$15.00 for two.

**St. John’s
Orthodox Church
Spring Cake Sale**

PERTH AMBOY - Please place your order for Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune (Levkar), Apricot, or Raspberry by calling 732-826-7067 from March 23 thru 25, 2020 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Price is \$13.00. Please call early before the orders are closed out. Cake pick-up will be April 1 and 2, 2020 at 404 Division Street after 2:30 PM.

**Vendors
Wanted**

SAYREVILLE - We are looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. Our Flea Market will be held on June 6, 2020. The time is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville-directly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15.00 for one space, \$25.00 for two. There are a limited number of tables to rent for an additional \$5.00. No food vendors please. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

**Designer Bag
Bingo &
Tricky Tray
Postponed**

PERTH AMBOY - The Women of the Moose Chapter 1247 Perth Amboy are hosting a Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray Event. This event has been postponed to Saturday May 30th, 2020 at the lodge located at 989 Convery Blvd in Perth Amboy. The doors open at 1:00 p.m. and the first game is called at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 and includes 1 Bingo set, 3 boards per game, coffee & cake. For tickets call Gwen @ 732-694-0746. The kitchen will be open, no outside food please.

**JRMC Women's
Health Initiative
Rio Carnival
Postponed**

PERTH AMBOY - The JRMC Women's Health Initiative Rio Carnival event originally scheduled for Thursday, March 19th, has been postponed. This celebratory event was changed in response to the growing concerns of public safety and security. The new date is Thursday, September 17th, 2020 from 6:00PM-10:00PM, at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge, NJ.

For anyone who has purchased a sponsorship package or admission tickets to this event, please contact Lisa Lucia at (732) 376-6610 to confirm your participation and attendance for the rescheduled date.

The 50/50 raffle that was scheduled to be announced at the event will still take place Thursday, March 19th at 10:00 PM to announce the winner. Please keep your tickets for Thursday's announcement at 10:00 PM.

The JRMC and WHI families wish you health and safety throughout this season. For more information on staying healthy during the COVID-19 outbreak, visit the CDC website or call 1(800) 232-4636.

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Pets of the Week



Puppy on the right is Brandy, 3 mths old, adopted her thru a rescue, the guy on the left is Rocky, 2yr old, who I also rescued, was living in a barn, they've became good friends, people should adopt more thru a rescue, than paying \$2000 from a store. Thank you, Jeannine

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

Tom's Tax Tips

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

**You NEED These Documents
to File Your Taxes!**

It's easy to get inundated with documents during tax season. You can receive documents from many different organizations, including employers, financial institutions and others. Many documents are now also being sent via e-mail, which increases the likelihood it could get lost in your inbox.

As tax season is quickly approaching, here are some of the documents to be on the lookout for:

- **W-2s**
While W-2s are the most widespread and well-known tax form, it can be easy to lose track of W-2s if you or your spouse have multiple jobs. Keep track of each employer to ensure you receive the forms in time.
- **1099-INTs and 1099-DIVs**
Most of us receive small interest or dividend payments throughout the year. These payments are reported on a Form 1099 and must be included on your Form 1040. Depending on the type of investments, there could be numerous 1099s to report this interest and dividend income. Make a list from last year's tax return to help keep track of these 1099s as they arrive via mail or e-mail.
- **1099-Rs**
Form 1099-R is used when a distribution is made from a pension or retirement account. You could receive a 1099-R if your employer was part of a recent merger, and the company which was acquired rolled its retirement funds into the new company's plan. You could also receive a 1099-R if you get a new job and you roll your existing retirement funds into your new company's plan.
- **Form 1095**
Different versions of Form 1095 are sent to you recapping your health insurance. While the penalty for not having proper health insurance is suspended for 2019, the form may still be important. So look for it and retain it with your other records.
- **Get Organized**
You will also need any documents that confirm and support any deductions you plan to take. For instance, you may need documentation to claim deductions for day care expenses, educational expenses (form 1098-T), mortgage interest documentation (form 1098), proof of medical, dental and vision care, charitable contributions, business records, property taxes, state taxes and much more.

It is best to use last year's tax return PLUS a tax organizer to ensure you have all the proper records needed to accurately prepare your tax return. The organizer is especially helpful as there are a list of questions to help you jog your memory to recall certain events that have taken place over the past year that might have a tax consequence. If in doubt, save the documentation, proof of payment and any receipts!

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O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. *(Mention your request.)*

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.
Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.
Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Remember to
Say Your
Novenas!

Poll Workers
Wanted

Press Release
MIDDLESEX COUNTY - John Anagnostis Regional Vice Chair of the Middlesex County Republican Organization has announced there are openings for Poll Workers for the 2020 Primary and General Elections to be held on June 2, 2020 and November 3, 2020.

You can be a poll worker if you are 18 years old, a registered voter and live in Middlesex County. The following communities need poll workers: Carteret, Perth Amboy, Woodbridge, Sayreville and South Amboy.

A poll worker attends a training class, reports to the polling places 45 minutes prior to the polls opening on election day, prepares the polling place, verifies voters are registered in the district, assists the voter if there are questions, maintains order at the polls, closes polling places at the designated times. The pay for the election day is \$200.00

This is a chance for residents to participate in our democracy. If you are interested, please contact our office at 732-371-9967 Monday to Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. if no answer, leave a message.



Assemblyman
Danielsen to
Host 6th Annual
Free Job Fair
in Central
Jersey

Press Release 3/2/20
Somerset, NJ- On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, Assemblyman Joe Danielsen will host the 6th Annual Free Job Fair in partnership with The Imperia, located at 1714 Easton Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873.

Recruiters from public and private businesses will be available to meet with job seekers between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you have a Resume, please be sure to bring 10-15 copies with you.

Classes will be offered for participants from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Job Search Techniques, Resume Writing, Interviewing and Dressing for Success.

"I encourage anyone who is looking for their first job, a new job, returning to the job force of New Jersey to join us throughout the day," said Assemblyman Danielsen (D-Middlesex, Somerset). "If you're looking for assistance to change careers, then participate and meet 75 to 80 diverse vendors who will be available to talk with you. Listen, jobs don't come to you. It is up to you to seize the opportunity!"

Vendor Space will be available until April 8, 2020 for organizations or employers who would like to participate. We encourage you to register early. Space is limited. Please contact Laura Spector for more information or to request a registration form at (732)-247-3999.

Senior Scene
Happenings

Perth Amboy
WED. Mar. 18 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,
Msg. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,
Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
THURS. Mar. 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Mar. 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,
Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Mar. 24 Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m.
Msg. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
THURS. Mar. 25 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy
MON. Mar. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon
Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
WED. Apr. 1 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,
Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Mar. 6 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,
Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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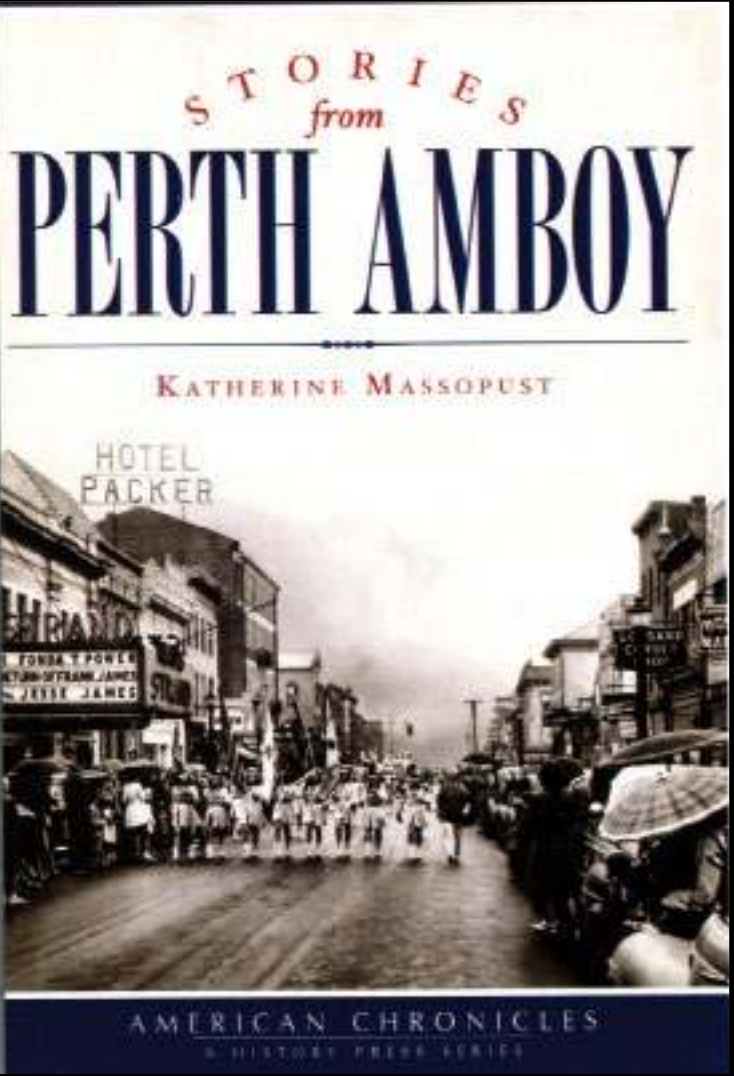
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – The Raritan Building circa 1920's located on the corner of Madison Avenue and Smith Street.
**Photo Courtesy of Perth Amboy Free Public Library
This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.*



Stories From Perth Amboy
PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy or in Fertig's Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - or Fertig's at 732-442-1079 - A Great Gift! Get it now along with Then & Now: Perth Amboy!

Perth Amboy Swearing in and Promotional Ceremony PAPD 3/5/20, Perth Amboy YMCA **Photos by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - On Thursday, March 5, 2020 there was a Swearing In & Promotional Ceremony at the Perth Amboy YMCA. Jose Pais - Police Sergeant; Luis R. Almanzar – Police Officer; Jose L. Lopez – Police Officer; Jeramey I. Mendez – Police Officer; Ryan Moskwa – Police Officer; Alex Perez – Police Officer; Luis Perez – Police Sergeant; John Wonski – Police Sergeant. Congratulations Officers.



Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade 3/8/20 **Photos by R.J. Kawka*



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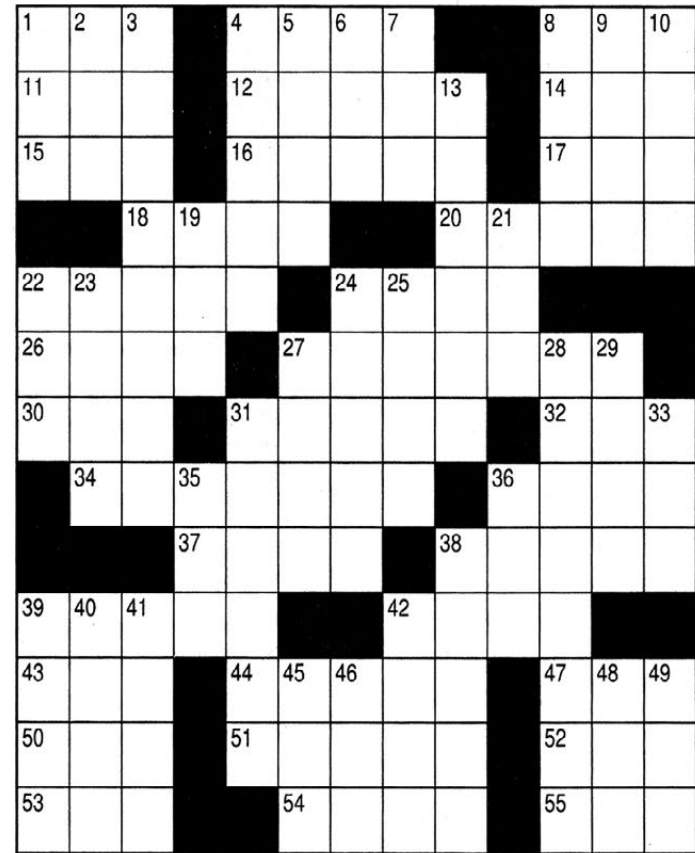
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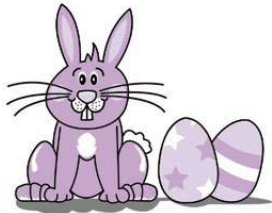
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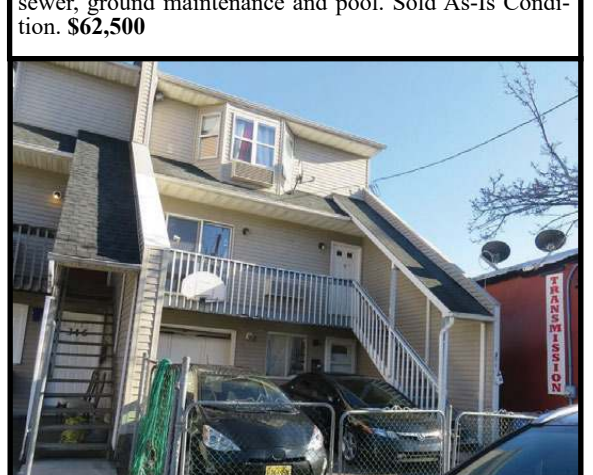
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