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Memorial Day Laying of Wreath at Fireman's Memorial, Alpine Cemetery, Perth Amboy 5/20/20

**Photo by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - Ex- Fire Chief and Pres. of PA Exempts Fire Assoc. William Petrick (L) and PAFD Chief Ed Mullen (R) lay a wreath at the Fireman's Memorial at Alpine Cemetery

Memorial Day Laying of Wreath 5/25/20 War Memorial, Sadowski Parkway, Perth Amboy **Photos courtesy of Javier Cruz*



Mayor Wilda Diaz



Wreaths placed on the War Memorial



Playing Taps

Invoices, Road Conditions, and Quality of Life Among Topics Discussed

5/27/20 Caucus & Council Meetings via Phone Conference

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – During the Caucus portion of the 5/27/20 meeting, Councilman Fernando Irizarry had a question about a bid by Universal Gold Foam (RE: Training Specialty Inc.) for \$121,600. “Who will be paying for this foam?”

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “Buckeye.”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr then spoke up, “Buckeye is also paying for all of the funding.”

There was next a question regarding Resolution R-179 – A change order with underground utilities corporation increasing the contract for the sewer separation project for an amount not to exceed \$62,000.

Louis Perez Jimenez, Director of Operations at the USA-PA Middlesex Water Company came up to speak when Councilman Irizarry asked for more clarification. “We are ahead of schedule. Pulaski Avenue, Center Street, and Valley Place – the work is already in place. It’s a trench being dug on top of another facility. This is to compare elevations. Electricity and gas pipes were in the way, and we had to make sure we had enough clearance before starting on this project.”

Irizarry then questioned R-180 - A grant acceptance with the NJ Department of Transportation for the road improvement

of several city streets.

Irizarry stated, “I’m reluctant to support this. Someone will decide that a trench will be needed for a newly paved road. Look at what happened to High Street and Rector Street after they were repaved. We have a committee who is supposed to avoid this type of situation. When is this going to stop?”

City Engineer Jeffery Rauch responded, “The city has a road opening ordinance in place. If a road that was paved had to be opened up again by a utility company within a 5-year timeframe, that utility company must do curb-to-curb restoration of that road. We told Elizabethtown Gas that they have to do this. In July or August, they’ll be doing pave-to-paving restoration at their cost.”

When Council President William Petrick asked if they (Elizabethtown Gas) will be putting up a bond to do this, Rauch responded, “Yes.”

When Petrick asked Rauch if he is making sure this restoration will be done, Rauch responded, “Yes.”

Petrick then questioned, “Is this emergency work being done?”

Rauch responded, “It’s for the upgrading of the main lines in those streets. We get notification

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Supremo Food Markets Announces Grocery Donation of Over \$50,000 to Perth Amboy Families



EJ Trujillo, Eddie Trujillo, Supremo Volunteer, Sebastian Trujillo, Kenny Ortiz



Eddie Trujillo, Supremo Volunteer, Kenny Ortiz, Sebastian Trujillo **Photos Submitted*

Press Release 5/28/20

PERTH AMBOY – Supremo Food Markets announced their ongoing donation of groceries to be supplied to Perth Amboy families. The magnitude of this donation is estimated to be worth over \$50,000. In partnership with the Perth Amboy Human Services Department and the Mayor’s Office, Supremo Supermarket will be preparing and providing food boxes for hundreds of families for the next four weeks. View the link to the video announcement here <https://www.facebook.com/cityofperthamboy/posts/3873168159421865>.

Supremo Supermarket owner, Eddie Trujillo, shared, “This is my home; this has been my home all my life,” said Trujillo, “And so, I love the City of Perth Amboy and when people need help, that’s when we all come together. It’s not only myself, many other people have been helping the community for many weeks now under this pandemic.”

Trujillo mentioned the donation will total over 2,000 food boxes and will be delivered to the people in need within the community.

Mayor Wilda Diaz commended Trujillo, stating, “Eddie has always given back, without even being asked. He has supported our youth programs and he has provided so many dinners for people in need for a long time. Perth Amboy is blessed to receive this support from Eddie and his business partner, Benjamin.”

Knowing how important it is to give back to the community, Trujillo’s sons, EJ and Sebastian, have also been on-site preparing food boxes. The City of Perth Amboy received over one hundred calls just this week inquiring about food assistance and is thankful for everyone who is making these donations possible.

For more information about these food donation deliveries, please contact Kenneth Ortiz,

Director of the Department of Human Services, by phone at 732-826-1690 extension 4305, or by email at kortiz@perthamboynj.org.

Residents of Perth Amboy have been in dire need of additional food assistance since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Aside from Supremo Food Market’s donations, the City of Perth Amboy has been working with other community partners to help provide food for residents during this difficult time. The Perth Amboy Public Schools District continues to serve all Perth Amboy children with meals three days a week. Additionally, Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens have modified operations throughout the pandemic. For more information about these programs, please visit the City of Perth Amboy’s Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates & Resources page at www.perthamboynj.org/emergency_center/notice.

Updates on Coronavirus Outbreak: www.perthamboynj.org & www.southamboynj.gov & www.amboyguardian.com

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Grievance with Business Administrator, Boarding Houses, New Owners of Woodmont Among Many Topics for Discussion 5/26/20 Council Meeting via Phone Conference

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – The 5/26/20 was originally scheduled on 5/20/20 but was rescheduled due to the call-in meeting information on the agenda was incorrect. The meeting was called to order via teleconference at 7:02 p.m.

The first order of business was to resolve with the grievance filed by Officer Brian Noble which was carried over from the May 6, 2020 meeting. When asked, Officer Noble stated that no resolution had been made.

President Gross suggested a vote by the council of whether or not to uphold the decision of the Business Administrator. Councilwoman Zuzette Dato made the motion to uphold the decision of the B.A. regarding the grievance. Councilman Thomas Riley seconded the motion.

Each Council Member made a statement regarding how they voted.

Councilwoman Dato stated, "Sgt. Noble has acted admirable. I'm voting 'Yes.'"

Councilman Brian McLaughlin stated, "This concerns labor and management, I'm voting 'No.'"

Council Vice-President Christine Noble who recused herself from the discussion abstained.

Councilman Thomas Reilly stated, "My first comment as grievances such as this, I refer back to the attorney. That's the direction I am moving in. I vote 'Yes.'"

Council President Mickey Gross voted "Yes."

The votes are: 3 Yes; 1 No; 1 Abstention. Motion passes.

Council President Gross stated, "There is no reason in the world we cannot work out our differences."

Officer Brian Noble stated, "This is my third meeting. I've done everything to make the union's issues resolved between the union and the city."

The Amboy Guardian reached out to the City of South Amboy to explain the grievance. B.A. Glenn Skarzynski gave following statement:

"At the beginning of the Covid crisis the Chief of Police developed a new schedule to limit exposure of police personnel to potentially infected persons. In doing so he transitioned his personnel from a 5/2, 5/2, 5/3 schedule based on a 9.5 hour day to a new schedule of 3 on 3 off, 3 on home standby 3 off based on a 12 hour day. This change compelled the PBA to file a grievance indicating that since their schedule was memorialized in the contract it was not permitted to make a schedule change. The City's position cited another passage in the contract which states that in a declared emergency the Chief of Police has the right to make such a change on a temporary basis. In our grievance process the first step is to submit to the Business Administrator. I denied the grievance based on the language in the contract permitting the Chief to make the change. The PBA elected to go to the next step in the grievance process which is a hearing in

front of the City Council. After their presentation the City Council ultimately upheld my denial by a vote of 3 to 1. Council Member Noble had to recuse herself from the process as Sgt. Noble the SOA President is her brother. The PBA/SOA now has the option of step three which is a hearing in front of an arbitrator. At this time we have not received a notification that they have exercised that option."

For the consent agenda, Councilman Thomas Reilly had several questions about item number No. 20-236 – A resolution of the city council of the city of South Amboy supporting the enactment of Assembly Bill No. 3971 and Senate Bill No. 2475 to authorize the issuance of coronavirus relief bonds by municipalities and counties.

Law Director Francis Womack stated, "It will allow municipalities to front specific coronavirus bonds."

Reilly requested information on the use of all of these monies.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated, "We're not currently seeking bonds for anything but coronavirus (related). We have absolutely no intention of doing this."

Reilly then asked, "The 3 million is not attached to this resolution?"

B.A. Skarzynski answered, "It will give you (the council) the ability to meet shortcomings (as a result of the coronavirus). They are not tied in. The bonding we are doing is for capital purposes. The rate is favorable. Dan (Director of Revenue and Finance and CFO Balka) was satisfied. We got a better rate that we normally would have under these circumstances."

Councilman Thomas Reilly requested that the agenda items be voted upon individually instead of grouping them together as they were in the agenda. "There's 14 different items. The uncertainties of the economic climate – I'm in favor of the fire truck. There could be other items in there we would want to move on."

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski said, "We are watching our dimes. I absolutely assure you we are being economically responsible."

Council Comments:
Vice-President Christine Noble had no comments but wished everyone to be safe.

Councilwoman Zuzette Dato reminded everyone, "There's still time to complete your 2020 Census forms. Also, our primary election date has been moved to July 7, 2020. It's very easy to vote by mail."

Councilman Thomas Reilly thanked the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. "It is incredible how so many people help in a time of need. I thank First Presbyterian Church, the Friends of South Amboy, and our first responders." He then in honor of Memorial Day, "I acknowledge those who sacrificed their lives."

Reilly then asked what the city's reopening plan is. B.A. Glenn Skarzynski answered, "We're waiting to hear from the state. We'll be continuing with wearing masks in City Hall and

in the public."

Reilly then turned his attention to Woodmont, who has recently been sold. "What do we know of the new owner of Woodmont? \$43 million for a piece of South Amboy with a PILOT. I want to know about the buyer. We should be doing our due diligence. We don't know anything about the buyer."

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski told him that next week they will have this discussion.

Councilman Reilly asked, "If we have additional content, we need to share it with the council via email." Reilly also stated he wanted the meetings to be put on Facebook. Reilly had additional comments about technical issues and the reason why the last meeting (5/20/20) was postponed. "To put out to the public – that the public is not there – we have to adjourn the meeting."

Law Director Francis Womack answered, "An amendment would be in an ordinance. Other towns in New Jersey have this regarding electronically conducted meetings."

Reilly agreed with Womack.

Council President Mickey Gross commented, "We are not the only municipality with issues going on."

Reilly then asked about the 4-hour parking signs that he wanted taken down (on certain streets).

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated, "If the council wants them down, we'll take them down."

Reilly then brought up another issue, "We have boarding houses in town. They are inspected by the state. I don't want to leave that to the state. We need to take ownership of that. They have revolving doors."

Council President Mickey Gross added, "What I'm proposing is to enable us to have a local inspector inspect the boarding houses. We'll get reimbursed for it."

Reilly added, "We need proper regulations for the boarding houses."

Gross said, "It's in the hands of the mayor and administration. The state will allow you once a year to do the inspection."

B.A. Skarzynski stated he would get working on that.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin thanked all those involved during this pandemic and asked, "What are we doing for non-essential businesses?"

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski answered that the city is waiting on the governor.

Councilman McLaughlin said, "Regarding Woodmont – we gave a PILOT. Looking on who and what it cost to build and what they sold it for – 6 apartments to 4 apartments?"

Skarzynski admitted he had not been to a Planning Board Meeting recently.

McLaughlin stated that the residents received a certified letter (from Woodmont today 5/26/20) and he had no time to go over it.

Council President Mickey Gross was angry about the Pi-

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tions of any roadwork upgrades. They don't inform us beforehand about road openings."

Petrick then stated, "The city needs notifications in a timely manner for roads (that are going to be dug up)."

Rauch agreed.

Councilman Irizarry then had a question about R-181 – Authorizing the city of Perth Amboy to enter into a city/county reimbursement agreement Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) with Middlesex County.

Business Administrator Frederick Carr explained, "We gave the county all the paperwork and cost of what we needed. I also worked with OEM Director and Police Chief Cattano. The county provided the supplies and we picked up some of the supplies from the Fire Academy in Sayreville."

OEM Director Larry Cattano then joined the discussion, "We received PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) from the national stockpile. This included test kits some of which were given to the adult care centers. We (the city) already had a lot of equipment and are self-sufficient. We talk the county and Health Department."

Cattano then went onto talk about R-182-5/20 – A contract with Amazon Services LLC for the purchase of PPE and certain needed decontamination supplies in respect to the COVID emergency in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

"This is for the Office of Emergency Management who are the ones who order supplies."

B.A. Carr added some comments, "This is a centralized purchasing and ordering process. All of the departments will go through the OEM for their needed supplies."

Irizarry then questioned R-185-5/20 – An agreement with the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise Revitalization (PARTNER) to obtain donations from various manufacturers and providers, one being L'Oréal, of goods for the use of residents who are at risk and in need.

"Why are there a lot of changes in this resolution? Some things are struck out or X'd out. Did the Law Director read over this agreement?"

Law Director Peter King joined the conversation, "I made all the corrections on the agreement."

Carr then spoke up, "We sent the original documents to Law Director King and changes were made which were agreed upon by all parties involved."

Irizarry then asked, "Why are there question marks at the end of one of the items?"

King responded, "I questioned L'Oréal not wanting publicity. It's a loose agreement."

Petrick then questioned, "Shouldn't we get a clean copy of the agreement?"

Councilman Joel Pabon then stated, "We need more of an explanation for this agreement."

Director of Human Resources Ken Ortiz joined the conversa-

tion, "L'Oréal contracted us to donate personal hygiene products. They cannot donate to government agencies, so it went through PARTNER. Public Portion:

Resident Jeremy Baratta was first. He was concerned about a lot of typos on the bill list. "Is it being done on purpose? There are a lot of expenses." He questioned the reimbursement of referees and other sports coaches. "I thought everything is shut down. There is also a bill from Pizzarelli Restaurant under the Youth Alliance Program and there were services for a Unique Youth Program. What kind of services do the Youth Alliance Program provide?"

He urged the council to look at the check registers for all these different items. Business Administrator Frederick Carr was even reimbursed for his Zoom and travel expenses. Shouldn't it be on the city's account?"

Petrick responded to the question regarding Carr's reimbursement. "He (Carr) took it upon himself to do that." Petrick then asked Ortiz to answer the other questions asked by Baratta.

Ortiz explained, "The Unique Youth Program is aimed towards third and fourth graders. The grant was funded before the pandemic happened. All of these services were already rendered previously."

The next person who came to speak was a woman named Gladys who resides at 601 Pacific Ave. "I still am having trouble with the neighbors at 599 Pacific Ave. concerning their dogs and other issues. I've even asked Code Enforcement to look into this. They (my neighbors) recently set off fireworks and burned my fence and patio lining."

Petrick spoke up, "This is not my expertise, but it sounds like criminal mischief."

The resident continued, "I've sent several letters to the landlord. That is a one-bedroom house (599 Pacific Ave.) and there are 12 people living there."

B.A. Carr assured the resident, "I will follow up on your complaint and I have all of your information."

The resident continued, "There was the incident where that same resident had a pit bull which bit a child, but that pit bull is no longer there. Now they have 2 smaller pit bulls that come there that are not on a leash."

Law Director King spoke up, "I will refer this to animal control."

Petrick then stated, "The council has complaints attached to their paperwork from this resident at 601 Pacific Ave."

The next person to speak was Cristina Pinzon, of Stateside Affairs, who lives at 120 Polk Dr., Brick, New Jersey. "I have been doing work for the city of Perth Amboy since October 2019. Our invoices have been on hold since March. We need to get paid for our services rendered."

Law Director King spoke up regarding this matter, "I requested a need for a public relations person."

The next person to speak was Laura Gaviria of Stateside Af-

fairs, who resides at 750 Broad St., Elizabeth New Jersey. "I have done work which includes social media and digital media for the city. As of March, I have not gotten paid."

Council President Bill Petrick responded, "The council will review this matter (payment to Stateside Affairs) and give it consideration."

Council Comments:

Councilmen Helmin Caba and Fernando Irizarry had no comments.

Councilman Joel Pabon brought up the two individuals from Stateside Affairs. "I didn't know they were involved in the city since late October 2019. They should be paid. That is the bottom line. They are small businesses." He then questioned "When is the city opening up?"

We have plenty of social distancing. What about the tax money collected? Are we behind? There are a lot of calls coming in about cars speeding. It's almost as if we are at Raceway Park. There are so many people driving at high speeds, especially on Market Street and High Street. People have also been complaining about cars coming down Kearny Avenue and Madison Avenue. We keep talking about speed bumps and we need something to stop this. We used to have a small police station downtown. There are a lot of kids on the street. Madison Avenue residents have complained to police about one particular car speeding and even gave the police the license plate number and the time the person was speeding. We need to get answers. The woman from 601 Pacific Ave. has been complaining for a very long time. I retired from the post office over a year ago. I remember her complaining about her neighbors before I retired."

B.A. Carr responded to some of Pabon's questions, "The new tax bills are going out on June 2nd. Stateside Affairs was hired by the city and the council took no action. My hands are tied."

Petrick responded, "We (the council) never hired them (Stateside Affairs). The mayor can't spend money not authorized by us. I don't know if we needed a public relations firm for the pandemic. We get bombarded everyday regarding the pandemic."

King responded, "OEM Director Larry Cattano uses them (Stateside Affairs) to get information out to the residents. A lot of time the churches were able to get the word out to the residents, but now they are closed."

B.A. Carr added some comments regarding opening up the city, "We have most of the staff back except for the court system. The courts are looking at having virtual sessions with all parties involved. The public access to the buildings has not yet been provided. Barriers have to be put in place to protect our employees. If people need go to Olive Street to visit the vital statistics office, they need to make an appointment beforehand. Some buildings have staggered staffing. We don't know the restrictions for full restaurant openings."

Pabon thanked Carr for the

update.

Carr continued, "If I had a magic wand, I would wish we could open up the city sooner."

Councilwoman Milady Tejada said, "I have concerns about business openings. Some businesses are not paying attention to the instructions given to them. I was in Shoprite to pick up a prescription, and I left right away because people are not following the instructions put on the floor (in the aisles). It is difficult for the bodegas and it's going to be hard to open up safely (for the city as a whole)."

Carr then spoke up again, "City Hall will be retrofitted with plexiglass. Some offices will require employees to wear masks and physical dividers will be added between employees."

Council President William Petrick said, "I agree with Councilman Pabon and regarding adding speedbumps on some streets as other cities have done. Harned Avenue needs a speed bump. Councilman Pabon also has a list of streets (to be considered). Some of the masks that people are wearing are not helpful. A lot of the masks people order online are not legitimate. The police are doing a lot of birthday celebrations for residents with sirens blasting. People might think that it's just a birthday party. People speeding and making loud noises were not tolerated under the Vas administration. He (Joe Vas) would have gotten results for the woman who complained about not getting her problems solved with her next-door neighbors."

The caucus concluded at 5:48 p.m. The council resumed with the regular meeting at 6 p.m.

The public was invited to speak on Ordinance No. 1 – "Wreckers".

Resident Jeremy Baratta questioned the tow fees which were raised from \$75 to \$125. He was pleased that cars were given extra storage time, but he noticed there were no payments for certain items such as cleanups.

Council President Petrick responded, "I'm not sure that I know of certain items being eliminated."

Baratta continued, "If towers are doing a certain service such as cleanups, they should get paid for it. If they are not reimbursed for a particular service, they shouldn't be doing it. It's dangerous work, especially if they are on roadways."

Petrick responded, "There are prices set for all services provided."

Councilman Joel Pabon then spoke up, "Everything may be included in the price hike. The weight limit was also changed (where larger vehicles are charged more to be towed). The insurance company will cover a lot of the cost."

Business Administrator Frederick Carr then told the council that he wanted to have Ordinance No. 2 – "Disasters and Emergencies" regarding the authority of Emergency Management Coordinator to be tabled.

Baratta spoke about this ordinance, "What is the OEM Coordinator duties in response to disasters and emergencies?"

Under what authority does the OEM act regarding this ordinance?" He then questioned, "What information is being put out by the Public Information Officer?"

Law Director Peter King stated, "The OEM works through the administration and OEM Director Cattano uses the administration public information personnel."

Baratta then questioned, "Who gives the official authorization: the administration or the OEM?"

Petrick responded, "I believe the state police initiates the orders and it goes to the OEM who has preference over the administration."

King spoke up again, "We can rely on the county."

Petrick said, "You (the administration) are not using people from the city (Re: Stateside Affairs)."

King countered, "We are hiring people who do what is best for the residents."

OEM Director Larry Cattano then joined the conversation, "We have 15 functioning Annexes. Each annex addresses a specific problem. Some of our annexes are the police, the fire, and health departments. At the end of the day, I am responsible. I decide what annex is used. The Public Information Officer sent out information to certain groups of people who need to be informed. Sometimes we use print media. You may have to use Public Information Officer to get out information regarding reverse 911."

Petrick then questioned, "Who is responsible (for getting information out)?"

Cattano answered, "In the past, it was Noelia Colon, but I have been in contact with these two individuals from Stateside. I don't know if we can use Colon."

Law Director King reminded the council, "You defunded her (Public Information Officer's) position."

Councilman Irizarry then spoke up and questioned, "If we (the city) had a Public Information Officer, would that be an annex? Because we don't have one, you used an outside firm. What have they done?"

Cattano continued, "I have not seen their bills (that they submitted) or hours they have worked, but I have emailed them, and they have communicated with us."

Petrick asked, "What about utilizing Nixle?"

Cattano responded, "There is a high use of Nixle, and we've had high number of new sign-ups. You can sign up through your cell phone, but you have to op-in."

Carr then explained why he wanted to table Ordinance No. 2, "We have to align the city's code to the state statute. That's why we have to make sure the OEM is also aligned with the state."

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up to speak on R-174 – Emergency temporary appropriations to extend CY: 2020 temporary budget in the amount

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Lasting Remembrance For All To See

On Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 3:22 p.m. the first successful manned launch venture between SpaceX and NASA took place. The Falcon9 successfully launched into orbiting the earth to eventually dock with the international space station on Sunday morning.

On Friday, July 8, 2011 Space Shuttle Atlantis flew her final mission, and was the last flight of the space shuttle fleet. On that day, all involved with the space program knew it would be the last manned American spacecraft to launch on home soil. 10 years ago - tears of sadness; 10 years later – tears of gladness. Congratulations to NASA, SpaceX and Elon Musk *C.M. & K.M.*



NASA uses SpaceX Falcon 9 to launch US astronauts into space from US soil for the first time in nearly 9 years, since the last space shuttle mission. **AP*



US astronauts Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken have docked with, and entered, the International Space Station (ISS) **NASA*



Space shuttle Atlantis is seen as it lifts off from NASA Kennedy Space Center's Launch Pad 39A at 11:29 a.m. EDT. The launch of Atlantis on the STS-135 mission, is the final flight of the Shuttle Program. **Photo by NASA/Bill Ingalls July 8, 2011*



The STS-135 crew members pause for a final photograph in front of space shuttle Atlantis. From left are: Commander Chris Ferguson, Mission Specialist Sandy Magnus, Pilot Doug Hurley and Mission Specialist Rex Walheim *Photo by NASA/Kim Shiflett*



Astronauts Bob Behnken (L) and Doug Hurley (R) **NASA*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

A Voting Problem?

The flu epidemic has ended, perhaps a once in a lifetime event. What if it reappears at the end of October? Will the elections be cancelled, deferred, or extended?

Would voting by last name

order over a few days protect the people who show up at the polls?

Voting by mail may cost more, take more time, and not be preferred by voters. It opens the door for irregularities as in the past.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

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Statement by Mayor Fred Henry on Incident at NJ Transit Station

**From South Amboy Facebook*
SOUTH AMBOY - As many of you are already aware from media reports there was an incident at the NJ Transit Station of Friday night that resulted in the death of one of our residents. The South Amboy Police Department, Middlesex County Prosecutors Office, and NJ Transit Police are working around the clock to identify and apprehend the person responsible. At this time it appears to be an isolated incident.

I have full confidence that

Chief Darren LaVigne and the men and women of the South Amboy Police Department in cooperation with the Middlesex County Prosecutor and NJ Transit Police will leave no stone unturned in identifying and apprehending the responsible person.

As this is an ongoing investigation all further releases of information will come from either Chief LaVigne or the office of the County Prosecutor.

Sincerely, Mayor Fred A. Henry

Coughlin: “Americans, fellow New Jerseysans are right to be angry.”

Press Release 5/30/20
TRENTON – Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex) issued the following statement on the death of George Floyd:

“Americans and fellow New Jerseyans are right to be angry. Our state and nation grieve for George Floyd, his family and friends. His tragic and senseless death offends our cherished commitment as a state and nation to equal justice and equal rights. When that commitment is breached we all suffer. Let us

not tolerate that suffering. “We entrust law enforcement officers to keep us safe. That is a trust that should never be broken, and we must acknowledge that the overwhelming majority of New Jersey’s police officers conduct themselves honorably and professionally. “So today let us rededicate to ourselves, together, to stand strongly in favor of justice, and in that way we honor Mr. Floyd.”

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JRMC Medical Center and Quest Diagnostics Team Up to Provide Testing for Newark School System Teachers and Staff



Press Release 5/21/20
NEWARK - On Friday, May 15, 2020, the JRMC Medical Center joined forces with Quest Diagnostics to provide the first round of testing services to members of the Newark Board of Education Faculty and Administrative Staff as part of the ongoing COVID-19 prevention and treatment campaign. Testing took place at the Malcom X Shabazz High School.

There are 6,000 Board of Education employees, and the JRMC and Quest will assist in the testing of all employees interested at the request of the Board of Education Administration. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is monitored by JRMC via telehealth.

“The Jewish Renaissance Medical Center has been a critical partner in several health-related initiatives in our schools,” said Superintendent León. It comes as no surprise that when it mattered the most to our staff, they stepped up for us. The Newark school system is eternally grateful for the generosity and assistance provided to us by JRMC.”

“We’re proud to be working closely with Quest Diagnostics to increase access to COVID-19 testing for faculty and staff of the Newark Board of Education during this health emergency,” said Jack O’Leary, CEO of JRMC. “This collaboration is a

prime example of our mission in action, which is to engage in community outreach activities that improve healthcare access within our region.”

To date, the JRMC has been testing at its Perth Amboy facility and has had a number of drive thru testing events whereby staff has seen 4,000 COVID related patients, and tested 2,000 patients with an average of 40% of those patients testing positive for the virus. The JRMC is Federally Qualified Health Center that provides healthcare services to patients regardless of insurance or income status.

“COVID-19 testing is a critical component to curb this epidemic,” said Lakshmi Gudapakkam, East Region Vice President & General Manager, Quest Diagnostics. We are proud to join forces with JRMC to offer a COVID-19 testing strategy to the faculty and staff of the Newark Public School System. Supporting providers like JRMC with their testing strategy is a first step to getting our local communities back to care, school and work.”

Quest Diagnostics annually serves one in three adult Americans, and half the physicians and hospitals in the US.

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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 Philippines, Japanese resistance on Luzon is reduced to rearguard actions by June 1, 1945. On the Philippines island of Mindanao, fighting continues. British troops occupy Lebanon and Syria, attempting to keep the peace between the local populations and the French military.

From the Vatican, Pope Pius XII on June 2 expresses hopes that Germany will abandon the principles of Nazism and build a new foundation. In Paris, President de Gaulle criticizes British intervention in Lebanon and Syria, saying the U.K. is meddling in French affairs. The British, in turn, charge the French with using Lend Lease supplies against the Syrians and the Lebanese in violation of their agreement with the United States. In Santa Fe, New Mexico, Klaus Fuchs, a high-level and valued British theoretical physicist working on the Manhattan Project, gives a Soviet agent detailed drawings of the plutonium bomb that will shortly be tested at Los Alamos. Fuchs, a member of the Communist Party of Germany, had entered the United Kingdom as a refugee from the Hitler regime in 1933. He applied for British citizenship, which was granted in August 1942.

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, on June 3 distributes captured maps of German minefields to all Allied governments in Europe. In the Middle East, French forces, escorted by British troops, leave Damascus, Syria.

On June 4, two regiments of the U.S. 6th Marine Division make landings on Okinawa’s Oroku Peninsula in an attempt to outflank Japanese positions. In Bremen, Germany, two explosions occur at U.S. Military Police headquarters, killing 15 people.

In Europe, the Allies on June 5 sign the Berlin Declaration, legally dissolving the government of Nazi Germany. They also agree to divide Germany — and separately, its capital, Berlin — into four sectors (one each controlled by the British, the French, the Americans and the Soviets) overseen by an Allied Control Council. The frontiers of occupied Germany are defined as those that existed on December 31, 1937. Radio Moscow announces the award of the highest (and rarest) Soviet military honor — the Order of Victory — to British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery. Five days later, the Order of Victory is also awarded to U.S. General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower.

On June 6, Gen. of the Army Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander, orders a holiday for troops in Europe in honor of the first anniversary of D-Day. Allied casualties during the eleven months from D-Day to VE-Day are 776,967, of which 141,590 were killed. On Okinawa, elements of the 6th Marine Division advance on the Oroku Peninsula; Naha airfield is secured. Brazil declares war on Japan.

In Kwanghsi Province, in the far south of China, three Chinese armies on June 7 prepare to launch an offensive to liberate the Hong Kong-Canton area. The first Allied cargo ship in three years enters Wewak harbor, in Papua-New Guinea. In Europe, King Haakon VII returns to Norway on the fifth anniversary of his leaving the country; he is greeted by cheering crowds. The U.K.’s King George VI visits the Channel Islands to congratulate the populace on its resolve during the German occupation. In Turin, Italy, U.S. troops find and arrest Rita Louisa Zucca, who had broadcast Axis propaganda to Allied troops in North Africa and Italy from Rome. Closing her programs with the saying “a sweet kiss from Sally,” she was often referred to as “Axis Sally” much to the chagrin and annoyance of Mildred Gillars, the “Axis Sally” who broadcast Nazi propaganda from Berlin. Although Zucca was born and raised in New York City, attempts by the U.S. government to prosecute her for treason come to nil when it is found that she had renounced her U.S. citizenship and had become an Italian national in 1938, well before her broadcasts began.

On Okinawa, heavy fighting continues on the Oroku Peninsula on June 8. The Japanese heavy cruiser *Ashigara*, transporting Japanese troops, is sunk in the Java Sea by the British submarine *HMS Trenchant*. Over 1,200 troops and 100 crewmen go down with the ship. Some 400 soldiers and 853 sailors survive. Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces reveals the details of German plans to have exterminated all Jews in Europe by the summer of 1946. U.S. Undersecretary of State Joseph Grew denies that the Soviet Union will be “given” Korea and other territories in return for entering the war against Japan.

On June 9, on Okinawa, Japanese forces defending the Oroku Peninsula are cut off and surrounded by units of the U.S. 6th Marine Division. Meanwhile, on the south end of the island, the U.S. 1st Marine Division is moving southward toward Kunishi Ridge, one of the last Japanese strongpoints. Radio Tokyo reports that 4.9 million Japanese have been displaced by Allied bombings. Japanese Prime Minister Kantarō Suzuki tells the Diet (the nation’s legislature) that Japan will “fight to the last.”

Australian troops land near Brunei, Borneo, on June 10. While on picket duty off Okinawa, the destroyer *USS William D. Porter* is attacked and sunk by a Japanese *kamikaze*. Miraculously, while many of her crew of 243 are wounded, there are no fatalities. In Prague, there is worry over what is viewed as Soviet interference in Czechoslovakia, along with pressure for the “Sovietization” of the nation (that is, adoption of Soviet-like institutions, laws, customs and the Soviet way of life). Adding to the concerns are the three Red Army divisions based in the outskirts of the capital.

In China, Japanese forces recapture Ishan, in Kwanghsi Province, on June 11. The Allied South East Asia Command announces that an estimated 108,240 Japanese have been killed in Burma since 1944. Soviet authorities begin the forcible expulsion of ethnic Germans from the Sudetenland, in western Czechoslovakia.

On the Oroku Peninsula of Okinawa, on June 12, many of the encircled Japanese troops begin committing mass suicide to avoid surrendering. In Europe, the Yugoslav Army, per an agreement signed on June 9, departs Trieste, Italy, leaving New Zealand troops in control. The local population welcomes the arrangement.

On Okinawa, Japanese resistance on the Oroku Peninsula ends on June 13. On Borneo, troops of the 9th Australian Infantry Division enter Brunei. U.S. Army ordnance experts state that German plans to attack the U.S. with V-2 rockets could have been realized by November 1945 had the war continued.

In China, Chinese forces on June 14 recapture Ishan, in Kwanghsi Province. In Washington, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff issue orders to Gen. of the Army MacArthur (Army), Gen. of the Army Arnold (Army Air Forces) and Fleet Adm. Nimitz (Navy) to prepare plans for the immediate occupation of Japan in the case of a sudden capitulation. German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop is taken into custody by British troops near Hamburg, Germany. In Rangoon, Burma, Allied troops hold a victory parade.

The Raritan Bay Area YMCA Awarded NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development Bridges to Employing Youth Grant *Grant to Address Career Development Needs of Pregnant or Parenting Youth 16-24*

Press Release 5/12/20
PERTH AMBOY – The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA has received funding from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The grant will support a specialized population of out of school pregnant and/or parenting youth, who have traditionally faced unique challenges and increased barriers to career development and employment. This program will work to with each participant to identify individual and systemic barriers to success, and to provide support that leads to increased skill-building and employability.

As part of the program participants will work with a case manager to develop an individual success plan that will address challenges such as lack of financial literacy, limited access to mentorship, the need for increased pre-employment skills instruction, and the absence of internship opportunities. This planning is designed to allow participating youth to meet education equivalency via a GED or High School diploma attainment. Services will include hands-on skill-building through

internships, volunteer opportunities, and in some circumstances paid part-time employment. To complete the program, participants must complete 14-weeks of instructor lead skill building sessions and 6-weeks of hands-on employment practice. By the end of the program, participants will not only have the skills, assets, and résumé to find employment, but also the self-confidence to seek and apply for jobs, participate in interviews, and ultimately find a job that leads them and their families to self-sufficiency.

The Y, with the support of a diverse set of partners, seeks to assist in expanding the offerings of specialized services and supports by identifying, recruiting and providing a multi-component framework of workplace readiness and career development training to at least 50 pregnant and parenting youth within a 20-month time-frame. Some of our partners are: the Department of Human Services, Department of Children and Family, Perth Amboy One-Stop, Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (PART-

NER), Community Childcare Solutions, City of Perth Amboy, Central Jersey Family Health Consortium, Jewish Renaissance Foundation and United Way of Central Jersey.

To participate in the Bridges to Employing Youth Program, participants must be between the ages of 16 and 24 years of age, live in Perth Amboy or Middlesex County, be out of school with no plans to return or attend college, and currently unemployed. Participants can be male or female as long as they are parenting. Females may be pregnant at the time of acceptance into the program. “This program will truly serve as a “Bridge” to employment and self-sufficiency. The YMCA and its partners will work to eliminate barriers and create a clear pathway to job opportunities that were inaccessible before”, said Steve Jobin, President and CEO of the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA.

For more information or if you or someone you know can benefit from this program please contact Lauren Capaci, lcapaci@rbaymca.org or Rebecca Pauley, rpauley@rbaymca.org.

Grievance with Business Administrator, Boarding Houses, New Owners of Woodmont Among Many Topics for Discussion *5/26/20 Council Meeting via Phone Conference*

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geon Palace which is still standing. “It’s almost 3 years now. The Pigeon Palace has to go down! After 3 years this is a disgrace!”

Mayor Fred Henry commented that the city had it scheduled to come down, but a stay was put on it.

Council President Mickey Gross wanted to know what is happening this summer with swimming pools and camps.

Skarzynski stated, “I’ve spoken to other people. We are waiting on the governor when it gets greenlighted.”

Gross thanked the Friends of South Amboy and the First Presbyterian Church. He then added, “Make sure seniors are okay, even if it’s just a phone call. Let’s be accountable. I’m starting to agree about Woodmont. I don’t think it will hurt if we

have a full understanding. It’s a good idea to look at it.” Gross then spoke about identification in city hall. He emphasized that everyone working for the city should have a collared shirt with a label on it or an ID on oneself (especially inspectors).

Law Director Womack agreed stating there is a rule in the city that all inspectors are required to have IDs.

No one spoke during the public portion. It was noted by Law Director Womack that speakers are not required state their full street address when making comments at the South Amboy Council Meeting, but it would be helpful to note if they were from South Amboy or not.

The council went into closed session at 8:07 p.m. All council members were present at the meeting.

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Buckeye Partners Donates More Than \$130,000 To New York And New Jersey Charities Responding To COVID-19 *The donations are part of more than \$1 million in charitable contributions being donated nationally*

Press Release 5/26/20
NEW YORK – Buckeye Partners, L.P. (“Buckeye”) announced today it is making more than \$130,000 in charitable contributions across New York and New Jersey to help local nonprofits provide long-term support and assist communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Buckeye’s local teams in area across New York and New Jersey identified 36 nonprofits that are making a positive impact in the fight against the pandemic. The donations are part of more than \$1 million in charitable contributions being donated across all operating areas.

“The health and wellbeing of our local workforce and the communities where we operate are our top priority at Buckeye Partners,” said Buckeye Partners President and CEO Clark C. Smith. “Given the impact this national medical emergency is having on so many of our

communities, we’re proud of our employees and their support for all of the volunteers and organizations working so hard to assist those in need during this unprecedented time.”

Buckeye’s donations, which are coming from its general operating funds, will benefit food banks, hospitals, first responders, shelters and other local charities in New York and New Jersey, such as The Apostles’ House in Newark and Food Bank for New York City. Local teams chose nonprofits that have been instrumental in providing assistance to the victims and heroes of the pandemic.

These donations continue a tradition of charitable giving at Buckeye which has helped communities recover after disasters and catastrophic weather events, including September 11 as well as Hurricanes Sandy, Harvey, Matthew, Maria and Dorian.

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Invoices, Road Conditions, and Quality of Life Among Topics Discussed *5/27/20 Caucus & Council Meetings via Phone Conference*

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of \$5,619,312. Baratta questioned, “How much is outstanding for the emergency appropriations?” He then started to rattle off some items.

Council President Petrick interrupted Baratta when he was speaking and stated, “This is not on the agenda. You can speak on this during the last public portion.”

The council then voted on all of the ordinances, for Ordinance No. 1 (No public discussion-First Reading) – Adding a loading zone portion on New Brunswick Avenue. It was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Caba. Irizarry spoke up and said he was concerned about the loading zone being 60 feet long. “It will eliminate 3 parking spaces – which is a lot!”

Petrick spoke up and told Irizarry, “That is a legitimate concern.”

Carr stated, “It’s a loading zone requested by a liquor store.”

Petrick suggested that the liquor store should ask for a smaller delivery truck.

Irizarry said, “Let’s see how it works out.”

When it came time to vote, Pabon, Tejeda and Petrick (who also stated it was too long) voted “No”. Irizarry and Caba voted “Yes”. Motion fails to pass on Ordinance No. 1.

Pabon stated, “There’s barely any parking for any businesses in that area.”

Tejeda agreed with Pabon’s statement.

For the consent Agenda R-174 thru R-185 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon.

Irizarry spoke up and said, “I have a problem because on my agenda, I show we have a Resolution R-186.”

Petrick said, “It was put on by mistake.”

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch said, “It was removed. Items in that resolution were already incorporated into a previous resolution.”

Public Portion:

Resident Jeremy Baratta was the only person to speak. He referenced Stateside Affairs. “The council writes the checks, and the city pays the bills. They (Stateside Affairs) are not eligible to be paid from the date of July 18, 2019. Why wasn’t this (their invoices submitted) discussed at previous meetings? Go on their website. This is Wilda’s campaign team. Cattano really didn’t know who they are. And what is this about an Annex Officer?”

Cattano spoke up, “An annex can be anyone.”

Pabon said, “We never voted on this (Stateside Affairs Public Relations).”

Councilman Helmin Caba had no comments.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, “Perhaps we need to have a resolution to pay Stateside for the money they are owed.”

When Petrick asked Irizarry

if he had looked at the services that Stateside provided, Irizarry responded, “No.”

Petrick then suggested, “You may be premature (asking for a resolution).”

Irizarry spoke up again, “They still should get paid.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next and stated, “We need to have closed sessions for our meetings.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda had no comments.

Council President William Petrick suggested, “Maybe we can have Zoom closed sessions.”

B.A. Carr said, “We really needed to have one tonight regarding litigation, but it’s my fault for not doing this. Maybe we can have closed sessions with the regular audience in attendance.”

Peterick continued, “We should have the council come in together in person in city hall. It would be under ten people (including all who are needed). Face to face would be better for closed sessions. We can use the council chambers. Think about it, and we can work on a date.”

Petrick concluded the meeting, “Stay safe. Wash your hands and remember social distancing, especially in bodegas. God bless everyone.”

All the council members echoed the same sentiments: “God bless everyone.” The council meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Novena to St. Rita

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

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VIDEO REVIEW: Justice League Dark: Apokolips War



By: Anton Massopust III
“The Justice League never quits!” – Superman
D.C. Comics produces better animated movies than their live action movies with some exceptions e.g. Batman and Wonder Woman.

This new movie concludes the DC Animated Universe. Superman (Jerry O’Connell) prepares for a preemptive strike on the planet Apokolips on the Evil Darkseid, a godlike being who has tried to take over the earth several times. The Justice League’s information states that Darkseid is poised to attack our solar system. Superman's plan is to send a team into Apokolips and stop Darkseid and his minions once and for all. Unfortunately, the plan goes wrong. Many of the league either die or are turned into Darkseid’s minions. Darkseid seems to know everything before it happens. Heroes and villains will have to put your differences before it's too late. All must unite together before earth’s resources are used up. Superman is left powerless with a Kryptonite tattoo so he and other few heroes, including Raven (Taissa Farmiga), Constantine, Etrigan the Demon (Ray Chase), Lois

Lane (Rebecca Romijn), and Damian Wayne (Stuart Allan), Black Manta, Cheetah and a few villains led by Harley Quinn (Hynden Walch) and the Suicide Squad have to attack on two fronts: Lois leading the resistance on earth with Suicide Squad distracting Darkseid’s forces while Raven, Damion, and Constantine find Apokolips’s main generator to destroy it. Darkseid is away busy trying to take over another planet. Raven is dealing with her own problems with her father.

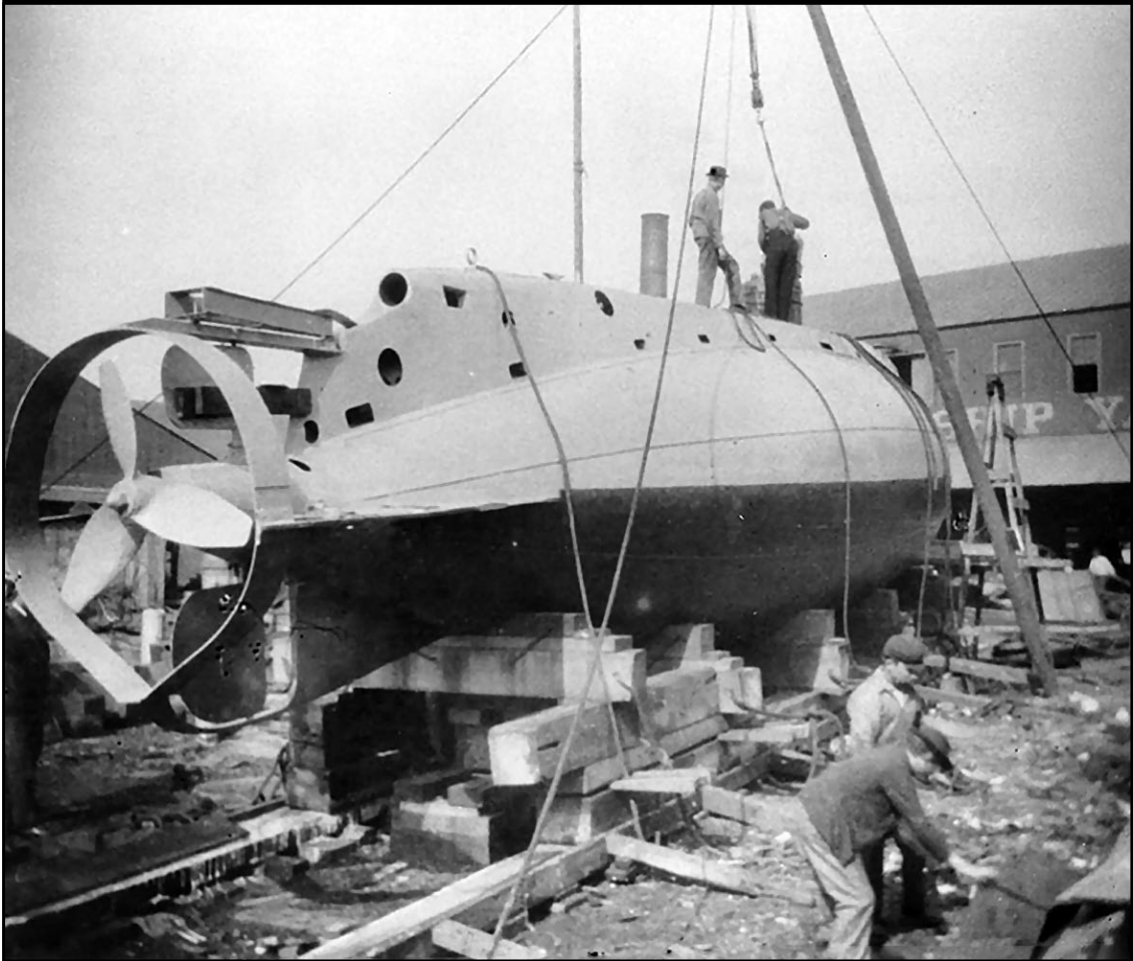
I think you might have to be familiar with the DC roster of heroes and villains characters to really enjoy this movie or at very least have seen the previous DC animated films. They are worth downloading on demand. It’s not for very young kids. There is plenty of gore and cursing and a lot of violence. The cursing I could have done without (it’s just there to get a R rating) The movie is well animated. Some of the voicework could have been changed. I only have a few criticisms (I did not like Rainn Wilson as the voice of Lex Luthor), but it's a lot of fun and available on demand to rent.

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Historical Reflections of Anguillian Offspring in Perth Amboy, NJ

By Eric Hughes. I am the proud offspring of Anguillian immigrants who migrated to Perth Amboy, NJ and I am sharing our story for posterity. Eric Hughes can be reached at richughes3741@gmail.com

And now I proudly present the outstanding and historical stories, careers and talent of these pioneering young men, spear-headed by their dedicated Anguillian immigrant parents.

PART III

In addition to these outstanding pioneers of class presidents, who are being profiled herein, Winston Hughes is also being recognized for his academics and consistently meeting the requirements for membership into the National Honor Society (scholarship, service, leadership and character), showcasing his musical skills at high school assemblies, and for his incredible and outstanding career as a music educator.

Winston Hughes – Academics and Music

Winston Hughes, my brother and the fourth of five (5) siblings, was born and raised in Perth Amboy to parents, Christopher Di-ego Hughes, of West end and Long Bay, and Helen (Richardson) Hughes from Blowing Point.

“The Golden Voice,” for which Winston was known, got involved in music at a young age at the direction of his father. He started out playing the piano at home, and enrolled at a talent agency to enhance his naturally gifted golden voice. He made All-State Chorus, sang at numerous school assemblies and later was called on to sing at weddings, funerals and social events.

Scholastically, Winston made the National Honor Society throughout his high school career and was a member of the Student Council Club. Winston was very popular in high school and as a result, his peers elected him “Student Mayor of Perth Amboy, NJ for a Day.” The election allowed him to run the city for a day and make intelligent agency and administrative decisions affecting the city’s residents. Based on Winston’s successful election as “Student Mayor,” the Perth Amboy Evening News (now defunct), featured Winston’s story and an impressive profile on the front page. It was indeed an amazing accomplishment for a young Anguillian offspring (or African American) in the early 1950s, within a small city like Perth Amboy with a majority white population.

Winston’s goal was to follow his idol and mentor, Dr. Herbert N. Richardson, a music director, teacher and principal in the Perth Amboy School System. He followed Dr. Richardson to Virginia State College (now university) where he too majored in music education. In 1956, Winston received his B.Sc. in Public School Music, continued his musical studies at the College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College), where during 1966 he earned an M.A. in Conducting.

Subsequently, in 1959 Winston began his distinguished 40+ year career in music at the Edison Township Public Schools as a General Music and Choral Teacher at Thomas Jefferson Junior High School. During 1964, he became Director of Choral Activities at Edison High School. In 1966, he began a four-year term as the Chairman of Related Arts at Edison High School and served as liaison for the Departments of Art, Music and Industrial Arts. During 1968, the Edison Jaycees named him Outstanding Young Educator of the Year. In 1971, he served as Supervisor of Music K-12 (1977), and in 1994, he was appointed Supervisor of Music and Art K-12 until his retirement in 1996. Under his tutelage, the Edison High School Choir received numerous First Place and Overall Best Awards during 10 years of choral competitions.

His retirement from Edison Township Public Schools was earmarked by the Winston Hughes Scholarship, which was established to be given to students who exemplified the high ideals and standards he required.

In 1977, he became the first African American (and possibly the only one since then) to conduct and lead the New Jersey High School All-State Chorus.

Winston was a former President of the Edison Supervisor’s Association and the NJ American Choral Director’s Association. He also served on the boards of the American Choral Director’s Association, the North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club and the New Jersey Music Educators Association.

During 2004, Winston was inducted into the Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame (NJ) as one of its distinguished graduates. In 2006, he was named a Contemporary African American Achiever by the Sons and Daughters of the Anguilla Benevolent Society, Inc.

Many years had passed by during the forty (40) years he served as music educator. He had been in touch with many of his ex-students and when they discovered his illness, Winston invited them to the assisted living facility where he was residing, to sing some of the songs he taught them in high school over 30 years ago. The lobby of the facility was filled with residents and the hallways echoed with harmony their melodious voices. Everyone was thoroughly satisfied with the performance and Winston was pleased he could help provide the entertainment.

Unfortunately, Winston passed away soon thereafter. The same group sang at Winston’s funeral and there wasn’t a dry eye during the funeral service. His ex-students, many now in their 40s and 50s, wept as they sang the songs that Winston had taught them when they were adolescents. It was a stunning tribute to a man that contributed more than music education to his students; he also imparted knowledge of life’s lessons.

After his transition, one of Winston’s legacies is that during October 2018, about seventy (70) of his former students stated on Facebook that Winston Hughes was the best music educator in the State of New Jersey; others ranked him among the top ten (10) in the country. One way or another, although there are no statistics to confirm how he was ranked as a music educator, his entire family was proud that so many people thought of him in this manner.

Honoring Mr. Hughes Posthumously

The Edison High School, NJ Alumni Ensemble & PTA dedicated in November 2019 a new, polished granite bench outside the choir room dedicated to former choir teacher Mr. Winston Hughes. It was a collaborative effort with former members of the Edison High School Alumni Ensemble, a choir composed of Mr. Hughes’s past students, helping to raise funds for and design the bench.



Winston Hughes

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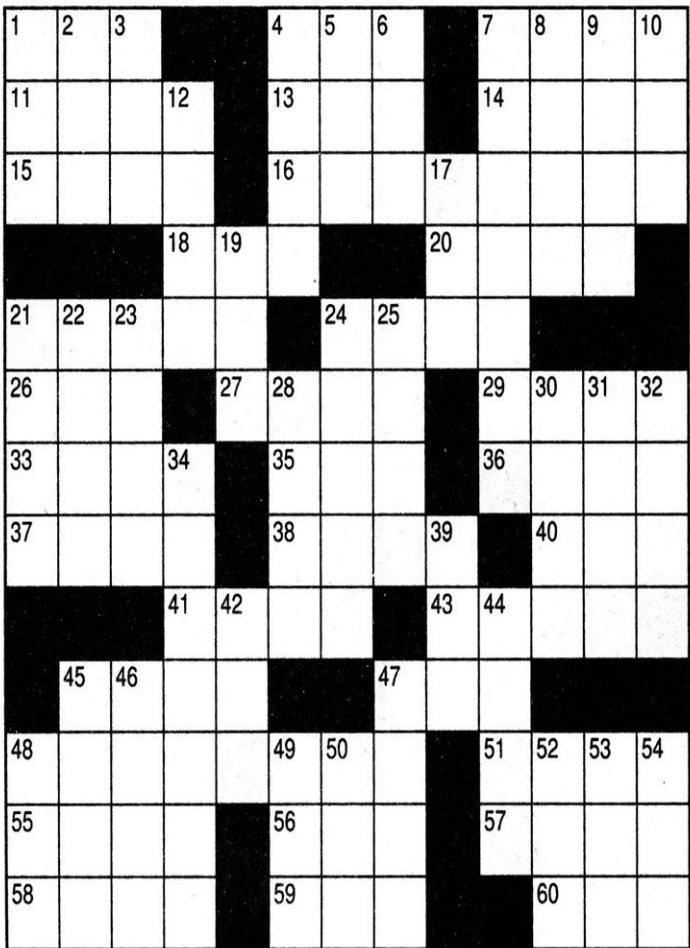
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