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## Equipment Purchases, Pleading for Relief, Interim Appointment & Quality of Life Among Topics Discussed 8/10/20 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell  
PERTH AMBOY – The meeting was held at the YMCA theater in order to accommodate no more than 25 people and practice social distancing per Governor Murphy's order.

Fire Chief Ed Mullen made a quick presentation regarding the purchase of a 1994 Pierce 75' Quint Rear Mount Ladder from Harrington Park. "We currently have a 2005 Tower Truck that costs too much to repair. The truck will be purchased through our Our Fire & Safety contract. We're requesting \$15,000 towards the price. We have \$40,000 in yearly contracts with Fire & Safety. We'll receive \$5,000 to get rid of the old truck. We need to have a backup truck at all times. The new truck will have to pass a Pump & Ariel Test. We need \$15,000 by September."

The next speaker to come forward was Chief Operator Officer of Tropical Cheese Orlando Rodriguez. He stated that Tropical Cheese has been in Perth Amboy for over 40 years. "Over 300 of our employees are Perth Amboy residents. We

spend around \$700,000 on sewer charges plus other additional charges. We have been approached by other cities to relocate there. We recently received a \$1.6 million bill in water & sewer charges. We can't afford this."

Councilman Helmin Caba sympathized and told Rodriguez, "I fear and share your frustrations. The water bills are out of control."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and asked one of other spokesmen from Tropical Cheese to explain in detail what some of the aforementioned items such as the BOD and PSS stands for.

It was explained that the terms refer to a type of solid waste material that they dispose of.

Pabon continued, "We asked the previous Business Administrator to reach out to you, but I don't know if he ever got a chance. I don't know if there are any grants available to help you (Tropical Cheese) out."

Tashlee Vazquez, Assistant Director of City's Office of Economic & Community Development came up to respond

to Pabon's last statement. She explained, "There was only one option, but the grant was topped at \$3,000, and they (Tropical Cheese) didn't apply."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda stated, "We have to see what's the best way to keep them here."

Orlando Rodriguez spoke up again, "What goes down the sewer (from Tropical Cheese) helps the ecosystem."

The council then went on to have a discussion regarding Ordinance No. 1: Adding a loading zone on New Brunswick Avenue (in the vicinity between Oak and Elm Streets).

Councilman Pabon stated, "This is a bad location. It will hurt existing businesses even though I know this new business needs a loading space. Without that space, it will mean double parking for the delivery trucks."

Councilman Helmin Caba then added, "Someone already painted a yellow line on the curb."

Council President Bill Petrick spoke up, "The amount of feet that they asked for the loading zone was reduced from 40 feet

to 20 feet."

Ordinance No. 2 was discussed next regarding the Division of Engineering.

Law Director Peter King told Council President William Petrick that the changes that the council requested were made. Petrick let the people in attendance know that they require the person be a licensed Engineer, a Planner, and Public Waste Manager.

Councilman Joel Pabon then questioned an item under Bids which was: A request for proposals received on July 31, 2020 for the following: 1.) On-line Tax Sales – Realauction.com - \$15 per property.

Pabon asked, "What is it costing us?"

It was decided that they would hold this discussion until Wednesday at the council meeting (8/12/20) so they can get more information.

Luis Perez Jimenez, Director of Operations at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) came up to explain the bid that was received on August 4, 2020 for the cleaning

and lining of the sewer main between Gordon Street and High Street. He explained, "The gas company did not do a good job impacting Rector Street. There was a sinkhole that we had to put a camera in to detect the problem which was between Rector and High Streets."

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Ordinance No. 2 First Reading regarding Interim Appointment. Pabon started off, "We just made a move and put another individual in place. It's not right."

Councilman Helmin Caba said, "It should be retroactive."

Council President Bill Petrick then spoke up, "The ordinance should be changed to 60 days."

Pabon said, "We don't have enough time to work with this person (the new Interim Business Administrator)."

Petrick spoke up again and stated, "With Carr (the former B.A.) who just left and the other Business Administrators, we always had an open-door policy."

Councilwoman Tejeda re-

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## Perth Amboy Appoints New Interim Business Administrator City Welcomes Patricia Perkins to Historic Community

Press Release 8/7/20

PETH AMBOY – Mayor Wilda Diaz is pleased to announce the appointment of Patricia Perkins, as the Interim Business Administrator for the City of Perth Amboy, effective August 3rd 2020.

"I am so pleased to appoint Ms. Patricia Perkins as our new Interim City Administrator," said Mayor Wilda Diaz. She is a respected, dedicated public service professional with extensive experience within the public legislation process for regulatory of activities and capital projects. She was instrumental in the economic development for the city of Elizabeth and the State of New Jersey. Ms. Perkins will work with the administration and the City Council to best serve our residents and taxpayers. Her widespread knowledge will also provide much value to the con-

tinued business growth in Perth Amboy. I am confident that Ms. Perkins will be instrumental in providing guidance and oversight throughout our municipal operations."

Ms. Perkins has over 28 years of experience in municipal management that includes being First African American women elected to the Elizabeth City Council and the First African American Council President. In addition to her professional experience, Ms. Perkins served as President of the NAACP, Elizabeth Branch; Co-founder NCNW Elizabeth Area; National League Cities and Democratic National Committee.

Ms. Perkins Graduated for Rutgers University and has completed graduate courses in Public Administration.

Ms. Perkins is known for her professionalism and years of leadership experience among



many in the State. She is well respected for her leadership style and for providing effective management in operational budget preparation and execution, long-term planning, facilities management and administrative oversight.

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marked, “Things will go wrong if we don’t have leadership with open communications.”

Petrick then continued, “The administration has shown lack of consideration for each of us or the people they dismissed. Wilda (Mayor Diaz) is supposed to give 20 days notice to us (the council) and the person she is going to dismiss. Wilda changed the locks on the city hall doors and didn’t give us the keys. We oversee what is going on. The administration created the need for this ordinance. She insulted us.”

The Council went to the reading of the resolutions.

DPW Director Frank Hoffman came up to discuss R-285-8/20 – Inserting into the 2020 Budget \$63,456.39 for the Clean Community Grant. “All of this is for recycling. The BID gives money for the mini-sweepers.”

OEM Director Larry Cattano came up to talk about R-293-8/20 – Authorizing 12 police officer recruits to attend the Basic Course for Police Officers at the Cape May Police Academy in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

“These officers have graduated and are going there for training. There are between 124-126 officers in Perth Amboy. Based on our population, the amount of officers we should have is 135.”

DPW Director Hoffman came up to discuss R-294-8/20 – A proposal to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for two Electric Powered Sanitation Trucks. He explained, “They are rear-loaders, and they are automated. Everything associated with them will be covered by a grant. Their charging time is anywhere between 8-14 hours. We are getting \$1 million worth of trucks. We have to scrap 2 of our older trucks. One of our present one-armed-bandits will be used in other parts of town.”

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned R-295-8/20 – A contract with Suburban Consulting Engineers for the design engineering specifications bid document and construction inspection for improvement to the Washington Park Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,950.00.

Pabon questioned, “We spent a lot of money on this park, so what is this for?”

Petrick responded, “It’s to refurbish the basketball court. The sewer lining work was already done. The money was secured by Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez.”

Tashi Vazquez Assistant Director of City’s Office of Economic & Community Development came back up to speak, “\$75,000 was allocated for fencing for this park and a bid package is being repaired.”

Pabon then suggested, “It’s good to do the work while the park is closed.”

Vazquez ended the discussion, “The esthetics of the park will be taken into consideration.”

Luis Perez Jimenez, Director of Operations at the USA-PA came up to speak about

R-300-8/20 – A contract with A&D Industrial & Marine Repair Company for the replacement of well#5 pump, motor and valves in an amount not to exceed \$2,090.00. “The original pump was a stage 3, but this one is a stage 5. This well is 85 feet deep and the state does not allow us to go any deeper.”

Perez Jimenez then spoke about R-301-8/20 – A emergency contract with A.C. Schultes, Inc. for emergency repairs at the Runyan Water Treatment Plant – cleaning of the screen and redevelop of well#5 in an amount not to exceed \$25,200.00. “We had to put a camera in the well and we found some clogging on the screen. We cleaned the screen and pump with a brush.”

Tashi Vazquez came up to speak about R-302-8/20 – A contract with Ecolsciences, Inc. as a licensed site remediation professionals to conduct additional site investigation services at the former municipal complex at 366 High Street in an amount not to exceed \$30,315.45. “This remediation was started in 2013 and it’s our land and our responsibility.”

Pabon spoke up, “We need new developers. It’s an eyesore to the residents who live there and to anyone who passes by there.”

Council President Petrick agreed, “We need to put a “For Sale” sign on the property. Gas and oil tanks have to be removed on the property and remediated.”

After the resolutions were read, the Interim Business Administrator Patricia Perkins responded to comments regarding the relationship the council had with former B.A.’s. “I gave my personal cell phone number and my email address to all the council members” She then gave an update of the Covid-19 numbers in Perth Amboy. “The latest report is: we have 2,385 cases with 135 deaths. We have to work together (the council and myself) and with the residents and the businesses to move the city forward.”

Council President Petrick asked if anyone had any remarks to make about any of the communications.

Joel Pabon asked to address Communications #4 & #10 which were letters written by resident Stephanie Williams. One letter was regarding addresses 490, 492 & 484 Neville Street complaining about noise, loud music, and fireworks. Her second letter was to the council to take action on the lack of police patrols. Pabon complained, “There is a lack of action regarding our police department.”

Councilman Caba also remarked, “We (the council) were inundated with quality of life concerns from our residents. How many calls did the police receive and how many summonses were given out?”

Pabon then added, “The residents are telling the police who the violators are. I need to be filled in because people are blaming us (the council).”

Council President Petrick said, “I’m not blaming Cattano (Deputy Police Chief).”

Cattano then came up and told

the council that Sgt. Simone is handling the case involving the addresses on Neville Street.

Pabon then asked about the lights not working on Elm Street.

Cattano responded, “I contacted the Transit Police and Code Enforcement Director Lozada to get information for me.”

Caba then addressed the complaints about Neville Street, and asked to get complaints overall and their results from quality of life issues.

Public Portion:

Resident Ken Balut came up first. He rattled off some of the recent crimes that happened in Perth Amboy, “There was a rape on Madison Avenue and a shooting at the McDonald’s parking lot and fireworks in the middle of the street. The manpower is misappropriated. You’re paying the former Business Administrator Frederick Carr for three months. Why did Carr leave?”

Petrick stated, “He wasn’t getting along with some people.”

Balut continued, “The prior B.A. (before Carr) had a relationship problem. At the Yacht Club, someone died. Ciro’s had a big party. The Armory had a party, and someone was almost killed.”

Petrick spoke up and said, “We may need to have a special meeting about the incident that happened at Seabra’s Armory.”

Balut concluded his remarks by stating, “These people should be held accountable, and Kushner should not have gotten an extension on his property. Put a “For Sale” sign on it.”

Jeremy Baratta came up next. “How many B.A.’s and Law Directors have there been in the past years?”

Petrick responded, “About 10-11 B.A.’s.”

Baratta continued, “The turn-over is unreal. The shooting at McDonald’s, a rape near the police substation (on Madison Avenue), and gunplay all over town. They (the police) take orders from the top. There are several lawsuits going on. People are put in positions they are not qualified for. There are no press releases or anything on Nixle regarding crime. These things are happening in the afternoon. Where is the mayor or the police chief? There are no communications to the public.” He then made a comment regarding R-290-20 – A settlement in the mater of John Benyola vs. The City of Perth Amboy in an amount not to exceed \$350,000. “How much is being paid in lawsuits. It is at least \$2 million. She (Mayor Diaz) has no idea how to do her job. There was a disabled car in the middle of Fayette and State Street. A police car went by and saw it and did nothing.”

Councilman Fernando was not present at the meeting - excused.

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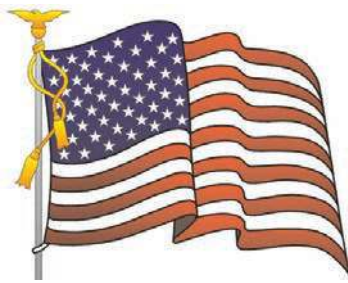
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EDITORIAL

Hidden Treasures of Nature in New Jersey



The Great Swamp  
\*Photos by Katherine Massopust



Sunset Beach, Cape May

New Jersey is blessed with having a beautiful seashore in a multitude of towns. We also have the Pine Barrens which go through 7 counties in New Jersey. New Jersey has all 4 seasons and many beautiful state parks.

This past March I lost my dad. He always loved nature and I'd like to share some of his favorite places to visit. Due to the pandemic, there may be limited hours. Be sure to check if they are open if you plan to go.

1.) **The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge**, New Vernon, NJ - 973-425-1222. The Great Swamp is open from Sunrise to Sunset. Home to many varieties of birds, snakes, frogs, and insects etc. There are different trails. It's a great quiet place to relax and take in nature. There's beautiful colors there in the fall.

2.) **Cheesequake State Park**, 300 Gordon Rd., Matawan, NJ

07747 – 732-566-2161 – A nice place to hike and enjoy.

3.) **New Jersey Pinelands National Reserve**, 15 Springfield Rd, New Lisbon, NJ 08064 – 609-894-7300 – One of my dad's favorites – home to the curly grass!

4.) **Nature Center of Cape May**, 1600 Delaware, Cape May, NJ 08204 – 609-427-3045 – The center features an observation tower and trails. The center is home to many varieties of birds, butterflies, etc.

5.) **Sunset Beach**, 502 Sunset Blvd., Cape May Point, NJ 08212 – 1-800-757-6468 – Every evening in the summer (only on Saturdays in September) there is a flag ceremony honoring a Veteran. There is also a great gift shop.

There are many more hidden treasures of nature in New Jersey. Just Google them! Enjoy!  
*Katherine M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Promises in the Dark

Here's some concerns we have: who will be the next Mayor of Perth Amboy, NJ? Or maybe the current Mayor will be recycled again. Will they keep their promises or is it just a trip

to "Fantasy Land" like always? We all know Perth Amboy became a so-called "Bedroom" city with its overpopulation of housing and overcrowded schools, plus it is not businesses friendly - a known fact. These so-called actors running for Mayor will sell us a good line of propaganda, but I know their

pockets are lined up and friends are promised a nice job. This is nothing new in politics and it is part of the agenda. Most voters are tired of hearing the same old song: "Promises in the Dark". Can they sing a better song?

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Statement by Councilman Helmin Caba on Appointment of New Interim Business Administrator

Councilman Helmin Caba cited several concerns about the interim appointment. “First, the mayor sprung this temporary appointment on the City Council without warning or prior consultation. The mayor’s hasty decision has serious financial repercussions, asking our taxpayers to double-pay for two business administrators,” Caba said.

“The city is legally required to pay Mr. Carr nearly \$38,000 for 90 days and now pay Ms. Perkins as an interim replacement. This is another example of wasteful mismanagement and unnecessary turbulence in City Hall that I intend to end,” said Caba, the city’s Democratic chairman and a mayoral candidate.

COVID And Fear and Hypocrisy -Perfect Together

I was under the impression that wearing a mask plus social distancing was the way to go and what was generally accepted as the way to combat this COVID-19 thing along with washing your hands frequently. I bring this up because I recently saw a sign, (you know the kind of sign that is lit up and flashes messages that are placed around our sleepy little hamlet), at the water front that read; “State of Emergency, Masks Required If Not Six Feet Apart”. I thought this odd since I thought masks were required in conjunction with being six feet apart, (social distancing). It may sound similar, but there is a huge difference.

**From the CDC:** “Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The mask is not a substitute for social distancing.”

**From the NJ Dept. of Health:** Wearing a simple cloth face covering is not a replacement for social distancing. Keep six feet between yourself and others whenever possible and avoid crowded areas. Face coverings, social distancing, staying home when you're sick, and good hand hygiene are all vital tools in the fight against COVID-19.

**Our City:** “Masks Required If Not Six Feet Apart”.

Then I saw pictures of the protests from around the world, but basically from our own town. There were people at this protest that were six inches apart no less six feet. Yes, most had a mask on, but still. Then it hit me. You cannot protest and maintain social distancing. Well you can, but it is very difficult, hence the discrepancy in the wording of the sign.

Some would say that you cannot deny people their first amendment right to protest. Oh, but you can deny them the right to practice their religion as they please, which is also protected under the first amendment, that's perfectly fine.

The fear mongers are out in force and they are using fear as a skilled surgeon uses a scalpel. It is only as bad as claimed when it doesn't fit your agenda. When it fits your agenda it is not so bad.

I cannot wait until they come up with an alleged vaccine on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Will we all be required to be inoculated? Will they make the ones who refuse to take it wear a little CORONA Virus patch so that they will be

easily recognized? Will the people, who are not vaccinated, be allowed to shop or do business with all the vaccinated people? That was done in Nazi Germany only it was a little yellow star that was required to be worn.

If all these regulations work on this new virus, it should also work on the flu and the common cold, right. What is going to happen when the companies that make all of the cold and flu remedies start to loose money? Not saying that would be a bad thing.

The powers that be are going to keep kids out of school. In place of going to brick and mortar schools, the children are going to be taught at home via computer. Well, maybe that is a good thing also. We won't have a need to pay inflated salaries and benefits to the teachers and maintenance people, not to mention retirement benefits, and our taxes will go down. Yea right, our elected officials will just find another way to squander our hard-earned money.

Recently I have heard that some are trying to equate this virus outbreak to the tragedy of 911. Now that beats all. Some have said that they will read the names of people who died from the Virus along with the names of people who were murdered on 911. Hell, how about reading the names of all the people who died of heart attacks, strokes, car accidents, etc.? Their families are grieving just the same, are they not?

It is amazing how fear will influence the thinking of some very smart people. People who are much smarter than I.

Joe Bayona

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AMBOY CHECK X-CHANGE .....	321 MAPLE ST.
ANDERL & OAKLEY PC .....	309 MAPLE ST.
THE BARGE .....	201 FRONT ST.
BAY CITY LAUNDRYMAT.....	738 STATE ST.
C-TOWN .....	272 MAPLE ST.
CEDENO’S PHARMACY .....	400 STATE ST.
CITY HALL .....	260 HIGH ST.
COPA DE ORO .....	306 SMITH ST.
DUNKIN DONUTS .....	587 FAYETTE ST.
EASTSIDE DRY CLEANERS .....	87 SMITH ST.
ELIZABETH CORNER .....	175 HALL AVE.
FAMILY FOOT CARE .....	252 SMITH ST.
FU LIN .....	79 SMITH ST.
HY TAVERN .....	386 HIGH ST.
INVESTOR’S BANK .....	598 STATE ST.
JANKOWSKI COMMUNITY CENTER .....	1 OLIVE ST.
JEWISH RENAISSANCE MEDICAL CENTER .....	272A HOBART ST.
KIM’S DRY CLEANERS .....	73 SMITH ST.
LAW OFFICES .....	708 CARSON AVE.
LEE’S MARKET .....	77 SMITH ST.
LUDWIG’S PHARMACY .....	75 BRACE AVE.
MITRUSKA CHIROPRACTIC .....	788 CONVERY BLVD.
PETRA BEST REALTY.....	329 SMITH ST.
PETRICK’S FLOWERS .....	710 PFEIFFER BLVD.
POLICE HEADQUARTERS .....	365 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
PORTUGUESE MANOR .....	310 ELM ST.
PROVIDENT BANK .....	339 STATE ST.
PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	196 JEFFERSON ST.
PUERTO RICAN ASSOCIATION .....	100 FIRST ST.
QUICK CHEK .....	853 CONVERY BLVD.
QUICK STOP DELI .....	814 AMBOY AVE.
QUISQUEYA MARKET .....	249 MADISON AVE.
QUISQUEYA LUNCHEONETTE .....	259 MADISON AVE.
RARITAN BAY AREA Y.M.C.A. ....	365 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER .....	530 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
SANTANDER BANK .....	365 CONVERY BLVD.
SANTIBANA TRAVEL .....	362 STATE ST.
SCIORTINO’S RESTAURANT .....	473 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
SHOP-RITE .....	365 CONVERY BLVD.
SIPOS BAKERY .....	365 SMITH ST.
SUPERIOR DINER.....	464 SMITH ST.
SUPREMO SUPERMARKET .....	270 KING ST.
TORRES MINI MARKET .....	403 BRUCK AVE.
TOWN DRUGS & SURGICAL .....	238 SMITH ST.
WELLS FARGO .....	214 SMITH ST.
ZPA .....	281 GRACE ST.
<b>IN SAYREVILLE:</b>	
BOROUGH HALL .....	167 MAIN ST.
SENIOR CENTER .....	423 MAIN ST.
SUNNYSIDE RESTAURANT .....	111 MAIN ST.
<b>IN SEWAREN:</b>	
PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	546 WEST AVE.
SEWAREN CORNER DELI .....	514 WEST AVE.
<b>IN SOUTH AMBOY:</b>	
AMBOY NATIONAL BANK .....	100 N. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BAGELS .....	105 S. BROADWAY
BROADWAY DINER .....	126 N. BROADWAY
CITY HALL .....	140 N. BROADWAY
COMMUNITY CENTER .....	200 O’LEARY BLVD.
KRAUSZER’S .....	200 N. BROADWAY
KRAUSZER’S .....	717 BORDENTOWN AVE.
PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	100 HOFFMAN PLAZA
SCIORTINO’S HARBOR LIGHTS .....	132 S. BROADWAY
SOUTH AMBOY MEDICAL CENTER.....	540 BORDENTOWN AVE.
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**Community Calendar**

**Perth Amboy**  
THURS. Aug. 27 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.  
PAHS, Eagle Ave.  
WED. Sept. 9 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
YMCA, New Brunswick Ave. 4:30 p.m.  
WED. Sept. 9 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
YMCA, New Brunswick Ave. 7 p.m.

**South Amboy**  
WED. Aug. 19 City Council, Business & Regular 6 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway  
WED. Sept. 2 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway

*All meetings are subject to change. Check the City Website to see if the meeting will take place via phone conference and for details how to participate*

*\*Check our website [www.amboyguardian.com](http://www.amboyguardian.com) for updates on meeting times and places*

**SOUTH AMBOY**  
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Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.  
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Dinner- 3:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
**Dining on our outside patio only or**  
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**Come have your favorite Sangria & Seafood Dishes**  
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**732-442-3000 / 201 Front Street, Perth Amboy**  
**VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.thebarge.com](http://www.thebarge.com)**

**Flea Market**  
SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville has rescheduled their June Flea Market to September 12, 2020. The rain date is September 19, 2020. It will be held in the church parking lot at 172 Main Street (across from Borough Hall) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are also still spaces available for vendors. For more information, please contact us at 732-257-6353 or email: [churchoffice172@optimum.net](mailto:churchoffice172@optimum.net). You can also check out our website at [FPCSAYREVILLE.org](http://FPCSAYREVILLE.org).

**Please Submit Community Events 2 Weeks in Advance!**  
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**Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ**  
We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, emphasize that it is important:  
**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!**  
Report Suspicious Activity - Be Vigilant - **STAY ALERT!**  
Do not think that any call or report is too small  
Don’t allow the actions of a few dictate your quality of life  
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## Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge Opens New Endoscopy Suite



New Endoscopy Suite at Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge.  
*\*Photo Submitted*

Press Release 8/3/20

OLD BRIDGE - Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge unveils a new outpatient endoscopy suite. The new suite features larger and more private preparatory and recovery bays, and a waiting/discharge lounge. The new, self-contained suite is part of the hospital's outpatient services located in its Medical Office Building at 2 Hospital Plaza.

"Patients will be able to receive endoscopy care in a new environment designed to provide a more comfortable experience—without having to travel far from home," said Thomas Shanahan, chief hospital executive, Raritan Bay Medical Center.

The new endoscopy suite at Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge provides the most advanced care for all gastroenterology needs, including both complex and routine procedures such as colonoscopies; upper GI endoscopies to diagnose and

treat problems in the esophagus, stomach and small intestine; pulmonary bronchoscopies and procedures to diagnose diseases of the gallbladder, biliary system, pancreas and liver. It will also support diagnoses and provide therapies for digestive health disorders such as acid reflux, Crohn's disease, gastritis, peptic ulcers, gallstones, appendicitis, and more.

"The new endoscopy suite's advanced equipment and efficient layout offer an ideal setting in which to provide the highest quality of patient-centered care," said Sanjeev Nayyar, M.D., interim division director, Gastroenterology and president, medical staff, Raritan Bay Medical Center.

Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge is currently undergoing a major revitalization with a \$39 million investment expanding its Emergency Department. The new endoscopy suite is part of that transformation.

## The #FTLO (For the Love Of) Quality Education Team welcomes the Youngest School Board Candidate to its Seasoned Slate.

Press Release 8/15/20

PERTH AMBOY—Perth Amboy residents will have the opportunity to elect the youngest school board member in New Jersey's history on November 3rd 2020. Meet Keryn Morales, a high school student who has joined the #FTLO Quality Education team to run for a seat on the Perth Amboy School Board. Morales joins incumbent Perth Amboy Board of Education member Maria E. Rodriguez, community advocate and businesswoman Sharon D. Hubberman, and lifelong resident and county committeewoman Hattie Harrell. The #FTLO Quality Education slate has over a combined 50 years of community service and offer a multi-generational perspective to help improve the direction of the school district.

Keryn Morales is a highly motivated and socially conscious school board candidate who wants to make a difference in her community: "The reason I want to run for the Board of Education is to help society be better and to make sure education is a number one priority to our lives," said Morales.

Maria E. Rodriguez, who currently serves on the School Board, and is a retired business professional, states that we urgently need a new direction on our School Board: "In order to offer a quality education, a "business as usual" approach will not help our Education system. Our children's success depends on how we embrace new ideas and respond to changes," said Rodriguez. "Our team is about showing our children that opportunity, determination, and commitment are the cornerstone of success, and together our team will help bring much needed attention to areas that can be improved."

Rodriguez continued to stress that the FTLO Quality Education team is well-rounded and will lead through example, "We are very enthusiastic to work together and are eager to inspire more of our youth to reach for the stars just like Keryn."

"It is vital for our community to have school board members who are diligent, professional, and offer a wide and unique perspective," said Hubberman. "Our FTLO Quality Education team will focus on making sure our Educators, and our Students are heard first, and that good programming is enhanced."

Hattie Harrell, a Perth Amboy High School Alumnus, a retired EKG technician, and grandmother to several children in our school system focuses on areas of engagement: "As a future Board member I hope to help improve the quality of communication between the parents and schools," said Harrell. "We need to enhance the quality of the school experience."

You can follow their campaign on facebook @FTLOQualityEducation.

## Special Public Council Meeting August 3, 2020 at 6 p.m.



The Perth Amboy City Council meets at the YMCA 8/3/20

*\*Photo by Katherine Massopust*

## CASA Online Information Series

NEW BRUNSWICK – CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children Middlesex County) is seeking volunteers to advocate for children who have been abused or neglected. When a child is in foster care, having a CASA means they are more likely to find a permanent home, spend less time in foster care, and perform better in school. We are conducting information sessions for people who would like to learn more about our organization and the role of the volunteer advocate.

CASA of Middlesex County is having online information sessions on the following dates: August 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon; September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m.; September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. These sessions will be held online via Zoom. CASA of Middlesex County Our fall training starts in October, so you still have time to apply for this unique volunteer position. Please join us to learn more about CASA and the role of the volunteer advocate. For more information and to register please email: [nora@casa-ofmiddlesexcounty.org](mailto:nora@casa-ofmiddlesexcounty.org)

## A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – The San Salvador Seniors are having a bus trip to Caesars Casino, Atlantic City on Thursday, September 3, 2020. Cost: \$30 per person, \$30 back in slot play. Everyone must bring a mask to board the bus. Bus leaves 12 Noon. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

## L2B> Library to Business

SOUTH AMBOY – L2B seeks to connect job seekers, businesses, and nonprofits of New Jersey with organizations and experts who are actively engaging in business and workforce development webinars. View the CALENDAR for FREE webinars and online training. Click on eRESOURCES for businesses, nonprofit organizations, and economic information. <https://libs2b.com/>

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By: Carolyn Maxwell  
PERTH AMBOY – R-252-8/20 – Authorizing a closed session at the 8/3/2020 meeting to discuss the following: personnel.

Council President William Petrick announced that this meeting was held at the YMCA Auditorium because of unexpected events that recently happened recently so that city residents may attend in person. The meeting was open to the public.

Jeremy Baratta came forth first. He asked about the dismissal of any administration appointments. "Under our form of government (Faulkner Plan B), is there a 20-day notice given to the council."

Petrick answered, "Yes."

Law Director Peter King cautioned the council, "What you are to discuss at this meeting is bound by what you advertised. I will give you guidance on comments by the public."

Attorney JB Vas spoke next and asked, "Is personnel included (speaking about the B.A.)? Was he amicably discharged? The B.A. is in charge of services of day to day functions. Was there a hearing if he (the B.A.)

justifiably terminated or were there other grounds? What was the reason for the discharge? Did you get any email (regarding this)?"

Resident Alan Silber came up next, "On July 15, 2020, I saw pictures online with Mayor Diaz, Jackie Quiles (Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement in Newark), the new Interim Business Administrator Patricia Perkins and they are all sitting two inches apart from each other." Silber then asked if the video photographer (who records the council meetings) gets paid by us.

Petrick responded, "The Mayor insisted that no police or video photographer from the city could film this meeting."

Silber continued and told the council they should watch the video stream of "Hamilton". He quoted one particular line: "If you stand for nothing, you will fall for everything." Addressing those councilmen that are running for mayor, he suggested, "You should worry less about running for that office and concentrate more on standing for something. There are 9 council

members in Elizabeth, and she has been on that council for 28 years."

Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton came up next, "Are the council members still locked out of city hall?"

Petrick stated, "We don't have keys."

Law Director King spoke up and stated, "I never had a key to city hall, but the council can request keys, or I can request keys for you."

Petrick responded, "We'll have a meeting about where the next meeting will be."

Nanton then questioned Petrick if he found the mayor's behavior appalling.

Petrick responded, "Yes."

She then asked King the same question.

He responded, "I have no opinion. You can only discuss personnel matters and nothing else."

The meeting was closed to the public at 6:20 p.m. The council then went into closed session. The video of this meeting is available at [www.amboyguardian.com](http://www.amboyguardian.com)



## Old Issues Resurface 8/12/20 Council Meeting

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ning Lumber Supply Company for materials and supplies on an as need basis for building and repairs in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. R-296 was moved by Pabon and seconded by Irizarry. (All voted “Yes”.)

R-305 (Online tax sales by RealAuction.com) was asked to be tabled by Council President Petrick.

After the resolutions were voted on, Council President Petrick asked if any of the council had any questions on any of the communications.

Irizarry spoke first, “Is there any further information from the police department regarding Communication No. 10?” (A letter submitted to the council from resident Stephanie Williams for them to take action on the lack of police patrol)

Interim Business Administrator Patricia Perkins stated, “We need to discuss this in closed session.”

Petrick wasn’t happy with her response, “We have discussed this issue in public in the past.”

Irizarry then continued, “At least the person who wrote the letter identified herself.”

Petrick then stated further, “The police should be responding more vigorously. I don’t know what the issue is.”

Irizarry said, “Some people are living in fear.”

Petrick concluded the discussion, “We have to take care of the quality of life issues. This has been going on for 3-4 years. This would not be going on in other communities.”

Public Portion:

Stanley Sierakowski came up first and questioned if the mayor comes to the meetings. “I also heard the mayor told the directors not to come to the meetings.”

Petrick responded, “Some of the directors were here on Monday at the caucus.”

Sierakowski continued, “All directors are required to be at Freeholder Meetings. All directors should attend at least one meeting here. 20 years ago, there would be dogs roaming the street, loud noises and screaming, but it would have been dealt with. There were fireworks going on for 3 weeks and nothing was done.” Sierakowski made a personal plea and begged the mayor to, “Please come here to the meetings and the directors should be here, too.”

Ken Balut came up next. He thanked Councilman Fernando Irizarry for sticking up for the cops. “Politicians hire cops. Zero things happened to a police officer who wrote a sexual harassment letter to a private citizen. Police do their jobs. A judge misfiled paperwork. I complained about Code Enforcement and they wrote up a complaint about my property and that was not even my property. A judge parked illegally at a bank parking lot. I have pictures if you need them. There is misconduct in the court system. We are going to hold police

making \$30,000 a year more accountable than the higher-ups. It’s incompetency of the Police Director. The Yacht Club violated the curfew and social distancing. You are in charge of judges and liquor licenses. Judges and prosecutors are guilty, too.”

Jeremy Baratta came up next. “I took pictures of a judge parked in a fire zone at an ATM at a bank in a handicapped spot. There is a misuse of executive sessions. This administration doesn’t enforce codes. It doesn’t surprise me that people call 40 times about illegal housing. The council has no oversight.”

Resident Eddie Tejada came up next. He pleaded that there is a need for a rent leveling board. He talked about a building where his mother lived, and the new owner of that building wanted the rent doubled. “The tenants went to court and got their judgement.” Tejada stated that unbeknownst to the tenants and their lawyers, the landlord went to higher court, won his case and the rents were doubled.

Petrick responded and said, “The mayor did not appoint anyone to the Rent Leveling Board.”

Law Director King said, “There were notices about vacancies, but no one applied.”

Some members that attended the meeting shouted out that they had applied but received no answer.

Petrick continued, “People can still fill out an application for any board. You don’t have to wait for a vacancy.”

Interim B.A. Patricia Perkins said, “It’s my intention to start a Rent Leveling Board, especially with the pandemic going on.”

Eddie Tejada became emotional due to the fact that his mother is up in age and lives in that building. “Perth Amboy agreed with the landlord. Somebody can just come to this city and look at us as a cash cow. Where are the tenant’s rights?”

Petrick responded, “Wilda is not for the tenants or property owners.”

Tejada continued, “The tenants were not notified when the landlord went to higher court, nor was their lawyers. My mother has to pay \$700 more in rent.”

Fernando Gonzalez came up to speak next. He told the council that they didn’t know about suits filed against them. “People are placed on boards with no concerns for the citizens. The guy who bought this building overpaid for it. Improvements must be made for rent to be increased. Tell the Mayor to appoint a Rent Control Board.”

Attorney JB Vas came up to speak. “I represented a tenant who lives in that building. You have to make substantial improvements to do a rent increase. Having a Rent Control Board is necessary. The city agreed to a rent increase without the tenants being aware of a new judgement.”

Vince Mackiel came up next. He told the council, “You should do something regarding the loading zone on New Bruns-

wick Avenue. Be proactive when the vaccines for Covid-19 become available. Make sure the residents get it for free.”

Former City Employee Dave Benyola came up next, “In my job, I handled tenant problems by myself for 9 years. If you need my assistance, you have my number to call me.”

Council Comments:

Helmin Caba wanted to thank the new Business Administrator Patricia Perkins for making a point to reestablish a Rent Leveling Board. “The police have been taking a beating this week, but it all starts with leadership. We have a young police force, and bad apples are everywhere. That’s why we need ongoing training, accountability, and transparency. Let them walk the beat everyday and everywhere. There are too many quality of life issues. There’s a huge gap between the police and the community. The PAL (Police Athletic League) was shut down by the administration. They are not in competition with other youth programs such as the YMCA or other Department of Recreation programs. They (the PAL) offer boxing and wrestling to attract at-risk kids. They are also mother and father figures to these kids. I am not for defunding the police.”

Fernando Irizarry stated, “It’s been awhile since we had an in-person meeting and I thank Steve Jobin and the YMCA for offering the use of their auditorium.” Irizarry then was concerned about the Covid-19 cases going up in Perth Amboy. “A lot of people are not doing their part. Please cooperate and enjoy a safe and healthy summer and have a happy Labor Day.”

Joel Pabon made comments regarding the presentation on the Public Safety Improvement Policy given by Harry Pozyski. Pabon praised the de-escalation part of the presentation. “Everyone gets trained and it has nothing to do with the position they are in. We are trying to put things in place so things don’t get out of control. It’s our job to see why things are not getting done.” He then asked for a status report on Second Street Park. He thanked all food providers, some of whom came from out-of-town and out-of-state.

“The caucus meeting on Monday was 4 hours and people were talking into the mic (during the public portion) without wearing a mask. Find a way that we can also utilize Zoom for all of our meetings. We should be having our meetings at the council chambers. I want to thank Msgr. John Gordon for his service to Perth Amboy. He is going on to serve on Carteret. I want to thank the DPW for the work they did in the cleanup after the recent storm.”

Milady Tejada welcomed new B.A. Patricia Perkins. “When we talk about police training, we are talking about leadership. Training is important to make our police department better and for the citizens. We need answers to all our questions. Have a safe summer and I’m

thinking about the schools when they reopen and about the kids, parents, and the teachers.”

Before Council President William Petrick made his comments, Interim B.A. Perkins wanted to give a status report on crime in Perth Amboy. She stated, “From May 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 11<sup>th</sup> there were 15,907 calls. 361 were arrests, 452 disputes, 6 incidents involving shots, 3 were unfounded, 2 arrests made, 1 police shooting, and 125 thefts, 1,454 loud music complaints, 457 complaints regarding fireworks. From the month of May 4,421 calls, June – 4,734; July 4,960. All across New Jersey, there were issues caused by the pandemic. All summer events were cancelled. 6-7 police cars are on duty. The police are doing their job. You can’t talk about some cases (crimes) when they are under investigation. Some police have to be retrained or retooled and the pandemic has affected everyone.”

Council President Petrick responded to Perkins’ crime stats: “Leadership starts at the top. There was a police chief indicted for sexual harassment. The police chief had a birthday celebration using 5-6 police cars and posted it on social media. We are waiting for the next shoe to drop. Councilman Caba made a point when he said we needed to go back to foot patrol. There’s a former police officer who goes around the county who talks how to M.O. (Modus Operandi - a learned, dynamic behavior) people. People in the community are suffering because of Wilda’s neglect. She loves the job but doesn’t do the job. Someone in Wilda’s office

came down with Covid-19 and was infecting others.”

Perkins spoke up again and reported, “Crime is down 21% from the same time last year.”

Petrick asked Perkins to provide daily crime rates, Covid-19 cases, and deaths. “If there is a violent crime, people need to know, and it would not taint the case.”

Perkins responded, “The Middlesex Prosecutor’s Office makes the calls.”

Petrick continued, “We had crime stopper reports to let people know what is going on. Nixle is not up to date on reports. This became chronic before you came here. In the beginning, The Mayor had an open-door policy. Now, that has stopped. We need firm numbers and more of a breakdown of the crime stats.”

Perkins then stated that she gave a detailed report and breakdown of the crimes and read some of the stats again.

Councilman Caba spoke up again and disputed what Perkins said about the pandemic stopping a lot of programs. “As far as the PAL program, I recommended getting it back years ago. Crime is down everywhere because of the pandemic.”

Perkins spoke up and stated, “The quality of life issues always exist. The rent control is important, and we have to work together. We have to look at numbers in real-time.”

Petrick ended his remarks by thanking everyone for their patience and indulgence. “Stay safe and healthy.”

The meeting started at 7 p.m. and ended at 10:15 p.m.

## Attend Public Meetings Have Your Voice Heard!

### Speaker Coughlin on NJ Supreme Court Ruling on COVID-19 Emergency Bond Act

Press Release 8/12/20

TRENTON – The New Jersey State Supreme Court today unanimously ruled that the borrowing under the COVID-19 Emergency Bond Act is constitutional and may go forward. Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin released the following statement:

*“I am pleased the State Supreme Court unanimously validated the action taken by the Legislature to address the unprecedented needs created by the public health crisis brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*“An unparalleled course of action is necessary. The coronavirus pandemic represents the greatest public health and economic challenge we have faced since the Great Depression, nearly a century ago. Giving the compelling nature of the*

*times we are in, the Legislature took the necessary steps to enable borrowing by the State.*

*“Our residents face record unemployment, loss of business and difficulty in paying rents and mortgages. The middle class is struggling to make ends meet.*

*“The State Treasurer has estimated billions in loss of revenue. It’s an economic tsunami that requires an extraordinary action. While not ideal, we must borrow the necessary funds through bonding.*

*“The court’s decision provided reasonable measures to guide borrowing. We will work within those parameters and ensure proper Legislative oversight is included. With this, our economic position will be strengthened for both the present and future.”*



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.

Three of Japanese Emperor Hirohito’s family are dispatched to China on August 17 to carry the news of the cease-fire to Japanese troops still fighting there. In the Netherlands East Indies, nationalists Sukarno and Muhammad Hatta declare the independence of the Republic of Indonesia, with Sukarno as President. Dutch colonial authorities do not approve, thus beginning the Indonesian Revolution. Korea is divided along the 38th Parallel, with Soviet troops occupying the country north of the line, and U.S. troops occupying the country south of the line. In France, President de Gaulle commutes the death sentence against 89-year-old Marshal Henri Pétain to life imprisonment because of the former Vichy leader’s advanced age and his heroic service to the country in “The Great War.”

Most of Manchuria has been overrun by Soviet forces by August 18. A photographer is killed and two crew members are wounded when one of two American Consolidated B-32 Dominators flying over Tokyo on a photo-reconnaissance mission is attacked by 14 Japanese fighter planes. In the U.S., President Truman orders the full resumption of collective bargaining and the production of consumer goods, and the return of free markets. Indian nationalist Subhas Chandra Bose — who aligned with the Japanese in hopes of overthrowing British rule — dies in a plane crash on Formosa.

Japanese forces in South China surrender to the Chinese First Army in Canton on August 19. The Soviet Far Eastern Army captures Harbin and Mukden in Manchuria. Mao Tse-tung and Chiang Kai-shek meet in Chungking, China, to discuss an end to hostilities between their two factions. However, before too long, long-simmering hostilities between Chinese Nationalists and Chinese Communists break into the open. Representatives of the Japanese government arrive in Manila to conclude the surrender of the remaining Japanese troops there and to receive instructions from Gen. MacArthur on the plans for the occupation of Japan and the signing of the surrender documents.

After discussions in Manila, the Philippines, on the previous day, 16 Japanese surrender envoys depart for Tokyo on August 20. Gen. MacArthur announces that Allied occupation troops will land on the Japanese mainland within 10 days of the signing of the surrender. In Shansi province, in northern China, fighting breaks out between Chinese Communists and Nationalists. In Oslo, Norway, the trial of Vidkun Quisling begins. The former ruler of German-occupied Norway proclaims his innocence after listening to a 14-page indictment accusing him of high treason, murder and theft of royal property. In London, Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, condemns Soviet policy in eastern Europe as “one kind of totalitarianism replaced by another.”

The Japanese announce on August 21 that the first landings of Allied occupation troops on Japanese soil will take place on or shortly after August 26th. The government appeals to kamikaze pilots to cease operations. In the U.S., President Truman officially ends the Lend-Lease Program.

Japanese armies in Manchuria surrender to the Soviet Red Army on August 22. The U.S. War Dept. releases an estimate that there are a quarter-million POWs and civilian internees in Japanese hands at present. In the U.S., the government permits amateur radio operators to broadcast over the airwaves once again.

In China, Soviet forces on August 23 capture Port Arthur, taken from Russia by the Japanese in 1905 during the Russo-Japanese War. Japanese forces in Burma say they are ready to surrender now that “the situation has been clarified.” The Japanese government announces that U.S. air raids have left 9.2 million people homeless, with 44 cities completely obliterated. In northwestern England, a USAAF B-24 Liberator bomber, attempting to land during a violent storm, crashes into a school and several houses in Freckleton, killing 61 people, including 38 children as well as the three-man crew.

Although honoring orders to cease fire, Japanese commanders in New Guinea and on Bougainville, in the Solomon Islands, on August 24, 1945, say they cannot order their men to surrender until they receive instructions from higher levels of command. The U.S.S.R. and China sign a treaty of alliance. Jews who had fled from Europe to the British crown colony of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean are permitted to depart for Palestine. In London, British Prime Minister Clement Attlee informs Parliament that the United Kingdom is “in a very serious financial position” due to the sudden ending of the U.S. Lend-Lease program.

On August 25, in China, U.S. Army Air Forces Capt. John Birch, leading a party of Americans, Chinese Nationalists and Koreans on a mission to reach Allied personnel in a Japanese prison camp near Xi’an, is killed in a scuffle with Chinese Communist troops. (The widely known, ultraconservative, anti-communist political advocacy group, the John Birch Society, is named for him.) Radio Tokyo reports large numbers of people committing suicide in front of Japan’s Imperial Palace. In the U.S., seven German U-boat sailors are hanged at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for the murder of a fellow U-boat crewman, Werner Drechsler, whom they had suspected of being a spy and a traitor. In fact, U.S. authorities had enlisted Drechsler — whose father had been incarcerated in a Nazi concentration camp as a political prisoner — to spy in POW camps. His transfer to a naval POW camp (which was never supposed to happen) was a glaring error; he was killed within hours of arriving.

Soviet troops on August 26 begin occupying the Kurile Islands and the southern part of Sakhalin Island, which stretch between Japan and the far-eastern U.S.S.R. Chinese Nationalist forces enter Shanghai and Nanking ahead of the Communists.

The Allied fleets anchor in Sagami (Tokyo) Bay within sight of Mount Fuji on August 27. Adm. William Halsey, commander of the U.S. Third Fleet, is present for what is probably the greatest display of naval might in history. The armada includes 23 aircraft carriers, 12 battleships, 26 cruisers, 116 destroyers and escorts, 12 submarines and 185 other vessels. In addition to American and British ships, there are vessels present from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the Netherlands. Japanese envoys arrive at Rangoon, Burma, to carry out surrender arrangements there. In Hong Kong, instructions have been given to the Japanese garrison to surrender to Rear Adm. Cecil Harcourt of the British Royal Navy.

Japanese armies in Burma surrender in ceremonies held at Rangoon on August 28. In Nuremberg, Germany, 24 former Nazi officials are indicted as war criminals per a list drawn up by a “Four Power” Commission that had met in London. Hermann Göring heads the list. Rudolf Hess, formerly deputy to Hitler, who has been a prisoner in Great Britain since May 1941, is next, followed by Martin Bormann, the secretary of the National Socialist Democratic Workers (Nazi) Party, who had disappeared from the Führerbunker in Berlin. An advance team of 150 U.S. Army personnel, led by Col. Charles Tench of Gen. MacArthur’s personal staff, debarks from an aircraft at Atsugi airfield outside of Tokyo to perform the groundwork for the Allied occupation of Japan.

The American battleship USS Missouri arrives in Tokyo Bay on August 29. The Red Army announces that it has captured 513,000 Japanese prisoners in its Manchurian campaign.

Allied forces come ashore in the Tokyo area on August 30. The U.S. Army’s 11th Airborne Division arrives at Atsugi airfield, while the 4th Marine Regiment of the U.S. 6th Marine Division lands at the naval base at Yokosuka. They are the first occupation troops to set foot on the main islands of Japan. Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur flies in from Manila to organize the occupation. (The occupation of Japan by American troops will continue until April 28, 1952.) A British Royal Navy force under Rear Adm. Cecil Harcourt liberates Hong Kong. British Royal Marines clash with Japanese suicide detachments in isolated and sporadic fighting in the territory.

Tossin’ for Mike  
Cornhole Tournament & Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - On Sunday, August 23, 2020, the Independence Engine and Hose Company of the South Amboy Fire Department will be hosting a benefit Cornhole tournament. One of our lifelong and most active members, Michael Coman passed away shortly after being diagnosed with metastatic kidney cancer. Mike was a career firefighter for the Lyons VA Medical Center and retired as Deputy Chief. As a lifelong resident of South Amboy, he has volunteered with the fire department for over 37 years. He served throughout the ranks of several companies over that time attaining the position of Chief of the Department in 2003-2004. Mike was a NJ Certified EMT and a Level 2 Fire Instructor at the Middlesex County Fire Academy.

He was also a married family man with two sons who have followed in their father’s footsteps and joined the South Amboy Fire Department.

We are asking our community and fellow brothers and sisters to help us with our efforts to support Mike's family in their time of need. All funds raised from this day will go directly to Mike's family to help cover medical costs. Anything you can provide to help us make this day possible would be immensely appreciated.

Donations can be made out to: Independence Engine & Hose Co #1 and mailed to: c/o Mike Toth, 14 Haven Terr, Parlin, NJ 08859

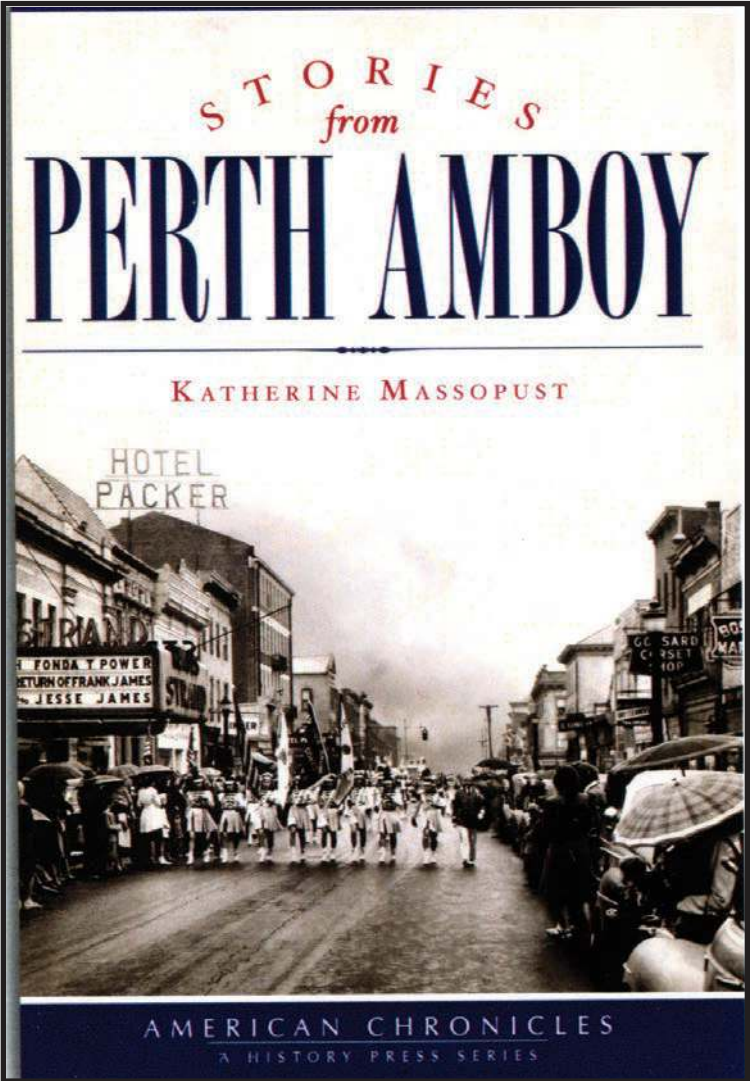
If you prefer to provide goods or services please reach out to our president Mike Toth at 908-930-3497 so arrangements can be made for pickup or delivery of your goods, services, gift cards, etc.

If you wish to participate in the tournament, teams of two players are \$100 and include two commemorative t-shirts. If you wish to show up the day of in support of Mike admission is \$20 and kids under 12 are free. Please see the included flyer for more information.

Thank you for your support and generosity in helping us with this great cause and supporting one of our own. Mike has been there for all of us over the years and now is the time for all of us to step up and show him we are there for him too in his time of need.

Thank you,  
Michael Toth  
President, Independence Engine & Hose Co #1  
908-930-3497  
Mtoth1@optonline.net

If attending the Tossin’ for Mike cornhole tournament: Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 5pm. Rain date is set for Sunday, August 30th. Location will be at Enterprise Truck 8 firehouse, 107 George St. in South Amboy. All parking will be behind the firehouse in the school parking lot. First and second place cash prize, food, soda, beer, 50/50, raffles, and a good time for a great cause.



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## Wilda Diaz to Run for New Term as Mayor of Perth Amboy, Junior Iglesias, and Bernadette Falcon-Lopez join the Team Wilda Diaz 2020 slate for the Perth Amboy City Council

Press Release 8/17/20  
PERTH AMBOY - Today, Wilda Diaz announced she is running for re-election as Mayor of Perth Amboy. She is running for a fourth term with an undisputed record of accomplishment as Mayor that has put Perth Amboy at the forefront of fiscal responsibility, job creation, development and community investment. She is running with two recognized local leaders as her running mates; Junior Iglesias and Berny Falcon-Lopez who are running to become members of the City Council of the City of Perth Amboy.



Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Junior Iglesias  
\*Photo Submitted

“I’m proud of all the many achievements of our administration. We have focused our work on making sure our City’s resources are used to help our community directly,” stated Mayor Diaz. She specifically highlights the following accomplishments:

1. “Our aggressive response to help Perth Amboy residents during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Thousands of Perth Amboy residents have been pushed to their limits, financially and health wise. One of our first missions was to ensure that every family had enough to eat. You can’t stay healthy if you don’t eat, and you can’t buy enough food to eat right if you’ve lost your job. We’ve worked in partnership with community organizations to provide thousands and thousands of free meals and groceries per week to any Perth Amboy resident who needs help. Between the schools and our community efforts, Perth Amboy has distributed over 250,000 meals, so far, this year.

Further, we’ve instituted an aggressive coronavirus safety education program including strong social media messaging and electronic signs throughout the town reminding people to wear a mask and to social distance. Our fight to end this pandemic is far from over, and I am committed to continue to provide the support and necessary vital services that residents will need during the pandemic.

2. Second, our commitment to fiscal responsibility and discipline allows our City to create a surplus, or “rainy-day fund”, in the city budget. This surplus has allowed us to continue to provide necessary vital services to residents during the pandemic and to aid our small business owners with grants to use in order to prepare for re-opening during this crisis. Fiscal responsibility is about making sure we have the funds to help citizens when needed. I am committed to continue doing so during this crisis.

3. Third, is our development of brownfields, formerly polluted sites that we have been developed into tax paying, and job creating businesses. We’ve reclaimed sites that no one said could be developed including hundreds of union jobs, and long-term local living wage jobs for city residents. We’ve done all this and more while stabilizing taxes and receiving an A+ rating from (who)

Understand, though, I’m not running on what I’ve done, but on what needs to be done to make sure we come back stronger from this pandemic.

We need to be prepared for a second wave of the coronavirus which will tax us even more than the current wave. We have already begun preparing for this. This will impact us like no other crisis before us. We need to ensure that people have food, housing and utilities during the coming months. We need to be ready and we need steady and responsible leadership in our City Council to do so.

That is why I am glad that two community leaders have accepted the challenge of public service and are running for City Council with me.

Junior Iglesias, a public school teacher for 12 years, is Vice Chair of the Board of Education and Chair of the BOE Finance Committee. He also serves as the Perth Amboy Board of Education’s Urban Schools Delegate. Heavily involved in his community, Junior was co-founder and served as Vice Chair of the Perth Amboy Soccer Club. Mr. Iglesias was, also, Secretary of the Perth Amboy Democratic Organization. He holds a master’s degree in childhood education.

Pastor Bernadette Falcon Lopez is Senior Pastor at God’s Armies Ministries of New Jersey. As Program Director of the Center for Support Success & Prosperity, “Pastor Berny”, as she is affectionately known, provides services for the homeless and those in danger of being homeless, as well as entitlement program assistance and job readiness and self-sufficiency programs. She, also, provides mentorship, educational, employment, parenting classes, financial literacy and soft skills for pregnant and parenting youth.

As a member of the Perth Amboy Police Chaplaincy, she is trained in suicide prevention awareness, domestic violence awareness, crime scene response and preparedness. She is Coordinator of the Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team.

Mayor Diaz is the first woman elected Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy, the first Puerto Rican female Mayor in the USA, and the longest serving female Mayor in NJ of a city above 30K citizens.

Mayor Diaz Biography <https://www.perthamboynj.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=11205008&pageId=15245495>

## Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation Welcomes New Trustee

Press Release 8/10/20

PERTH AMBOY, NJ – Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Laura Bianchini to the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees.

“We are thrilled to welcome Laura to the board of trustees,” says Joseph Stampe, president and chief development officer, Hackensack Meridian – Meridian Health Foundation, to which the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation belongs. “Laura is a vital part of the construction team for the new Emergency Department at the medical center’s Old Bridge campus, which will be incredibly beneficial as we work to raise \$5 million towards this historic renovation project for Raritan Bay Medical Center and the community.”

Bianchini is the vice president and director of projects for Almasi Companies, a multigenerational construction company specializing in site work, utility installation, soil remediation and material delivery. She manages all phases of Almasi’s construction projects, responsible for preparing and administering project budgets, negotiating contracts, quality and cost control and client relations. Additionally, she approves expenditures and payroll, develops and implements jobsite policies and procedures and organizes all project documentation. Bianchini supervises and evaluates all jobsite employees and subcontractors, administers safety control and ensures compliance of government regulations. She also oversees various other aspects of Almasi, including customer service, communications, sales and marketing.

“I am truly excited to be part of this fantastic board of trustees and to have made a gift in support of the new Emergency Department,” says Bianchini. “Working with the team literally building the future of health care for Old Bridge is inspiring. Many of the tradespeople working with Almasi on the project live locally and this Emergency Department will serve as the place they bring their own families to receive emergency care.



Laura Bianchini

It is personal to me and I look forward to serving the community with my fellow trustees.”

Bianchini will work with fellow trustees, as well as Michael Eagan, M.D., chair of emergency medicine at Raritan Bay Medical Center, and Timothy O’Brien, who are co-chairs in the efforts to raise funds in support of the new Emergency Department.

The funds raised for this project all contribute toward a \$150 million fundraising goal as part of Meridian Health Foundation’s Giving Heals campaign. Giving Heals supports four important initiatives: strengthening oncology services, improving clinical outcomes, enhancing the patient experience and broadening clinical research and academic programs at the following Hackensack Meridian Health medical centers in Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean counties: Bayshore Medical Center, Jersey Shore University Medical Center, K. Hovnanian Children’s Hospital, Ocean Medical Center, Raritan Bay Medical Center in Old Bridge, Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy, Riverview Medical Center and Southern Ocean Medical Center.

To learn about how you can make a gift to Raritan Bay Medical Center or to the Giving Heals campaign, please call Linda Hill, executive director, Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation, at 732-324-5376, or visit [www.Hackensack-meridianhealth.org/givingheals](http://www.Hackensack-meridianhealth.org/givingheals).

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## Speaker Coughlin on Recent Reports on Long-Term Healthcare Industry

Press Release 8/14/20

TRENTON – Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex) issued the following statement on the recent investigative report on the long-term healthcare industry and CareOne:

*“Covid-19 pandemic has brought to light the many inefficiencies in the long-term healthcare system in our state. Recent investigative reports involving Care One reveals a system overwhelmed and unable to handle critical care for our elderly and disabled. The stories were infuriating and heartbreaking to learn.*

*“We have taken a step toward addressing statewide concerns in the Legislature and listen to families and professionals in the industry. The bottom line is that there is a serious problem with long-term healthcare and more must be done to help the patients in these facilities. I commend Senator Joseph Vitale and Assemblywoman Valerie Huttler for their leadership on the joint committee looking at the long term industry. I look forward to their efforts resulting in meaningful reforms.”*

## Residential Paper Shred Program

MIDDLESEX COUNTY – Middlesex County will be having their Residential Paper Shred Program on Saturday, August 22, 2020 in the South Amboy Middle/High School Parking Lot, 200 Gov. Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is a free program for county residents.

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Novena to St. Rita

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

Prayer St. Jude

*To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.*  
Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly *(Here make your request)* and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.  
*Thank you, Saint Jude I.N.S.*

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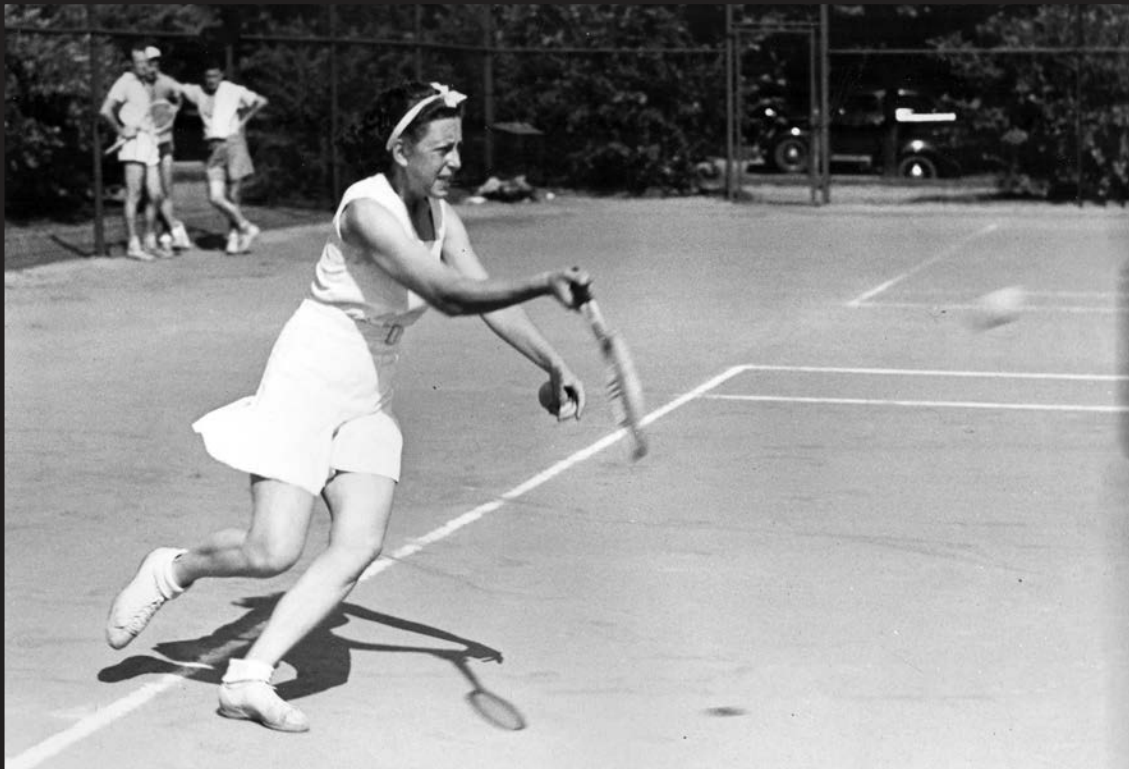
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Petition to  
St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.  
*Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.*  
*Thank you, St. Jude D.A.B.*

LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY –Tennis at the Waterfront- 1960's.

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Pet of the Week



Baby Girls Mimi & Perla, Love Leslie & Jose

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A hundred and twenty better days  
Bad times critical situations  
Energy I’ll soon forget  
Moments drift in and out of my mind  
Time heals regret  
I guess  
To what was then  
To what is now  
I’m thankful for the journey  
Any how  
Irreconcilable differences  
Was the name of the game  
Some fault but no shame  
Cause the outcome  
Inevitably was always going to be this way  
Now the past is the past  
As the sands of time  
Keep blowing away  
To a new vista  
To a new beginning  
In a land far away  
So goodbye  
And may God bring you much happiness  
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- 1 Military rank (abbr.)  
4 Dusting powder  
8 Furtive whisper  
12 Turn soil  
13 Butter's rival  
14 Least bit  
15 Long time  
16 Cap and \_\_\_\_  
17 Wolverine's group, with "The" (hyph.)  
18 Ruckus  
20 Birds and bees  
22 Ship's letters  
23 "Oh, sure!" (2 wds.)  
24 Firefighter's weapon  
27 Letters after a dentist's name  
28 Follower of (suffix)  
31 Hit makers  
32 Strive  
33 Cars from Munich  
34 Hockey great Bobby  
35 Cozy place  
36 Some summer babies  
37 Sailor's affirmatives  
39 \_\_\_\_ Paulo  
41 Whirlpools  
43 Christmas beverage  
47 Guy  
48 Shamrock land  
50 Departure's

opposite

- (abbr.)  
51 "\_\_\_\_ keep" (pro-crastinator's motto)  
52 Fancy  
53 Skid causer  
54 Watched  
55 White flakes  
56 Order's partner

DOWN

- 1 Professional cook  
2 Opposite of wealthy  
3 Singer Horne  
4 Caesar's

garments

- 5 At \_\_\_\_ (puzzled, 2 wds.)  
6 Writer Wallace  
7 Entrust secrets  
8 Elf's cousin  
9 At any date in the future  
10 Pun or gang ender  
11 Works with leather  
19 Hints  
21 Pounds (abbr.)  
24 "Entourage" channel (abbr.)  
25 Dinghy accessory

- 26 Sit astride  
27 Tumult  
29 Tango need  
30 Double curve  
32 Ships  
33 Internet journal  
35 Grade an egghead never gets  
38 Give way  
39 Watchmaker  
40 Politician Spiro  
41 Falco or Adams  
42 Obligation  
44 Finger feature  
45 Killer whale  
46 Expanded  
49 "\_\_\_\_ Tin Tin"

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