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Covid Numbers, NPP Grant November 2020 Election 10/26/20 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell
& Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – The Council immediately went into a closed session after calling the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:07 p.m. The first person to speak was OEM Coordinator Larry Cattano who gave an update on the Covid-19 numbers.

He stated as of 10/25/20 there has been 2760 cases in Perth Amboy; 137 deaths, and there has been no increase in deaths over the last 30 days. In this month, there was a 5.23% increase in cases, and .26% death. The first case was 3/16/20. The most cases we've had in a single day was 114. Some days we are at 0." He also noted, "50% of the people who had Covid were female and 50% were male. When it comes to fatalities, 64% were male and 35.77% were female. From September 1 to September 25, there were 33 cases. From October 1 to October 25, we had 257 cases. In one day in October, we had 10 new cases." Cattano stated that the rise in cases could have been because of more places opening up, with indoor and outdoor dining and mask fatigue (people get tired of wearing their masks). We recently had a 2-month old that tested positive. It's usually someone in the family that probably gave it to a young child."

When asked if the names were revealed of the positive cases (referring to contact tracing), Cattano answered, "No, just the addresses." Cattano stated, "Statewide, on 9/23/20 there were 466 people hospitalized and 90 were admitted to intensive care. Our data reflects the state statistics."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry questioned, "Are we in the second wave?"

Cattano responded, "We are still in the first wave. The virus was there. People are not as vigilant as in the past. More places



OEM Coordinator Larry Cattano gives the Covid Numbers for Perth Amboy. *Photo by Katherine Massopust

opened up. People are going to work."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda spoke up, "We opened up early."

Cattano said, "We started to relax because it started to happen elsewhere. People went back to work and maybe the workplaces were not as vigilant in sanitizing their workplace. There is more testing going on and more contact tracing. We don't have the means for contact tracing. Only the county is doing this. We used to have regular meetings with the county, but we haven't had any recently. Now, we have monthly virtual meetings. The county prosecutor is giving us the Covid numbers and contact tracing. We met with Ms. Perkins (Interim Business Administrator) and Ken Ortiz (Director of Recreation and Human Services)."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "The county is not taking contact tracing seriously regarding us and we are in the top for cases. This doesn't make any sense."

Cattano said, "I personally have not gotten input from them. There are other counties that are getting more information than we do (infections, recoveries, etc.). Some of the information comes from the prosecutor's office and some

from the health department. The Attorney General gives out the directives. I don't know what criteria other counties use."

Councilwoman Tejeda said, "When my father was hospitalized with Covid, the state called constantly. They stopped calling when I told them he had passed away."

Cattano then said, "Many people are going back to work. If you don't feel safe, dial 211 or go to Covid19NJ.gov. If you see something not right, call the police. They follow up. You do not have to identify yourself in either case. You can call regarding workplaces or other businesses not practicing safe guidelines. The prosecutor's office can investigate complaints (and close down a business). The fire department has responded to overcrowded places. If that business has a state license, they also can be closed. Regarding table service, the server must come to you. Alcohol cannot be consumed standing up. You cannot leave your table without your mask. Restaurants are now limited to 25%. I heard there might be 50% occupancy. All city Halloween events have been cancelled. Be responsible when handing out and accepting candy. The curfew per ordinance is 6 p.m."

DPW Director Frank Hoffman came up to answer questions regarding why there were 2 bidders for emergency demolition services. He explained, "There were only two bids that were submitted. The pricing is within the standards needed. Maria

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Virtual Meetings, Recorded Minutes of Old Meetings, South Amboy First Aid Squad Topics of Discussion 10/21/20 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – Two resolutions: No. 20-293 & 20-294 were passed. Since the 10/7/20 Business Meeting was cancelled, Council President Mickey Gross suggested that every item on the consent agenda to first be discussed. The council agreed.

There was a discussion regarding No. 20-295 – Resolution providing for the insertion of a special item of revenue in the budget pursuant to N.J. S.A.40A:4-87(CH.159P.L.148) – Public and private revenues offset by appropriations – NJ CARES ACT GRANT.

B.A. Skarzynski stated that the City of South Amboy will be receiving \$40,133.42.

Councilman Thomas Reilly asked how this money has to be spent. B.A. Skarzynski stated that the monies awarded must be spent on protective equipment that meet the criteria.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato asked about the police dropbox for mail-in ballots.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski noted that was put in free of charge and the installation was reimbursed.

Councilwoman Dato thanked Congressman Frank Pallone for the \$5 million awarded for the Ferry Terminal. Council President Mickey Gross thanked the administration, B.A. Glenn Skarzynski, the staff of the City of South Amboy who did a great job, too.

No. 20-297 – Resolution authorizing the city of South Amboy to sell surplus city equipment and vehicles through the municibid website for the city of South Amboy.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated that derelict vehicles that are no longer in use must be auctioned off. This will be done via an online company. Skarzynski was pleased to announce that the grant for the arts institute of

Middlesex County Division of Art & History Program Support II grant program (Resolution 20-300) was applied for and granted. According to Skarzynski, the grant is specifically for the arts. Councilwoman Zusette Dato noted that the city has to match the grant with \$750.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz stated the city is installing an emergency generator at the Department of Public Works.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski explained No. 20-304 – Resolution in support for submission of application to the transportation alternatives set-aside program of the NJDOT. He stated that the city is applying for an alternate grant to enhance the area between the downtown and the ferry terminal (up to \$1 million).

Councilman Thomas Reilly stated that it would be nice to extend to the county park.

Skarzynski said that is exactly the Mayor's strategic plan.

The consent agenda was moved by Councilwoman Zusette Dato and seconded by Council Vice President Christine Noble. All voted yes.

There were two additional items up for discussion. The first was an update on Best Practices. B.A. Skarzynski stated, "We were able to answer all desired directions the state required with a 'yes'. We were able to comply with the state."

The second discussion was about the South Amboy First Aid Squad becoming a part of the city under its umbrella. B.A. Skarzynski explained that before this, the maximum donation the city could give to the First Aid squad was \$70,000." According to Skarzynski after becoming under the umbrella of the city, there is no such restriction. Skarzynski stated that he had numerous meetings with

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Rivera from our purchasing department said that we need two contractors. There are two rates: one is for the equipment needed for tearing down a structure and the one for the disposal of what is being torn down.”

The next question which Bill Petrick asked was regarding Ordinance No. 1 (first reading) – Administration of Government re: municipal prosecutor.

Council President William Petrick said, “According to what Law Director Peter King said, a simple majority is okay. The ordinance says that the employee must live here.”

Irizarry then questioned, “The Municipal Prosecutor – must live in Perth Amboy?”

Law Director King responded, “We can give a waiver.”

Irizarry asked about R-411-10/20 (NPP Program). “What does NPP stand for?”

CFO/Comptroller Jill Goldy answered, “Neighborhood Preservation Program. Tashi Vazquez can provide you with more information.”

Irizarry asked “What about CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)? Are BID funds used?”

CFO Goldy said, “You approved this grant at the last meeting.

BID Coordinator Noelia Colon came up to answer questions. “\$180,000 will be used for the website, sanitizing, stations, and rental assistance. The grant was given by the DCA. The NPP boundaries will be from the intersection of Smith Street and High Street and end at the train station. There will be \$125,000 earmarked on an annual basis. We may have temporarily lost some funding which may be replenished.”

Irizarry asked what would be included in the NPP grant and the PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)?”

Petrick spoke up and answered, “Masks and hand sanitizers.”

Colon also explained, “That is where the equipment will be located. Besides the sanitizer stations, they will provide constant contact services for business owners whether they are businessowners. They do not have to be BID members.”

Law Director Peter King explained R-413-10/20 – Authorizing an application to the New Jersey DEP to review the Wetlands that are part of the Riverwalk Project.

King stated, “This is access over our easement to make sure it is in compliance with the Wetlands.”

DPW Director Frank Hoffman spoke about R-414-10/20 – Awarding a contract to IPL Environmental for 1,000 solid waste and 1,000 recycling 95-gallon residential automated containers through HGAC in an amount not to exceed \$97,860.00.

Hoffman explained, “We have reached 10 years of wear and tear on the parts. We are adding 2 more streets that are automated (Lawrie Street and Lewis Street). The old vendors reduced the thickness in the walls of the containers and used recycled material. They have wear and tear on them. A lot of lids are broken. That is why we are getting a new vendor.”

There was a question regarding R-415-10/20 – Authorizing a three-year contract with Benchmark Analytics LLC, with two – 1-year renewal options for Benchmark Analytics Computerized program in an annual amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Deputy Chief Larry Cattano came up and said, “It was in the Internal Affairs Department and I was not involved. It was handled by the Police Chief.”

Irizarry then questioned why the Police Chaplain Program, which has 34 Chaplains will be involved in this program and make the police more responsible.

Interim B.A. Patricia Perkins responded, “The Chaplains help the police with conflict resolution and help the police officers to de-escalate their emotions. The Chaplain Corps was cited as something very positive by the state.”

Petrick spoke up and said, “The Chaplains should not even be in this resolution.”

Irizarry concluded, “This is from the Citizen’s Campaign.”

Pabon then spoke about R-418, R-419, and R-420 all dealing with settlements of worker’s compensation. He stated, “We talked about this before, and for a while it got better, but now these cases are happening again. Is it management or the worker’s fault?”

Law Director King replied, “I will get a report from the attorney and the department head. There are more injuries happening to older workers and we’ll talk to our risk managers.”

Pabon continued, “There should be documentation. Were there talks regarding safety measures (to be taken)?”

Petrick interjected, “Companies such as PSEG and Verizon do this.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada stated, “I work at the hospital and they have safety huddles every day.”

Bill Petrick concluded the discussion stating, “It starts at the top.”

There was a question regarding the language in R-425-10/20 – An agreement with the Raritan Bay Area YMCA to organize and operate Housing Services in connection with the Code Blue Warming Center Services.

Councilman Irizarry said he was not comfortable with the term “Housing Services.” “It seems like something long term.”

Director of Human Services Ken Ortiz came up and said, “It should be one-night shelter. It can be temporary for emergencies.”

Petrick suggested they eliminate the Housing Services from the resolution.

There were some questions regarding R-426 thru R-430 appointing members to the Rent Leveling Board. The problem was all the applicants were appointed to a 2-year term all to expire at the same time.

Council President Bill Petrick remembered when former Law Director Mark Blunda was here, he made sure that the board members had staggered terms so as not to all expire at the same time.

King then stated they will have to appoint some members for one-year and some for two-

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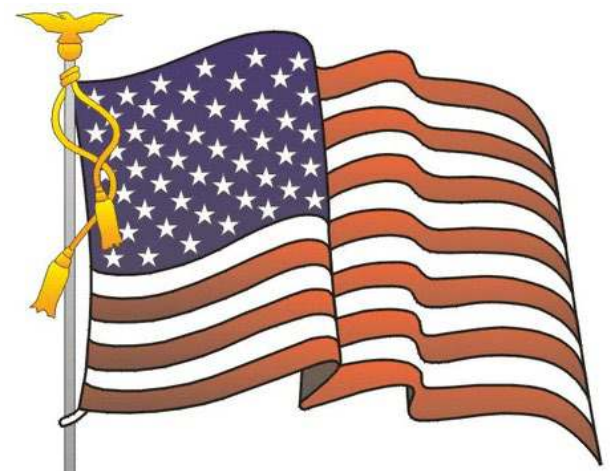
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Legislation to Set PPE Supply Requirements Clears Senate

Press Release 10/29/20

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The bill, S-2566/2677, would require long-term care facilities and hospitals to maintain a minimum supply of PPE at all times.

“The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has accounted for a disproportionate amount of deaths in long-term care facilities,” said Senator Diegnan (D-Middlesex). “It is evident that our nursing homes did not have adequate PPE available to protect our elderly citizens, and going forward we must ensure that we are doing all we can to save lives in the event for a future health crisis.”

Under the bill, a nursing home would be required to maintain a

supply of PPE that is sufficient to last 30 or 60 days, depending on if the facility is part of a larger system. Hospitals would be required to have a minimum supply that would last 90 days.

“Going into the pandemic, it was expected that the death rate for the virus would be the highest among older, more vulnerable populations,” said Senator Gopal (D-Monmouth). “And yet, there was still not enough protections put in place for these populations, putting them more at risk for infection. By maintaining a minimum amount of PPE in nursing home at all times, we will be better prepared when we need it.”

“Many facilities suffered from a lack of PPE due to inflated prices and international supply shortages,” said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex). “We understand this difficulty, so we have assembled a PPE Wholesale Supplier Registry Public Listing. Our hope is that nursing homes and hospitals will have an easier time locating the supplies they need in times of crises.”

The bill cleared the Senate by vote of 33-0.

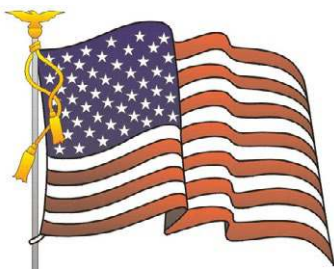
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EDITORIAL

Do Not Forget Our Veterans
Veteran’s Day 11/11/20



Lawrence Brooks at his 111th birthday party at his home in New Orleans. He is the oldest living WWII Veteran
*Photo Courtesy of The National WWII Museum



In the midst of this important election year, let’s not forget Veteran’s Day. Due to the pandemic, let’s not forget to thank our Veterans who fought and continue to fight for our liberties and freedom. If you can, when you see a Veteran, offer to pay for a cup of coffee or a small meal. Even a thankyou means so very much to them, which I often do when I see someone in uniform. Remember that a lot of Veterans are serving in the private sector - many in the field of security.

There are several times when you many receive phone calls or mailings from organizations who claim to be asking for donations to help Veterans. You have to be very careful because many of these organizations give very little money to help out. The best website to check is: www.charitynavigator.org is the best website to check for any charity you are interested in donating to. They can give you the ratings and the percentage of money being used to help those you wish to donate to. *C.M.*

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The Speakers will be: Key Speaker - Governor Phil Murphy; Key Speaker - Interim Adjutant General Dr. Lisa Hou; Emcee - Clark Martin; National Anthem - Ali Gleason; Speakers - Colonel Walter Nall, Chief Brenda Sue Fulton, Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver, Senator Vin Gopal, Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker, Majority Leader Louis Greenwald, Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt, Assemblyman Gordon M. Johnson; Benediction - Reverend Gerard Appel; Closing Remarks - NJVVMF Director of Development Jillian Decker

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• City Council, Regular, (after Caucus)
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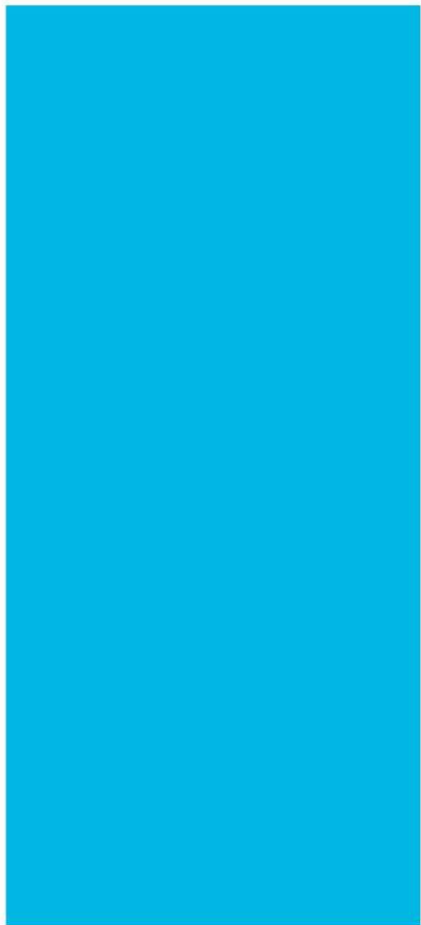
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Virtual Meetings, Recorded Minutes of Old Meetings, South Amboy First Aid Squad Topics of Discussion 10/21/20 Council Meeting

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the First Aid Squad and the Fire Department. (The South Amboy First Aid Squad would become the South Amboy Fire Department – EMS Division.)

Council President Mickey Gross brought up that the First Aid Squad needs a new ambulance. Skarzynski stated, “There’s money for that.” Skarzynski explained that the city met with 3 fire chiefs and communicated the requests of both organizations. “The way we are structuring this ordinance, we are expecting no change. They would just benefit by being under the city umbrella.”

Council President Gross stated, “I have received many complaints from the third Fire Chief’s vehicle. Is there some way to fix it? Can we as group agree to buy this truck. Can we order it tomorrow?”

Fire Chief Bob O’Connor said, “It should have been ordered months ago.”

Skarzynski said, “We can get the money. It’s a matter of locating a vehicle available to purchase immediately.”

Gross said, “It’s a safety issue.”

Skarzynski said he would meet with the CFO first thing tomorrow morning to get things going.

Ordinances 13-2020 and 14-2020 were passed.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, “The South Amboy YMCA has reopened. Classes have resumed and there are on-line classes.” Dato then added, “The Mayor’s Wellness Challenge is a virtual walk/run from October 19th to November 15th. Contact Jaqueline Kelly at the Senior Center. Voting information centers has been set up and are open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the New Brunswick County Administration Building. There is additional information on the County Clerk’s Website. Ask people if they got the vote-by-mail ballot.”

Council Vice-President Christine Noble made some remarks regarding Halloween. “I just want to remind everyone if you choose to participate, be careful driving that day.”

Councilman Tom Reilly stated, “St. Mary’s Food Pantry is running low. They need donations of food.” Reilly then spoke about the recent house fire on Second Street. “The South Amboy Fire Department saved the church on one side and the home on the other. They are real professionals.” Reilly then asked about the illegal pallet operation.

B.A. Skarzynski stated, “They were issued a second summons. The fines were too low (with the first summons).” Skarzynski noted, “There was a total of 3 pallets on a trailer today as I left the city.”

The discussion turned to illegal rentals. Skarzynski said, “There are a lot of suspected illegal dwellings. We dwindled

it to over 60 multifamily dwellings. 44 have been sent notifications. They are going to get regularized.”

Councilman Reilly stated, “There are two parts: the renters not paying their yearly fee. Some don’t have the right to rent.”

Skarzynski said, “We don’t want to fight a two-pronged war. First things first. Once we complete that process, we will report back regularly on the progress.”

Reilly said, “One of the issues in town are if 15 to 20 people live in a residence, there are cars parked all over the street.”

Skarzynski said, “We’ll have inspectors down.”

Reilly then changed the subject, “Try to patronize our businesses – shop local.”

There was a brief discussion about having two meetings in November, January, and February. Council President Mickey Gross stressed the importance of not having combined meetings except in the summer. Gross also stressed the importance of having virtual meetings due to the dangers of Covid. Although the council preferred live in-person meetings, they agreed that it would be safer and better for both the public and themselves to continue having virtual meetings.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin thanked the South Amboy, Perth Amboy, and Sayreville Fire Departments who help put out the recent fire on Second Street. He asked for donations to the family whose house that caught fire. McLaughlin turned his attention to the records of past South Amboy Council Meetings. He was concerned that there were no minutes or copy of what went on at the 12/19/18 Council Meeting.

Law Director Francis Womack said, “We do have minutes. The Acting City Clerk counted the vote. The Acting City Clerk came to me in 2019. We tried every program and went to the state police. We were not able to make it audible.”

Councilman McLaughlin suggested to send it out to someone professional.

Councilwoman Dato stated that minutes were taken, and the minutes showed how the vote were taken.

Law Director Womack said that the city had no transcribed audio and they are not required to do so, and neither is stenography (for a city council meeting).

Councilman Reilly stated, “There’s a lot more to the meeting than just a vote. There’s not one person in town who was in favor of that project (Manhattan Beach which was voted upon by the council at the 12/19/18 meeting).”

Womack explained, “If minutes are presented to you, if you have the ability, the council can admit these minutes who was present at the meeting and what occurred.”

McLaughlin said, “There were a lot of residents (at the meeting). We didn’t respect their

wishes.”

Council President Mickey Gross gave his comments about the recent fire and illegal housing. “Thank the South Amboy Fire Department for their response.” Gross then changed the subject, “As far as illegal housing, what does the city do with those who do not respond?”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski answered, “They have to go in front of a judge.”

Council President Gross stated that there will be drive thru flu shots on October 30, 2020. “At some time, there will be a Covid vaccine. This flu vaccine drive-thru at the firehouse is a practice run. We are preparing to handle thousands of people for the health department, city, and police department. This could be good practice run for the Covid vaccines.”

Mayor Fred Henry said, “I want to thank the Fire Department for containing the fire. My parent’s house was next door. I grew up in that house. I thank them for what they do. I want to thank the wellness program. We offered free advertising on shirts (for this event). It is your right to vote. You can mail in your ballot or put it in a dropbox at the high school. We hope everyone gets out to vote. I want to thank (City Engineer) Mark Rasimowicz for the work on the streets. We are having our annual cemetery tour. The Veteran’s Day Ceremony will be on November 11, 2020 at Train Station Plaza. Stay safe.”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski said, “We’ve been experiencing heavy truck traffic on Main Street.” Skarzynski then spoke about a library program to honor Veterans by the Dowdell Library. “The library has an excellent program – Storytime with a Veteran. Email the library a picture with a description and they will put it on their website.”

Public Portion:

The first person to speak was resident Jeanie Longobandi who lives near a firehouse. “The firehouse siren is very loud where I live. I have a one-year-old son that wakes up (when he hears the siren). The siren goes off every day around 6 p.m.”

Resident Branden Russell spoke next. He asked each council member, “What is your most preferred method of contact from South Amboy Residents?”

Brian McLaughlin had no preference. Zusette Dato, Christine Noble, and Thomas Reilly said email. Mickey Gross said email or call his home, but if he is walking out the door he will not answer. Mayor Fred Henry said to contact the Business Administrator’s office.

Russell then brought up the minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting. Law Director Womack reminded Russell that the city has since hired a certified municipal clerk. Russell commented that was not legally sufficient.

Resident Bill DeMasi spoke next. “Will the multifamily

homes found to be noncompliant return to be single family? Suddenly homes will go up for sale. Will they be required to be single-family homes?”

B.A. Skarzynski stated if they want to be multi-family, they must go through the zoning board.

Law Director Womack stated that if it is a multi-family building not legally proven as multi-family; it cannot continue. Tenants have some rights. To continue, they (the owners) have to go to a zoning meeting.

Resident Greg Batulak was next to speak. He directed his question at Law Director Francis Womack. “What media was used to record that meeting?”

Law Director Womack answered, “I don’t know.”

City Clerk Deborah Brooks said, “The software and audio are standard. It is the same one the court uses. Something went wrong with the microphone (at the 12/19/18 meeting).”

Batulak asked, “It was not a tape cassette? Let’s get that audio back. It’s an important meeting. What about the missing minutes? Are you going to post the minutes (of the missing meetings on the website)?”

City Clerk Brooks stated that presently she must focus on the election which takes priority, but she would try to work on them by December/January if possible.

Batulak commented that there was a live Democratic Committee meeting at the Hibernians and asked why the council couldn’t be in-person.

Council Vice President Christine Noble said, “We knew ex-

actly how many people were coming to that meeting (Committee meeting). Mickey Gross recommended the virtual meetings (for council). He works in the field of health. I respect science and medical experts. There is a spike in cases. If I had my wish, I would go live, but it’s not prudent to do so.”

Law Director Womack explained you don’t know how many people are coming to a council meeting and they may wish to speak, and it isn’t practical to have an in-person meeting at this point.

Batulak asked why the last meeting was cancelled.

Council President Mickey Gross stated it was his decision. He added, “I do not think it is safe to have an in-person meeting. I am doing the responsible thing.”

Resident Larry Parsons spoke next, “When will they complete the other side of the Hole in the Wall?”

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz said, “It’s a county road and it we discussed the processes of milling and paving. I’ll check with the county.”

Parsons said, “It’s very rough.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin complained that his wife’s business was interrupted because of digging in front of it on Broadway.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz stated that there were different crews working on Broadway without permits and he would follow up on it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. All council members were present.

Grand Opening TeamOne Staffing

**Photo by Bob Rinklin for the Perth Amboy BID*



PERTH AMBOY - TeamOne Staffing Solution recently held its grand opening celebration for its new headquarters, which is located at 333 State St in Perth Amboy. The ribbon cutting ceremonies were attended by Mayor Wilda Diaz (center), TeamOne’s Owner Christian Valdez (third from left), and the company’s Perth Amboy Office Manager Brenda Romero (next to the mayor) plus the Business Improvement District’s (BID) Chairman Barry Rosengarten (far right) and Executive Director Noelia Colon (far left). Mr. Valdez and Ms. Romero said the company has 50 open positions to fill immediately at local warehouses, distribution centers and logistics companies. TeamOne Staffing’s office is open Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and office number is 848-235-5322. Antonio Cruz (fourth from right) said, “Mayor Diaz, the City Council, municipal government and the BID have an open-door policy when it comes to welcoming new businesses and assisting them.”

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YMCA of MEWSA Receives Loves Takes Action Award From The New York Life Foundation
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Press Release 10/21/20
New Jersey – The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy announced today that it was awarded a \$50,000 Love Takes Action Award from the New York Life Foundation. The grant will allow the YMCA to continue to provide vital programs and services to the community during the pandemic.
“We are grateful for the New York Life Foundation’s investment in our organization and for Seema Pande a New York Life employee for recognizing YMCA board member Alka Aneja and her volunteer group, Humbled By Your Service, a community group that was created and organized by Alka for their work in the community during COVID-19, which brought about this grant, and will change many lives for the better,” said Rose Cushing, President & CEO, YMCA of MEWSA.
The Love Takes Action Award program awards \$50,000 to local nonprofit organizations, which are championed by New York Life agents and employees. Thirty-five community members from across the nation embodying Love Taking Action, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, will be honored. Each honoree selected a nonprofit to receive a \$50,000 general support grant from the New York Life Foundation.



Sunrise



Covid Numbers, NPP Grant November 2020 Election
10/26/20 Caucus

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years and the resolution will have to be changed.
Petrick also said, “In the past, we used to have applicants come before us.”

Ortiz came up to the mic, “The applicants are very happy to be on this board, and it’s a good practice to have them come before the council.”

One of the appointees to the Rent Leveling Board, Vince Mackiel came up. “I’ve been a resident for over 8 years. I want to serve on a board. I think 70% of the people in town live in rentals and there is crisis because of Covid. Many people face eviction and employment is down. Many people are on a fixed income. I have been involved in housing, the medical field, and have a sociology degree. I have attended Middlesex County College and Kean College and I am interested in taking on this challenge. 26,000 people are facing eviction in New Jersey. We are a progressive community and Covid victims are worthy of respect.”

Ken Ortiz returned to the mic to speak more about the Rent Leveling Board. “We need to put in place vacancy controls to cap what property owners can charge a new tenant, and we also need to protect the property owner. The Rent Control Board will have control over this.”

Council President Petrick stated, “I am not looking at the Rent Control Board to take over the authority of the City Council such as policies or what fees need to be charged.

Ortiz then explained, “We need to codify the duties of the Rent Leveling Board.”

Law Director King then spoke up and said, “The Rent Level-

ing Board suggestions have to be approved by the council.”

Petrick ended the conversation stating, “The devil is in the details.”

The late-starter Resolution R-436-10/20 – \$13,800 from the PY 2020 HUD Emergency Solutions Grant Covid-19 (ESG-CV) Funding.

It was explained that the county reached out to Dianne Roman to reimburse funding for monies the city spent during the pandemic to provide for some of the needs for the residents.

Councilman Irizarry stated, “On behalf of the residents, I’m thanking you (Ken Ortiz and staff) for helping our residents. “You are distributing actual meals.”

Ortiz spoke up and said, “There were other departments involved. It was a collaborative effort.”

Irizarry suggested that they pass a resolution for all the departments who helped out during this crisis.
Public Portion:

Resident and Businessowner Jeremy Baratta came up first to speak about R-411-10/20 – The insertion of revenue in the CY 2020 budget for the NPP Covid-19 Relief & Recovery Grant in the amount of \$180,200.

Baratta said, “Look at the resolution closely. You are taking yourselves out of the grant money. You had the final say. Now, it is changed. Money doesn’t always go to where it’s intended. You should be the final check and balances. It’s \$180,200 to give to Wilda’s political friends and you are supposed to watch the monies. You will not be able to see how the money is dispersed. Protect the money, citizens, and businesses.” He then referred to Communication No. 2 – Mayor Wilda Diaz recommending the appointments to the Rent Leveling Board. “Have the attorney look at it. Members should be going to classes. I applied to this board as a tenant and you can also apply to this board as a homeowner. I hope someone will be here on Wednesday to answer questions about the BID budget.”

Law Director Peter King replied to Baratta’s statements regarding Communication No. 2. “It’s my mistake. A renter, a homeowner, and a landlord should be on the Rent Leveling Board.” King also said that R-411 Assessment Plan was attached to the council’s backup material.”

CFO Jill Goldy then added that accounts were set up. There was an amended budget for awarded grants. There was always a set-up for the way the funds were awarded. We received purchase orders and have to certify that the funds are there. We look at all purchase orders and we can submit the grant guidelines to you.”

Petrick then remembered, “In the past, funds went missing, or perhaps money was stolen. There was no accountability.”

Interim B.A. Perkins stated, “We have internal checks and balances. There are two people from the finance department and myself who look through the paperwork. Tashi Vazquez was here to explain everything to you.”

Council Comments:

Councilmen Helmin Caba and Fernando Irizarry had no comments.

Councilman Joel Pabon had remarks about some things he would like to see get done in town. “The benches are part of the BID’s budget. The benches returning will help our seniors.”

DPW Director Frank Hoff-

man noted that the reason that the benches were removed was because people were sleeping on them.

BID Coordinator Noelia Colon came up and stated, “There are funds. They were removed because people were sleeping on them. When we replace the benches, they are going to have a divider on them. Since Covid hit, we had other priorities. This is part of the NPP project. There’s no time-frame on that project.”

Hoffman informed the council that the benches were moved and placed in different areas of parks.

Councilman Joel Pabon asked, “When is the opening of city hall? We fixed the front of city hall. There is Plexiglas so the workers are protected. We have a police officer there. Why can’t we have people going in there? I see no reason why we don’t open. There are foods coming from the federal government. We go to the schools to get food. Churches are giving out food. There are so many people involved in giving out the food. Everyone should be grateful for the food given to them.

Pabon added, “The election is coming up. Everyone knows how I feel about the decision made by the governor. People should have a choice. There was over 26,000 ballots that were sent out (in Perth Amboy) and less than 7,000 were returned. There’s still people out there who didn’t get their ballots. There’s a lot of issues. Don’t get discouraged. There will be only 5 polls open (in Perth Amboy). It’s easier to fill out your ballots than going to the polls. The county can do more to help us.” Pabon continued, “What’s the update on the construction on Convery Boulevard?”

Interim Business Administrator Patricia Perkins stated she had no update at this time.

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch stated that all registered voters received ballots. The polling information centers for Middlesex County are in Sayreville, Highland Park, and Old Bridge.

Councilwoman Milady Tejada stated, “It is very dark. Everyone out on Halloween be safe. Be careful.”

Council President Bill Petrick gave his remarks, “Be safe. Still wear a Covid-safe mask. The governor mandated everyone (registered voters) in New Jersey to receive a mail-in ballot. You were mailed your ballot at your last address the Board of Elections has written down for you. Those going to the polls are not going to be able to vote on the machine unless you are handicapped. You will be given a provisional ballot and you will be given the opportunity to vote on paper. You can take it (your mail-in ballot) to the Board of Elections or any post office. As long as the polls are open you can take it to the polling place.”

It was noted that Perth Amboy residents can take their ballots to the dropbox at the police station. Your vote-by-mail must be in the dropbox by 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020. At 8 p.m. the dropbox will be emptied for the last time.

Petrick concluded the meeting with, “Be safe.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. All council members were present.

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BID Policies Questioned, Police Stats Presented, Business Administrator Not Approved

10/28/20 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
& Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – The Council Meeting began with public comments on agenda items only.

Resident Vince Mackiel came up and spoke about his appointment to the Rent Leveling Board. He asked why he was appointed to December 31, 2020.

Law Director Peter King explained, “The two-year term is for an unexpired term. You will be reappointed by the Mayor with the Council’s consent for two more years in January.” King informed Mackiel that the terms should be staggered so everyone won’t expire at once. “We are putting a packet together with Robert’s Rules and regulations and will go through requirements. I volunteered to be this board’s lawyer as well. The person calling you will be Ken Ortiz.”

The next person to speak was resident Jeremy Baratta who spoke on R-411 (NPP Covid-19 Grant). “I talked to you on Monday. Today the BID put out a notice about the application for the grant at 11 a.m. The BID is giving less than 48 hours to businessowners of this grant deadline. There is a constant lack of planning and ultimately oversight. You guys should not give the administration a blank check. You give control of this money to this administration and that money will be gone. You will have no say with money being handled. Any contracts or grants the council has the final say. You ask questions. You vote on it. There is no way this should be any different. All grants need to be voted on by the council and discussed openly.”

Petrick asked, “How can we control the finances?”

Law Director Peter King said, “You approved the grant. This is to accept the money. This would be an administrative function. All of these items on the agenda – how it’s approved – one is for renter’s assistance for business owners. The administration can give you a list of who gets the grant. The council is busy enough. I think it is unfair to you. I think it is enough for you to look at them. Those documents will be public.”

The Hearing of the Citizens was next. Jeremy Baratta, Managing Member of J. Baratta Industries gave a presentation on his views of the BID Operations and Budget.

“Yesterday there was a grand opening of a business. There was a certificate of code compliance on the wall from Code Enforcement. This is the quality of businessowners of what we spent. Nobody is checking anything. They (the new business) don’t even have a license to operate. The city is sitting on \$400,000 cash. I don’t understand how a person can work in a civil service position classified in the city, works for and is paid by the city. She is employed as Executive Assistant but is the Executive Director. I am not an expert on civil service rules. The Executive Director cost the city \$105,000.



Jeremy Baratta, Managing Member of J. Baratta Industries spoke about the BID operations and budget.

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*

As a person who goes through the city - it’s what the BID costs and what the city gets. It’s insane – the mismanagement. It’s in the budget \$30,000 for an assistant. That’s more than half the BID’s budget for an assistant. It’s \$95,000 for administrative costs; \$10,000 additional for fringe benefits and \$30,000 for part-time clerical support. The city pays \$135,000 for the Director. I see the same businesses that get paid year after year. I checked some businesses and they do not exist. Now - two OPRA requests and two lawsuits from me. I did not get one piece of paper until the lawsuit was served. This board does nothing but tax businessowners. You have no businessowners say something good about the BID. Vote to end the BID. Use the money for anything other than the BID. Code Compliance was issued to a business without a business license. It’s not about the business – it’s about how the BID Director operates. They (the new business) have a C/O (Certificate of Occupancy) while not being properly licensed. I’ve been in business for 20 years. She (the BID Director) knows nothing about this stuff, but we pay her \$135,000 plus \$30,000 yearly.”

Councilman Joel Pabon could not understand why Baratta would fault the BID if Code Enforcement issued a license for the business to open up.

After Baratta concluded his presentation, Police Chief Roman McKeon came up to give a crime report. “Crime stats don’t always tell the whole story. I’ve been hearing how we are riddled with crime and it’s an unsafe city. This is not true. With Covid, we were down. Our crime rate as opposed to last year is down by 30%. I broke it down for the last 4 months. Covid restrictions were lessened and people went back to work. There were 18,000 calls where officers went to assist citizens for different things. The surge in crime is not true. During the 4-month time-frame, there was one homicide in Harbortown. The suspect was identified immediately. They (suspect and victim) knew each other. During the same time-frame, the homicide was the first one in 3 years. That’s 1 homicide in a 3-year period. There were 9 calls of shots fired; 5 calls were unfounded; 4 were pinpointed as 2 different groups of people: 1 from Perth Amboy; others were

an out-of-town group from Paterson. They were from a gang. They were attacking a (specific) group of (not so reputable) people. Arrests were made and not one shot was fired. Since these people are in jail, there has been no shooting or stabbing in the month of October. There was reports of 2 stabbings in a 4-month period. 1 was unfounded; the other – they knew each other. Sexual assaults – that person was identified, and he has been arrested. There were 6 reports of sexual assaults – 3 were reported and they happened a decade ago (not current). The other 3 were by people they knew – they were not people running around killing people. In October, there were: 0 robberies; 0 incidents involving guns or knives; 2 burglaries (no force); 3 motor vehicles stolen; 18 assaults (no weapons - just punches being thrown). I don’t think the Covid had anything to do with affecting the crime stats. It’s just the police doing their job. We are blessed.”

Council President Bill Petrick asked McKeon for a police report from last year in order to compare the stats from the same time-frame in 2019 and 2020.

Petrick then requested that Police Chief McKeon stay at the mic to give an explanation about why the software Benchmark Analytics, LLC is needed.

Chief McKeon explained, “We are still using Excel spreadsheets for documents (when use of force happened). We had a meeting with the prosecutor’s office. We talked about the documentation of the use of force. We actually have a (handwritten) logbook to write in a case. With the software, it’s easier. It will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars. If we can identify an officer (who has a pattern of using force) he/she can get retrained. It will be a better police department. The program alerts you of trends. This is a system that the attorney general’s office uses. The information more than offsets the cost. I recommend we get this program.”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “We want to see the results that is money well spent.”

Chief McKeon said, “This will bring us to the 21st Century.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry asked, “Why don’t we share the information with the city?”

McKeon answered, “All of the information goes to the pros-



Council President Bill Petrick presides over the Council Meeting

ecutor’s office. Only they can release them.”

Irizarry asked, “The Perth Amboy Police Department makes information available – the officers’ explicit policy. Say a police officer goes to make an arrest, will it be used against him (use of force) – then he lets him go.”

McKeon answered, “Then they will be held accountable for not doing a good job.”

Irizarry then added, “The proposal to the Perth Amboy Police Department – the Benchmark Analytics, LLC was proposed by dedicated professionals. Because we held a badge – we know. The people who held this certification – did not know what they were doing.”

McKeon answered, “The Benchmark Analytics – the officer in charge – Lt. McKeon (no relation) knows what she is doing.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “The use of force – when that goes to records – it can be so many things. The first thing that comes to people’s minds is the officer is at fault.”

McKeon agreed, “The use of force – we check bodycams. If the use of force is necessary - we document that.”

Councilman Pabon then said, “At least people know the truth. We used to go to the blog. There has to be a way for the people know what the truth is.”

McKeon said, “You can’t make it public information. We have a right to protect the victims.”

Pabon suggested a compromise between informing the public and police confidentiality, “Something to let residents know when incidents happen and the results – it doesn’t have to be detailed.”

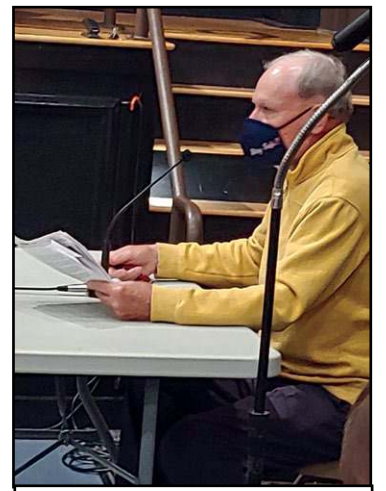
McKeon explained that the prosecutor’s office puts out a report when the case is closed.

Pabon said, “Just a blog so people know this incident occurred, and people were apprehended.”

McKeon said, “Maybe we can compromise. People are quick to believe the non-truth.”

Councilman Helmin Caba said, “I get your answer. There’s no transparency with this administration. It’s embarrassing when a resident tells me information I never knew about.”

Council President Petrick asked McKeon if the PAPD has a gang unit. McKeon stated that the entire department is trained in it and there are 3 officers who



Resident Vince Mackiel spoke about his appointment to the Rent Leveling Board

specialize in handling gangs.

BID Coordinator Noelia Colon and BID Chair Barry Rosengarten came up to present the BID budget. Colon spoke first, “The BID does not do enforcement. Code Enforcement does that. The NPP (Neighborhood Preservation Program) grant – yes, the announcement was made today. That was the earliest we could have that announcement made. We try to make sure the businesses can get out funding. If they are eligible, they can apply. The BID has nothing to do with these funds other than advertise. The BID is not administering these funds.” Noelia turned to answer to some of Baratta’s previous remarks. “Just because I am not a businessowner does not make me unqualified. The actual ordinance is “BID Coordinator”, but the board is, “Executive Director”. That is up to the board.”

Council President Petrick interjected, “That is a civil service title to protect your civil service rights.”

Colon continued, “The BID Coordinator is also supposed to have a field representative, but the city of Perth Amboy always is covered by the BID budget line. The prior administration stated we no longer need that representative. I had an intern. Those OPRA’d items that (Baratta) requested preceded my time. The others were able to be as requested. Over the course of years, the BID has developed a surplus. I looked into spending those funds on various projects.”

BID Chair Barry Rosengarten spoke next. “Thank you for listening to a phenomenal executive and the phenomenal job she has done for the BID. I’m proud of Noelia. She works hard for the Board and the BID. We have fulfilled our promise to you – the budget is on time. The excess we have - we don’t have the luxury of it use it or lose it. We have used some of our funds on litigation. We have expended a heinous amount of time, energy, and effort to provide all the information for no reason asked for.”

Noelia Colon added, “The draft of the annual report - \$247,650 tax levy – the BID unexpended funds that are already approved. The use of these funds are discussed openly. On Tuesday, November 17, 2020

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there will be an open meeting.”

Colon then addressed the \$105,000 salary quoted her has having, "Benefits are included in that amount."

Colon explained that the funds were used for downtown beautification, street sweepers, and maintaining planters. There is \$5,000 of monies for the façade program. The applicants have to meet certain criteria. The BID also has a clean team and they give the city \$5,000 to offset the cost of their salaries. \$12,000 is allocated for marketing and promotions. Eight businesses received relief grants from the CDBG and the BID combined."

Colon continued, "The litigation costs \$30,000 and the funding is not intended to be used like that. The 2020 funding is \$150,000 for small business relief grant."

Councilman Pabon asked, "Is there a vision for our town somewhere? When is the last time you walked downtown? The sidewalks are bumpy. The lighting is an issue."

Colon answered, "There is an economic development plan including a transit village."

Pabon said, "Those are unrealistic. Something that could be done now."

Colon stated the NPP grant is an annual amount of \$100,000 and meant for the downtown district. "We talked about small things as our first priority. This is for Year One referring to the sidewalk program. The gum-buster program is to clean up unsightly streets. We are looking to have the benches replaced (with a divider so people can't sleep on them). We also sat down and talked with the DPW about tree wells which are easier to collect water and clean. We talked about replacing the fountain on the 5 Corners."

BID Chair Barry Rosengarten

then added, "We had several different ideas and have implemented none of them. The Covid has a lot to do with it. It's not the BID's responsibility to clean up in front of businesses – it's the businessowner. We did this 3 times in the past."

Pabon said, "It comes back to us. At the end of the day, it's us."

Councilman Helmin Caba added, "The BID has \$400,000 in the bank, yet our downtown still has graffiti. Graffiti has been there for so many years."

Rosengarten said, "The day graffiti was announced on a building, it was removed. If we know an area that has graffiti, we will address it."

Council President Petrick said, "We would like to see the park benches come back with dividers. We can change the lights. Good lighting is something attractive. It can be done now."

Colon stated that to replace the present lights with LED's would cost over \$30,000 a month to maintain.

Law Director Peter King reminded everyone that the poles are owned by PSEG.

For the consent agenda, R-408 thru R-423 & R-425 thru R-435 was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Pabon. All voted yes.

R-424-10/20 – Consenting to the extension of the appointment of Patricia Perkins as Interim Business Administrator for the City of Perth Amboy for a period no longer than sixty (60) days from November 2, 2020.

By the suggestion of Irizarry, R-424 was pulled to be voted on separately. It was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Pabon. The voting went as follows. Councilman Caba had a statement to make before voting on the resolution. "Ms. Perkins is a very nice, respectable person. This appointment was clearly politically motivated. The mayor got rid of the previous

business administrator without informing the council. Eleven B.A.'s over twelve years. Clearly politically motivated. I still have my old keys to city hall. She changed all the locks in city hall and decided to change the alarm code not notifying the council. I'm sure the mayor is going to make this into a political spin. I vote "No,""

Fernando Irizarry, Milady Tejeda, and Bill Petrick all voted, "No". Joel Pabon voted, "Yes". 4-1 R-424 does not pass.

Law Director Peter King said, "The city needs a Business Administrator. Your code requires you to have an administrator."

Council President Petrick said, "When the mayor dismissed Mr. Carr (the previous B.A.), did you know?"

King answered, "She (Mayor Diaz) told me afterwards. She (Mayor Diaz) was not breaking the law."

Petrick said, "She did it without an explanation. She was supposed to notify the council and the person she is dismissing 20 days ahead."

Councilman Irizarry said, "My decision is not political."

Council President Petrick said, "My decision is not political. It is a decision on competency and experience."

Resolution R-436-10/20 – Authorizing an agreement with Middlesex County for funds in the amount of \$13,800.00 from the PY 2020 HUD Emergency Solutions Grant COVID-19 (ESG-CV) Funding.

R-436 was moved by Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Milady Tejeda. All voted "Yes". Public Portion:

Resident and Businessowner Jeremy Baratta came up to the mic first to speak about the council's decision to not keep the business administrator. "You voted – end of discussion. The Faulkner Act must have a provision to appoint a B.A. You guys were elected to do a job

– end of discussion." Baratta turned his attention to the BID. "The flyer (BID report) – no work provided – no quality. Revitalizing and Enhancing the (it was blank on the flyer). I am the only businessowner to come to a meeting. It's just poor planning. She (Colon) didn't know what was coming. You cannot be a Director in civil service employee. Why does she (Colon) need an assistant? Don't forget she's Wilda's pet! Meeting minimum standards is to be rewarded (referring to handing the BID budget in on time). The BID has \$400,000 in the bank."

Attorney JB Vas came up to speak next, "I'm happy to read positive change. The Rent Leveling Board has been inactive for 12 years. The police chief was discussing crime stats today. These issues that were raised now are because of lack of transparency. There have been a number of complaints and issues with ballot tampering. I asked about it (ballot tampering regarding ballots) one on Sheridan Street and one on State Street. Is the city council being apprised of this tampering? Her (Diaz's) campaign manager is an acting captain (in the PAPD – Paul Cannamela). It's scary. Are these allegations going to be addressed? It's been election day every day. I received a bag – with masks and Pural (hand sanitizer). Who is paying for this? She's (Diaz) been handing out a lot of food – and she is not paying for it. There is a flyer talking about the top 10 tenant rights – it's propaganda. #7 – New Jersey has no statewide rent control. The most a landlord can raise rent is 5%. Not true after Candyland. She touts how we are the only town with a Rent Leveling Board. We pushed her to do this. What is going to be done about election day and the politicization of the police department?"

Law Director Peter King asked, "Does anything (in the bag) say "Vote for anyone?"

JB Vas answered, "No."

King stated that if the bag contained no voting material, it is okay."

Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up to speak, "On Monday we handed out 50 bags. There were 1,000 bags passed out altogether. They came from the Rec Department. The Recreation Department requested our (the Fire Department) in helping distribute the bags."

Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak next. He began speaking about a Covid vaccine being available in 2021.

Council President Petrick interrupted Mackiel stating that right now there is no vaccine, and he should not be stating information because there is none yet. Petrick stated that people will think we can get one now, and we can't give out medical advice.

Mackiel said he was reading an article from the Home News Tribune about plans for Covid vaccine distribution once it is approved (hopefully in 2021).

Mackiel stated that he wants everyone to think positively. "We are the most fearful nation

on earth. Leave outside politics. We need to expand medical facilities in this town."

Council Comments:

Councilman Helmin Caba said, "The Covid numbers are rising. Please be careful. Parents – take care of your children. Make sure they are not out after curfew."

Councilman Ferando Irizarry said, "I would encourage everyone who received a ballot – send it out ASAP. I would like to ask the clerk some questions. Someone who has gotten a ballot – who can this be given to?"

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch answered, "You can go to the Board of Elections in New Brunswick and there are voter information centers." It was noted there are 3 local voter information centers: one in Highland Park, Old Bridge, and Sayreville. They are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. On election day (November 3, 2020), they will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. according to Kupsch.

Irizarry stated, "If you are a registered voter and if you call – they are not answering. If you go to the polls to vote – you vote on a provisional ballot. There is information on the state and county websites."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "It's really a shame in Perth Amboy – a possibility of a run-off. A number of people do not speak the language. Why Sayreville and not Perth Amboy? The governor and the county has not helped us much either. If you have to get to the polls and fill out a provisional ballot – don't give up."

Councilman Irizarry said, "You can mail it (your ballot) or take it to a dropbox or a polling place until 8 p.m. (on November 3, 2020)."

Pabon added, "I wish all the candidates the best of luck. By the next meeting, we will hopefully have results."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda spoke next, "I want to thank everyone. I want to wish everyone luck. Perth Amboy has to make a decision. The only way you can make a change to the town and our nation is by voting. Do what you think is the best for the town. Make a safe Halloween for everyone."

Council President Bill Petrick said, "I want to thank everyone out in TV-Land. Everyone (registered voters) in New Jersey got a mail-in ballot. Put it in the Police Station dropbox. It is open until 8 a.m. on election night (November 3, 2020). I wish all the candidates the best of luck to them all."

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m. All council members were present.

Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Learning Garden Wraps Up Its Sixth Season With 185 Pounds of Produce

Press Release 10/26/20

PERTH AMBOY, NJ – Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy is wrapping up its sixth season of its Learning Garden. To date, the Learning Garden has harvested 185 pounds of produce that has been given to Raritan Bay Medical Center patients or patrons of Peter's Pantry in Perth Amboy.

"With the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we felt strongly in the beginning of the season to grow a variety of nutritious vegetable and herbs and to provide them to those in need locally," said Thomas Shanahan, chief hospital executive, Raritan Bay Medical Center.

The Learning Garden produces various different produce including, asparagus, basil, beans, kale, potatoes, turnips, beets, cabbage, chives, dill, squash, spinach, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cantaloupe, carrots,



cauliflower, collards, cucumbers, lettuce, onions, parsley, pepper, sage, tomatoes, and much more.

In addition, The Learning Garden has programs that focus on educating the community and Raritan Bay Medical Center team members about the benefits of organic container gardening and the nutritional and medicinal value of fresh produce.

Raritan Bay Medical Center's Nina Regevik, M.D., FACP, ABIHM, medical director, Integrative Health and select community partners work together to provide education. Assisting the Learning Garden is garden expert, Alan DeFalco.

For more information about Raritan Bay Medical Center, please visit www.rbmc.org.

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Breast Cancer Awareness Flag Raising Ceremony, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy 10/23/20

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Noelia Colon
Executive Director
BID



One of many signs on display



Dr. Cynthia Vuittonet,
Chief Medical Officer
JPMC



John T. O'Leary
CEO JPMC



Sherrie Goldberg
Director of Community
& Family Services JRF



Mayor Wilda Diaz



Mayor Wilda Diaz (C) presents a Proclamation to Sherrie Goldberg (L) & Dr. Cynthia Vuittonet (R)



Breast Cancer Awareness
T-Shirt from the PAFD



Raising the Breast
Cancer Awareness Flag



Group Photo to show support for Breast Cancer
Awareness

QSAC Scores, Teachers Concerns on Virtual Learning Among Topics Discussed
10/15/20 Board of Education Meeting via Phone Conference

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – The Meeting opened with a presentation by Superintendent Dr. David Roman and Assistant Dr. Vivian Rodriguez on the NJQSAC (New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum), the Graduation Report, and the Biliteracy Report.

Dr. Vivian Rodriguez stated that every 3 years the district is evaluated by State DPE (Department of Education) and that the Perth Amboy District did not pass by 2 points. The District Improvement Plan was given for the next 6 months to improve the curriculum and instruction score (in the science program). “The State does change along the way. One change is now the science scores count.” (They didn’t in the past).

Dr. David Roman was pleased to announce that the graduation rates are up every single year. For the 2019-2020 school year, 512 students graduated high school in four years.

Of these students, 222 passed the NJSLA, 82 passed by alternative assessment, 196 passed through portfolio assessment, and 12 passed through IFP. It was noted that in the following school years, the graduation rate steadily increased: 2016-2017 – 75.9%; 2017-2018 – 80.1%; 2018-2019 82.6%; 2019-2020 – 83%.

Dr. Roman stated the trend is positive. He also stated that in 2020, 274 students received the Seal of Biliteracy on their diploma. Dr. Vivian Rodriguez noted that this achievement is something the students will have their whole career for the rest of their life.

Board President Tashi Vazquez added her comments to the discussion, “It’s important

to be transparent with the public where we stand. We will be as honest and fair as possible.”

The Board went into closed session at 6:02 p.m. They came back at 7:11 p.m. There was only one public portion where anyone can discuss agenda or non-agenda items.

The first person to speak was District Representative for The Perth Amboy Federation Lynn Audett. “There is a lack of communication with our staff. I want to be clear this is not at all due to Covid. The lack of communication was in this district. We want to be a part of the decision-making process. If there are decisions to be made, include staff members and the AFT in the process. We should not have to fight for this.”

Perth Amboy AFT President Pat Paradiso spoke next. “Teaching remotely is difficult. No administrator has tried to teach remotely during the pandemic. Preschool has unfinished assignments during the day. Elementary School Teachers advocate for early dismissal. Teachers should not have to take personal days to catch up on work. We need to make the school day more manageable.

It was noted by the PA-AFT Representatives that they feel as if teachers were being punished. The next speaker was a woman who was a mother of twins with special needs currently enrolled in Kindergarten. Her number was blocked, but she said what the last 4 digits were. “My son is enrolled in the Richardson School. His needs are being overlooked. What these children who have been classified – it doesn’t work for them. That needed to be pointed out.”

Dr. David Roman said, “Transparency, clarity – it appears that indicated they asked

the Board Members for experts. The lack of procedures – ask to go to our principals. To ensure clarity, we shall send a another note to some individuals who are not communicating.”

Assistant Superintendent Delvis Rodriguez stated, “We have sent them out to schools on October 7th and will on October 21st.”

Dr. David Roman said, “I cannot allow incorrect information to stand. There is inclusion in groups.”

Dr. Vivian Rodriguez added, “A committee was created during the summer.”

Dr. Roman said, “You are painting a picture that there is no communication. No administrator has been involved in remote teaching. No administrator has experience with a pandemic before. When we talked about punishing teachers – the elementary teachers are asked to do tutoring in the morning. PreK has one hour of teaching, tutoring the students that need help. I don’t know how that’s punishment (1-hour day). All contractual hours are there.”

Dr. Vivian Rodriguez said, “The program we have as teachers are not punishment. The time is to enrich. The students that need extra help – it’s a wonderful opportunity. It’s for one hour during the day. You have a 45-minute prep and a 45-minute lunch.”

Dr. Roman said, “I am speaking of the parent who was so eloquent, the mother of the special education student. What should students do? More teachers of special needs students are needed so teachers can teach one-on-one and offer support to parents.”

Dr. Vivian Rodriguez said, “On an elementary level, all

teachers will have to learn at the same time – prep in the afternoon and go tutor children when the art, music, technology classes are. They will be able to tutor the kids to receive the extra help.”

Dr. Roman said, “I hear you. I see you. We have plans for you. All teachers – you feel you don’t have a voice.”

Board President Tashi Vazquez said, “We hear your concerns: parents, teachers, students, staff members. Things are going to change. We have to adjust together. Whether you are a preschool teacher or a high school teacher. All staff members are putting in extra hours. We will continue to work as needed.”

There were some concerns about the progress being made on the new high school. Dr. David Roman assured everyone that they were right on schedule. “We are meeting with the SDA every other week. We are exactly where we need to be. We looked at an infrastructure in the community.”

Board Vice President Junior Iglesia noted that the SDA is providing \$283 million for the new high school and for providing the district with an emergency plan. “When the high school is completed, it’s going to be the biggest building in the community.”

Dr. Roman stated, “This is teamwork!”

Another discussion took place regarding lunches provided to the students. There was an item on the agenda with a federal mandate to raise the price on school lunches in response to inflation and the current pandemic. Dr. Roman stated that no one should have to pay for school lunches in this world.

Board Vice President Junior Iglesia asked if the Board could

subsidize this.

Board Attorney Isabel Machado answered, “We can take a look at it.”

Dr. David Roman agreed with Iglesia that it is difficult to raise the price of food for everybody, especially for children. “If we can (subsidize the program), we will.”

Board President Vazquez noted that 70,000 meals were distributed this summer and over 100,000 this year. She thanked everyone who helped distribute those meals.

Dr. Roman said, “Our food program will be open in all locations. We wish to add locations to give food.”

For old business, Board Member Dianne Roman reminded everyone that the construction on the academies work was being done in the courtyard. “We are exactly where we need to be. It’s going to be phenomenal for our children.”

It was noted by Board Secretary Derek Jess that the date of completion will be early January.

Dr. Roman noted that students will receive college credit for courses completed in the academies.

Board Member Dianne Roman stated the mental health of our students is suffering.

Dr. David Roman stated, “We are looking at November 19th (in-school classes) to come back. November 18th is the end of the marking period.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. The Board went into another executive session after adjournment. Board Members Maria Rodriguez and Jesus Martinez were absent (excused).

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.

The Allied-controlled, Japanese passenger ship *Hikawa Maru* on November 2, 1945, departs Wake Island in the Pacific after embarking 1,000 Japanese troops for repatriation to their homeland. Anti-Jewish “Balfour Day” riots break out in Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine on the 28th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. Issued by the British government in 1917, the declaration announced support for the establishment of a “national home for the Jewish people” in Palestine. (Arthur Balfour was the United Kingdom’s Foreign Secretary at the time.) In Alexandria and Cairo, Egypt, Jews and Jewish businesses are attacked. A synagogue in Cairo is torched, nine people are reported killed and over 500 are injured.

Hungary on November 3 holds general elections that result in an absolute majority for the anti-Communist Smallholders’ Party, led by Zoltán Tildy; Communists win only 17% of the available seats. Prime Minister Tildy forms a coalition government but must deal with an economic crisis due to wartime destruction, serious food shortages, rampant inflation and Soviet requisitions.

The Japanese ocean liner *Hikawa Maru* stops at Kusaie, Caroline Islands, on November 4 and embarks more Japanese personnel for repatriation. In British-controlled Tripolitania, western Libya, Libyan Muslims turn on Libyan Jews, killing over 140 and injuring many more. The riots — the most violent against Jews in North Africa in modern times — may have been triggered by the “Balfour Day” protests in the Middle East two days earlier. Nine synagogues are destroyed, as well as hundreds of Jewish-owned homes and buildings. British troops fire on the rioters in an attempt to restore order, and 500 are arrested over the next two days.

In the U.K., 43,000 dockworkers end their unofficial seven-week-long strike on November 5. Colombia joins the United Nations. Trials begin in Delhi for Indians accused of collaborating with the Japanese.

Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov on November 6 announces that the U.S.S.R. will soon have the atomic bomb.

The U.S. Navy on November 7 decommissions *USS Sable* and *USS Wolverine*, two fresh-water aircraft carriers that were stationed in the Great Lakes to train naval aviators on carrier-based take-offs and landings. Over England, RAF Group Capt. Hugh Wilson becomes the first man to go faster than 600 miles per hour, flying a Gloster Meteor jet fighter. His speed reaches 606.38 miles per hour.

In northeastern China, Nationalist troops on November 8 launch an offensive against Communist positions in the coastal province of Liaoning. In the Netherlands East Indies, Maj. Gen. E.C. Mansergh, the commander of British security forces in Surabaya, East Java, orders all Indonesians to lay down their arms by 6 a.m. the next morning “or face all the naval, army and air forces under my command.” Sukarno, president of the unrecognized Indonesian Republic, requests President Truman and British Prime Minister Attlee to intervene “to prevent bloodshed.” Regular civilian air traffic resumes between London and New York. In Bucharest, Romania, fighting among Romanian troops, communists and monarchists results in 13 deaths and almost 100 injuries.

USS Marlin, a submarine that patrolled the waters off the northeastern U.S. for the entire war, is decommissioned on November 9, 1945, at the Boston Navy Yard. The sub was featured (as *USS Corsair*) in the 1943 war film *Crash Dive*, starring Tyrone Power, Dana Andrews and Anne Baxter. In Bulgaria, martial law ends, and demobilization of its armed forces begins.

The Soviet Union and the Western Allies on November 10 recognize the Communist-dominated government of Albania under Gen. Enver Hoxha, who has been elected premier. The Battle of Surabaya, Netherlands East Indies, begins as British and British Indian troops methodically advance through the city under cover of naval and aerial bombardment. Fighting against Indonesian republican militia is heavy, but the British control half the city by November 13.

In Yugoslavia, Marshal Josip Broz Tito and the People’s Front win an 85% majority in the nation’s assembly in elections held on November 11. In Hanoi, the Indochinese Communist Party dissolves itself “in order to destroy all misunderstandings . . . that can hinder the liberation” of Vietnam.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull on November 12 wins the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in establishing the United Nations. The Institute of France awards former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill a gold medal for his activities during the War. Receiving no reply to its request for help from either President Truman or Prime Minister Attlee, the Indonesian republican government asks the Soviet Union to mediate in the conflict between the Indonesians and the British and the Dutch. British warships shell Indonesian positions in Surabaya.

On November 13, Gen. Charles de Gaulle is unanimously elected head of the French Provisional Government. The British government announces that pre-war limits on Jewish immigration to Palestine will remain in force, with total legal immigrants for 1945 capped at 13,000.

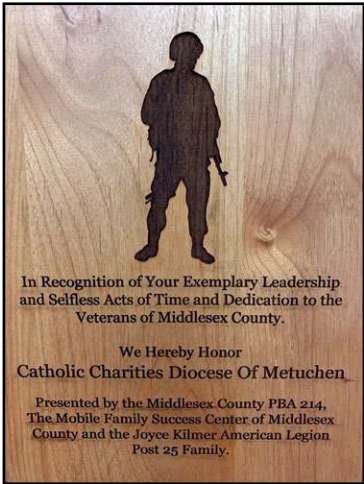
In China, Nationalist troops attack toward the Shanhai Pass of the Great Wall in the northeast on November 14. In the U.K., at Widnes, near Liverpool, a Lockheed YP-80A “Shooting Star” jet aircraft suffers engine failure and crashes while landing during a test flight.

On November 15, U.S. President Harry Truman, British Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Canadian Premier William Lyon Mackenzie King share nuclear information with the United Nations and call for establishment of a United Nations Atomic Energy Commission. In Manchuria, the Chinese Nationalists launch an offensive to stop further infiltrations and incursions by the Chinese Communists into the area.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen honored for Leadership and Selfless Acts of Time and Dedication to the Veterans of Middlesex County

Press Release
MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The first annual Middlesex County Veterans Award Breakfast took place on October 17th at 11AM. Originally scheduled for April, the program was held outdoors, by invitation only, to abide by COVID-19 guidelines at the American Legion Joyce Kilmer Post 25 Pavilion located at 4J F Kennedy Drive, Milltown, NJ 08850. The Veterans Awards Breakfast was a tribute to all veterans regardless of their military branch. Service providers who have given exemplary service and advocacy to the veteran and military community were honored. Catholic Charities Acting Executive Director-Julio Coto was honored at this year's event for leadership and selfless acts of time and dedication to the veterans of Middlesex County.

Other awardees included: Middlesex County Freeholder Director- Ronald G. Rios, Veterans Diversion Program Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor-Brian Gillet, Veterans Diversion Program Mentors: Timothy Cohan, Rajesh Chopra, Cal Carlstrom, Rich Liebler, & Jai-



me Schleck, Middlesex County Veteran Services: Doug Breen, & Henry Busby, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 370- Robert Porter, South Plainfield Police Department-Jansen Ortiz, Sayreville Police Department: Chris Englebrecht, & David Wilkins Jr, Law Offices of Jay Weinberg-Jay Weinberg, Joyce Kilmer American Legion Post #25 Ladies Auxiliary, Woodbridge Elks, Rebuilding Warriors- Nancy Mullins, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2319, Milltown- Robert Kolesar, and Middlesex County Vicinage-Judge Phillip Lewis Paley.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen Certifies Clinicians in Statewide Evidence-Based Initiative

Press Release 10/28/20
PERTH AMBOY - Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen was recently recognized by the NJ Department of Human Services and Valerie L. Mielke, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, for its Agency’s work in the New Jersey Evidence-Based Practice Initiative: Opioid and other Substance Use Disorders; specifically in completing the initiative necessary to implement and sustain the evidence-based practices of Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Spanning nine months in duration, the initiative involved intensive training, coaching and administrative support. “We know that improved clinical staff skills are needed in practicing therapeutic approaches that will ensure outcomes meaningful to the people we serve and their families,” said Acting Executive Director Julio Coto. At the completion of the project, the majority of the clinical staff were certified as proficient in Motivational Interviewing and

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy - the number one successful approach in treating substance use disorders.

Substance use and misuse impacts individuals, families and communities, and opioid use continues to be a pervasive problem in New Jersey. This Evidence-Based Practice Initiative was designed to initiate or enhance clinical staff skills and agency delivery of evidence-based practices. Evidence-based practices have become a cornerstone in providing mental health care, helping to prevent the recurrence of substance use, and promoting sustained recovery.

Catholic Charities provided 40,000 hours of counseling and served more than 56,000 people in need last year in the Diocese of Metuchen. For more information about Catholic Charities programs and services, visit www.ccdom.org . Those wishing to support the work of Catholic Charities can make a donation online at www.ccdom.org/donate .



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DVD Review

Doctor Who: The Macra Terror & The Faceless Ones

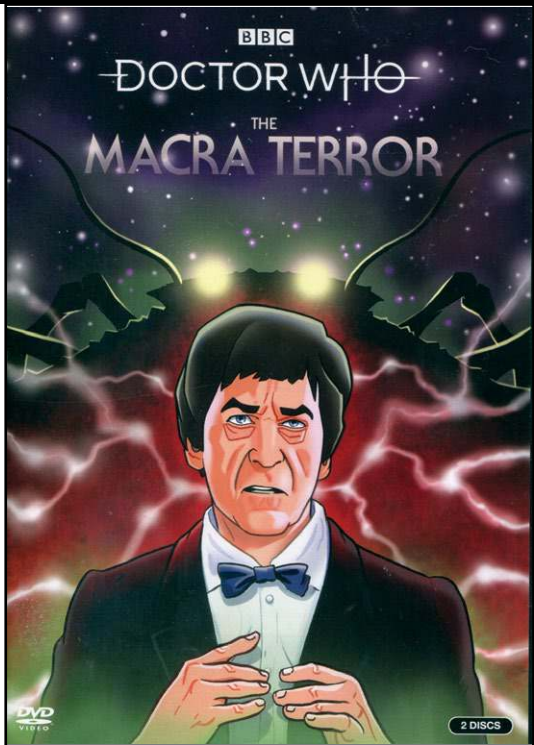
By: Anton Massopust III

Doctor Who is one of the longest running science fiction series ever. The Doctor has had many actors who have played him/her, including one woman (Jodie Whittaker). While the BBC continues to broadcast The Doctor's adventures with Jodie Whittaker (the latest Doctor), the Doctor continues his/her adventures on DVD and on audio CD's and the missing episodes on DVD.

You might ask why there are missing episodes of several William Hartnell's (the First Doctor) and Patrick Troughton (the Second Doctor) are still missing. It's because the BBC threw out (in the garbage) many of the original copies. The BBC never checked other parts of the world to see if anyone had an extra copy. This is the way the Doctor Who classic episodes are being saved.

We are looking at two of Patrick Troughton's Adventures, first: The Macro Terror. The Doctor and his companions: Jamie (Frazer Hines), Ben (Michael Craze), and Polly (Anneke Wills) journey to an earth colony far into the future. The colony is not what it seems and who is really running it. Humans are distracted by fun and games, but they are being deceived by giant crab creatures who enslave people by using mind control to make them docile in order to mine the gas they need for survival. It's up to The Doctor and his friends stop this.

The Faceless Ones is written by Malcolm Hulke, one of Doctor Who's best writers. The

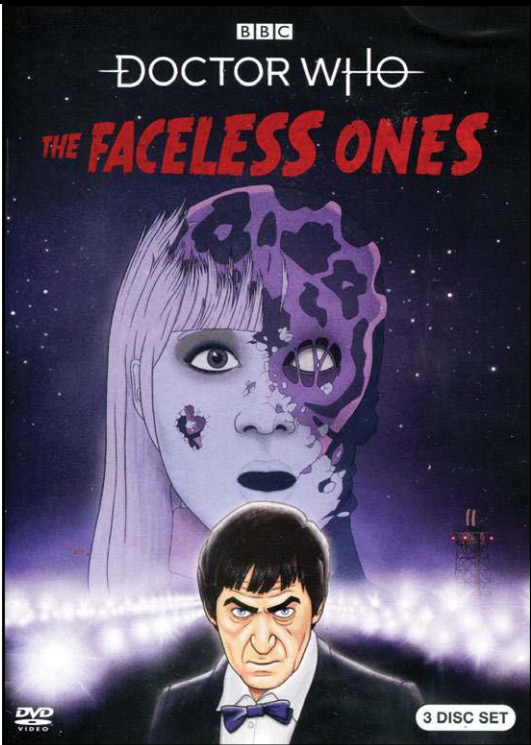


Doctor arrives in the 60s (the time period when Polly and Ben came from). In an airport, there is a group of mysterious aliens whose planet has been damaged. These aliens are replacing humans by these aliens in order to take over earth. Because of The Chameleon Tours (the name of their group). What does the Doctor try to do? His friends try to inform the authorities. When Polly mysteriously disappears, The Doctor eventually convinces the Commandant (Colin Gordon) the head of security in the airport that indeed there's aliens working out of Chameleon Tours.

Alien intrigue going on here. There is an alien spaceship in orbit around the earth that is taking airplanes and miniaturizing humans and putting them

into storage. It is up to The Doctor to impersonate one of them, make his way to the ship, rescue his companions and everyone his abducted and stop the aliens from taking over the earth.

The Faceless Ones only has as bits of the original episodes (video portion), but because of fans who wanted to re-experience Doctor Who back when there was no such thing as a DVD, many fans would audiotape them. That is why we have the original soundtrack to many of many of the lost episodes over the years. These fans gave the tapes to the BBC which would stay stored away many years. Eventually, the BBC used these tapes for animated story. Both The Macro Terror and The Faceless Ones are now fully animated with the original audio.



The Macro Terror has two versions: both black and white and color and there is plenty of extras.

There are a couple more episodes on the way to being restored by animation including Fury from the Deep (Patrick Troughton Episode). Doctor Who adventures continue in a giant story called: Time Lord: Victorious which include multiple Doctors throughout the years. It is available on Big Finish Audio and comic books from Titan Comics and Doctor Who Magazine.

There will be a new special out for this holiday season called Revolution of the Daleks (starring Jodie Whittaker). Enjoy.

Armato, Lopez & Johnson Bill Waiving Shared Responsibility Tax for Certain Uninsured Residents During Pandemic Passes Committee

Press Release 10/21/20

TRENTON – The COVID-19 pandemic has led to unprecedented job loss throughout the state, resulting in more than 1.6 million New Jersey residents filing for unemployment benefits since March. In recognition of the financial hardship many residents are facing, three Assembly Democrats sponsor legislation to waive the shared responsibility tax for certain residents.

Taxpayers are usually assessed the shared responsibility tax if they do not have health coverage or an approved exemption, as part of the state's implementation of healthcare policies mirroring the original Affordable Care Act.

Under the bill (A-4807), any taxpayer receiving unemployment benefits or experiencing a substantial loss of income would not have to pay the tax during the COVID-19 public health emergency during any month in which those qualifications apply.

Upon the legislation being advanced by the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee on Wednesday, Assembly sponsors John Armato (D-Atlantic), Yvonne Lopez (D-Middlesex) and Gordon Johnson (D-Bergen) issued the following joint statement:

"With an average of 20,000 to 30,000 New Jerseyans filing a new unemployment claim every week and thousands more continuing to receive unemployment benefits as a result of COVID-19, we cannot ignore the economic hardship this pandemic has imposed on our residents."

"Not only does losing one's job mean losing a steady income, but it often means losing one's health insurance as well. The current economic crisis limiting job opportunities means that many individuals are simply unable to acquire employer-provided insurance or afford any other insurance plan right now. We need to recognize that conundrum and waive this fee for eligible residents during the ongoing public health emergency."



Organization of Nurse Leaders of New Jersey Recognize Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center's Kathy Taylor with 2020 Professional Recognition Award

Press Release 10/19/20

PERTH AMBOY, N.J.— The Organization of Nurse Leaders of New Jersey (ONL NJ) announced that it has selected Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center's director of nursing organizational effectiveness, Kathy Taylor, DNP, RN, CCRN, CAPA, for its 2020 Professional Recognition Award. This award recognizes Kathy's nursing leadership on making a significant impact on nursing, with the Tree of Peace.

"Kathy goes well above the call of duty each day," said Jane O'Rourke, chief nursing officer, Raritan Bay Medical Center. "Her commitment to her team help enhance the level of care to our patients throughout the community."

In a busy unit, there are many things happening at the same time. While one patient and family may be celebrating their recovery and transfer off the unit, another patient may be in the process of passing away and the family is in mourning. Not all team members are aware when a patient has passed away

or when their passing is imminent.

The Critical Care nursing team came up with the idea of placing a battery-operated cherry blossom tree at the nurse's station. When a patient has passed, or their passing is imminent, the tree is lit. The moment a team member walks onto the unit, the lights of the tree are prominent, and they are immediately made aware that a patient is in the process of passing away. This causes the team member to pause and take a mindful moment to be respectful of what the family is going through.

The cherry blossom tree represents the fragility and the beauty of life. Although they do not last long, when they bloom, they bloom in brilliant force and this serves as a visual reminder of how precious and how precarious life is. It's a reminder that life is almost overwhelmingly beautiful but that it is also tragically short.

The Tree of Peace was initially trialed in the intensive care unit (ICU) and critical care unit (CCU) at Raritan Bay Medical

Center Perth Amboy and in ICU at Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge. It was so popular that the med-surg units requested that they also have the Tree. More Cherry Blossom Trees were ordered and are now in use at both divisions - all ICU, CCU, ED, Med-surg and telemetry units for a total of 13 units. The Tree of Peace is now in the process of being implemented throughout the Hackensack Meridian Health network.

"I'm honored to be selected to receive this award," said Kathy Taylor. "I want to especially thank Linda Lopazanski, MSN, RN, CCRN, nurse manager for critical care who originally came up with the Tree of Peace. The Tree of Peace is truly a team effort."

ONL NJ has been the professional organization for nursing leaders in their quest for a united voice in representing nursing administration and management in all practice settings and is inclusive of the engagement of all nurse leaders and aspiring nurse leaders in the state. ONL NJ is committed to ongoing



ing professional development, creating and sustaining formal and informal nursing mentorship opportunities at all levels, and mapping the future of safe patient care delivery in New Jersey. The Nursing Leadership Awards will be presented at a virtual ceremony on December 4, 2020.

Woodbridge Public Library

Events

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Consumer Fraud

WOODBIDGE - Presented by Melanie Hazim, Director of Community Outreach - NJ Division of Consumer Affairs. You will learn about current scams and how to stay alert and safe during these trying times. Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3nBuDM7>.

DIY Pens and Pendants

WOODBIDGE - Pick up the supplies for crafting activity from a location of your choice. Monday, November 9. Pick Up Available All Day Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3iX7YXg>

Sweet Treats: Desserts & Delicacies from the Garden State

WOODBIDGE - Explore a variety of “sweet” culinary traditions from the 18th and 19th centuries and consider how the treats we enjoy have changed. Presented by Hilary May of Museum of Early Trades and Crafts in Madison, NJ. Tuesday, November 10 at 7 p.m. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3dbCGKO>.

NJ Estate Tax Law, Wills, & Probate Seminar

WOODBIDGE - Join guest speaker Kenneth Vercammen, Managing Attorney from Kenneth Vercammen & Associates, for this comprehensive seminar. Monday, November 16 at 7 p.m. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/2SGYaG8>.

Book Talk : Afia Atakora

WOODBIDGE - Meet Colonia native, Afia Atakora, virtually over Zoom as she discusses her debut novel Conjure Women. . Get a look into how she researched the book, hear an excerpt, and ask her the questions you've been dying to ask about her riveting book. Tuesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3d5mPNR>

WPL Virtual Book & Movie Club

WOODBIDGE - Join us for a new, different kind of book club. Instead of reading one specific book - join us for an informal chat about the movies, books or tv shows you have seen or watched (binged watched) recently that you loved. Monday, November 30 at 7 p.m. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/34PqdJ4>.

The Woodbridge Public Library is located at George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ 07095. For more information, call 732-634-4450 ext.7117

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Votes for Women:

A Portrait of Persistence

Exhibition at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library

SOUTH AMBOY – Celebrate the centennial of women’s suffrage with commemorative posters on exhibition at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library. Organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the National Portrait Gallery. The project received support from the Smithsonian American Women’s History Initiative. [sites.si.edu](https://si.edu) For more information including library hours, call 732-721-6060 or go to www.dowdell.org. The Dowdell Library is located at 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

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Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to Harrah’s Atlantic City, Tuesday, November 10. Cost is \$40 and \$10 back in play. Seating is limited. Bus leaves Church (625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn) parking lot at 10:00 am. Any questions please call Connie at 732-442-4978.

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, November 5, 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.

2020 Holocaust Remembrance Project

SOUTH AMBOY - Collegium Musicum presents the 2020 Holocaust Remembrance Project with a Virtual Concert on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The concert features music, arts and poetry from Theresienstadt (Terezin Concentration Camp 1941-1945. Zoom Meeting ID: 81958739510 Password: 192079


This event is free and open to the public. For information email comments@dowdell.org or call 732-721-6060.

Attn: If Your Club changes its Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice!

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Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church Pirohi Sale. We are making Potato/Cheese & Jalapeno Cheddar they are \$9.00 a dozen and are Frozen. Orders may be placed by calling (732) 826-7067 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on November 16th & 17th call early before the orders are filled. Pick up for the orders will be Monday November 23, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ.



Halloween Festival Rescheduled

SOUTH AMBOY - Updated 10/29/2020 - Due to inclement weather, the YMCA's Outdoor Halloween Festival has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 5, 2020 at the South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T O'Leary Blvd., from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be pumpkin painting, games, an obstacle course and much more. Outdoor event only. The costume parade begins at 5:30 p.m., and a movie screening of “Scared Shrekless” will start at 6 p.m.



Clothing Bin Now Open

SAYREVILLE - The Clothing Recycling Bin located at First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville, 172 Main Street, across from Borough Hall has been reopened for donations. With ART, the recycling company, one may donate in 3 ways:


- 1.) Usable clothing is donated directly to the needy.
- 2.) High-quality clothing is given to organizations that sell to those who cannot afford new clothing.
- 3.) Unusable clothing is washed and sold for industrial use and leftovers are used in the auto industry as seat stuffing for large trucks. They also help charities, schools, police departments, fire departments and non-profit organizations.

If you have clothes, shoes or other fabrics please consider using our recycling bin. Thank You.

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For more information contact the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library: email: comments@dowdell.org or go to www.dowdell.org



Friends of the Perth Amboy Library Book Sale

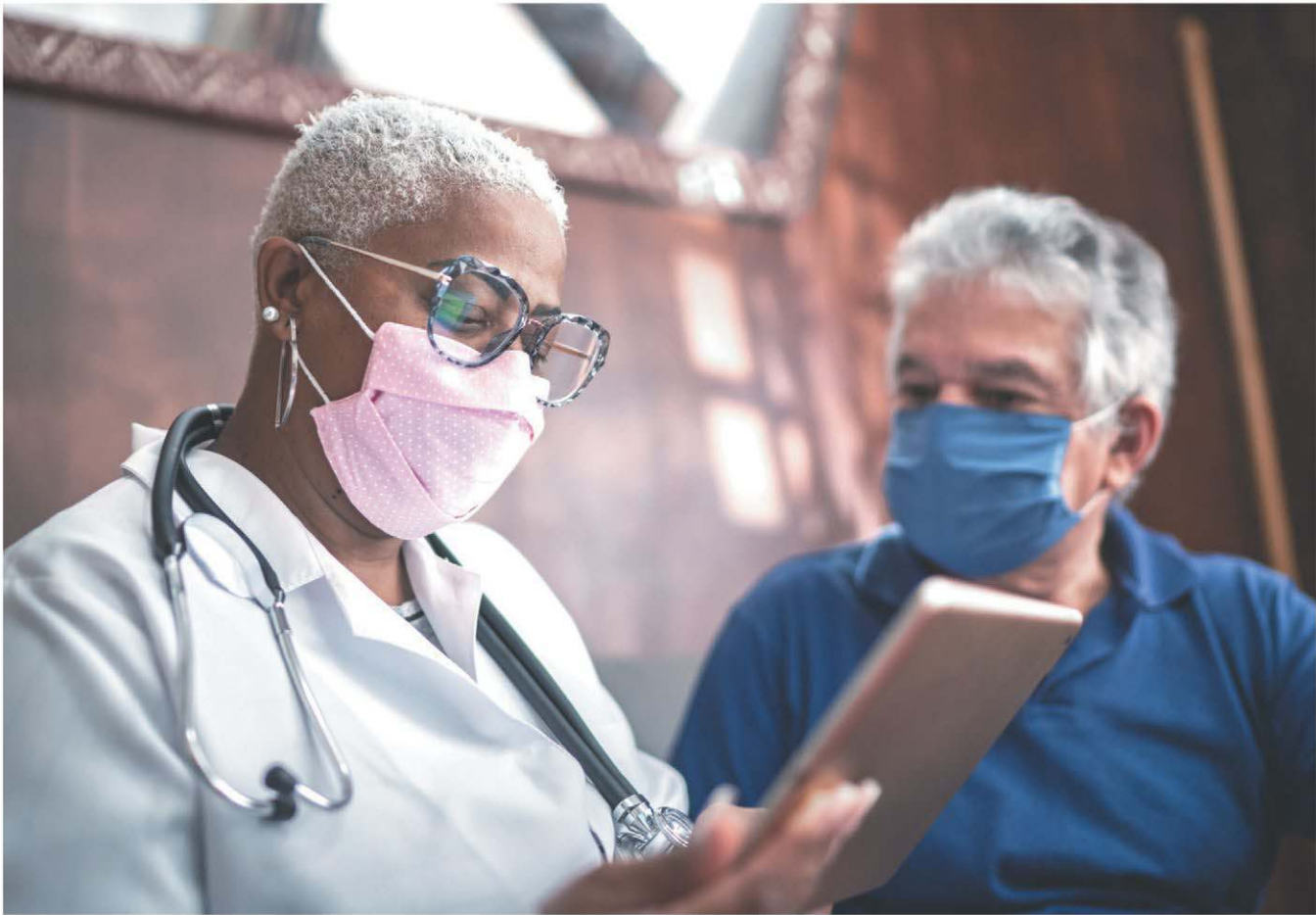
PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are once again having a book sale on Saturdays November 14th & December 12th, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center at the corner of Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy. We are delighted to be back after being sidelined by the pandemic for 7 months. I know many people have been starving for reading material for these long months we were at home. We will be wearing masks and providing hand sanitizer and bags if needed. We also insist that anyone coming to peruse our collection also wear a mask as mandated by the State of NJ. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardcovers are \$1, \$5 for a bag full, no limit to size of bag except no lawn or garbage bags. We have best sellers by popular authors that are like new. The money we raise goes to support the library with providing programs, promoting literacy or to provide funds to the library with their needs beyond their budget. We look forward to your visit.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The Middlesex County Board of Elections is looking for persons to assist in the counting of mail in ballots. The temporary workers will be needed from the end of September until the end of November and will have to be able to travel to Middlesex County College. Hours are flexible, there will be three shifts and the wage is \$15 per hour. If interested you may contact Maria at 732-745-3471.

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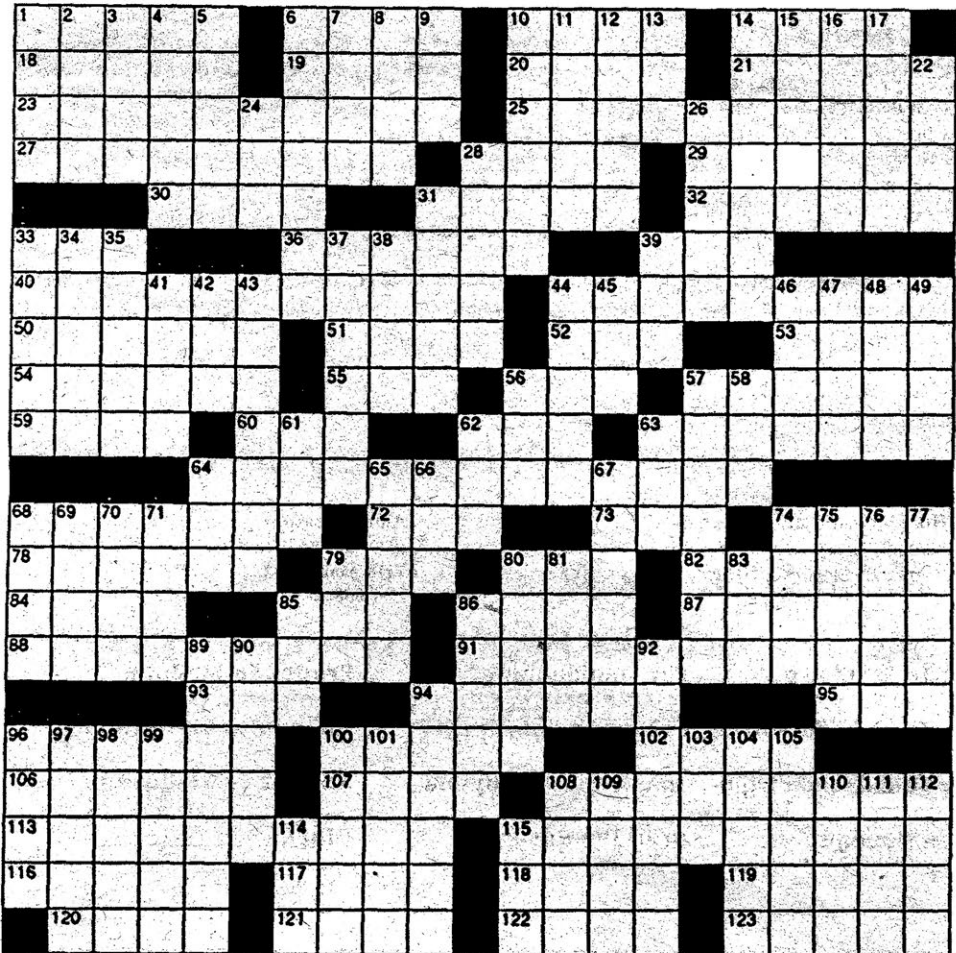
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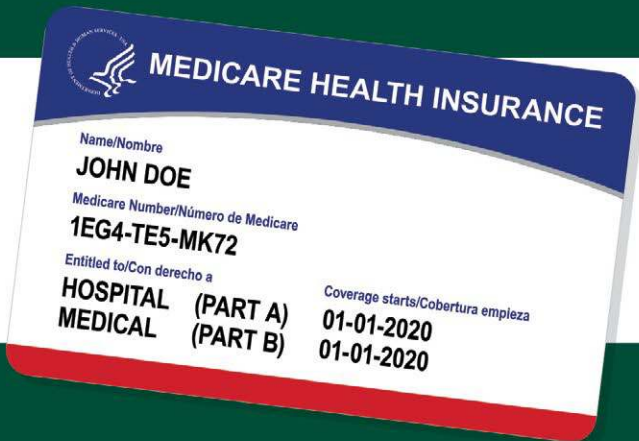
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Specialist visits	in-network	\$20 copay	\$40 copay	\$40 copay
	out-of-network	\$20 copay	30% coinsurance after deductible	\$40 copay
Part D deductible		\$0	\$200 Tiers 3–5	\$240 Tiers 3–5
Prescription costs (30-day supply, preferred pharmacy)		Tier 1: \$2, Tier 2: \$10, Tier 3: \$40, Tier 4: \$95, Tier 5: 33%	Tier 1: \$0, Tier 2: \$10, Tier 3: \$47, Tier 4: \$100, Tier 5: 29%	Tier 1: \$0, Tier 2: \$12, Tier 3: \$45, Tier 4: \$95, Tier 5: 28%
Comprehensive dental allowance		\$1,000 per year	Not covered	\$500 per year
Over-the-counter items		\$75 every quarter, \$300 per year	Not covered	Not covered
Diabetes monitoring supplies	in-network	\$0 copay	0%–20% coinsurance	\$0 copay
	out-of-network	\$0 copay	0%–20% coinsurance after plan deductible	40% coinsurance
Physical/speech therapy	in-network	\$20 copay	\$40 copay	\$40 copay
	out-of-network	\$50 copay	30% coinsurance after deductible	\$40 copay

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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.

Miraculous Invocation to St. Therese

O Glorious St. Therese, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and inspire the human family. I implore your Miraculous Intercession. You are so powerful in obtaining every need of body and spirit from the Heart of God. Holy Mother Church proclaims you “Prodigy of Miracles . . . the Greatest Saint of Modern Times.” Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition *(mention here)* to carry out your promises of spending Heaven doing good upon earth . . . of letting fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses. Little Flower, give me your childlike faith, to see the Face of God in the people and experiences of my life, and to love God with full confidence. Saint Therese, my Carmelite Sister, I will fulfill your plea “to be made known everywhere” and I will continue to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.
“I will let fall from Heaven . . . a Shower of Roses” – St. Therese
Say this prayer for nine consecutive days. After the ninth day your prayer request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. K.M. & C.M.

Petition to St. Jude

Petition to St. Jude
O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles near the kingdom of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of al who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has Given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition, in return I promise to make your name known cause you to be invoked. *(Say 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Mary's, & Glory Be's. Publication must be promised. This novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Never known to fail.) Thank you, St. Jude A.L.S.*



Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 17



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Train Station circa 1930s.
**Photo Courtesy of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library*
This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.

Pet of the Week

PERTH AMBOY- Why won't anyone give Sassy Savannah a chance? WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADOPT this beauty? She's a sweet and loving kitty that has been waiting patiently for her forever home. She was thrown out onto the streets of Perth Amboy. Sassy Savannah needs someone that will not mind her strong personality. She loves being in the window. She's an active, playful kitten under a year. Please give her a chance. Fixed, vaccinated, negative for FIV and leukemia



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PERTH AMBOY - Very large single family for over 50 years has been used as two family. 1st level features living room, dining room nice kitchen, bath and 2 bedrooms 2nd floor features 3 bedrooms, bath living room/kitchen combo. Great condition a must see. **\$399,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Large two-family great investment opportunity very spacious rooms huge basement lot of parking space near Perth Amboy high school you will adore this 3 bedrooms each apartment. Live in style for less than you ever imagined in this one of a kind 2 family. IT IS BEING SOLD STRICTLY IN AS IS CONDITION. **\$429,000**



OLD BRIDGE - Enjoy peace of mind in this stunning 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths. Lots of storage 3 car garage 9'x8' doors, beautiful Salt water in-ground pool. parklike yard, tiki bar, large, finished basement. Florida room, fire place, beautiful kitchen with many upgrades and granite counter tops, 2 zoned A/C units, 6 zone baseboard Heating unit, 14 kilowatts generator, multiple sheds, close to all majors highways Rt9, Rt34&35 and Parkway a must see too much to mention. **\$649,000**



HOPELAWN - Wonderful hard to find two family in Hopelawn. Great condition and location close to all major highways and shopping centers. Very large yard nice patio and much more. Hurry!!!!!! **\$459,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Beautiful Single family home. Near Hospital and public Transportation. Property is being sold AS IS. A MUST SEE! **\$299,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Beautiful Bayshore Model elevation B, is being built as an open floor plan design featuring living room, dining room, full basement, A/C, 2 car garage, 4 bed rooms, 2.5 bath more important lots of upgrades to choose from see attachments, close to all major highways, Staten Island, Parks and shipping centers. **\$474,900**



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