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Veteran's Day Ceremony, Sadowski Parkway, Perth Amboy 11/11/20 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



2020 Perth Amboy Election Results as of 11/16/20 - Mayor & Council (Unofficial)

Mayor



Wilda Diaz
4,648 Votes 33.14 %



Helmin Caba
4,224 Votes 30.12%

Joseph B. Vas - 3,441 Votes - 24.53%
Joel Pabon - 916 Votes 6.53%
Fernando Irizarry - 777 Votes 5.54%
Write-In - 19 Votes 0.14%



City Council



Junior Iglesia
4,285 Votes 16.79%



Rose B. Morales
4,171 Votes 16.34%



Bernadette Falcon-Lopez
4,108 Votes 16.10%



Bienvenido "BJ" Torres
3,876 Votes 15.19%

Vanessa Bermudez - 3,712 Votes -14.54%
Angel Mota Ramirez - 3,330 Votes - 13.05%
Terotha L. Frederick - 1025 Votes - 4.02%
Doris Fonseca - 975 Votes - 3.82%
Write-in - 39 Votes - 0.15%



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Director
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Food Pantries and Audio Restoration Discussed

11/4/20 Business Meeting via Teleconferencing

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – The first discussion at the meeting was about No. 3 – A Resolution for a tax lien at 104 S. Rosewell. Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski stated that the DPW was sent to clean up the property and the tax lien on the property was to recoup the cost to the taxpayers. Skarzynski stated that communications were sent to the owner with no reply. He was uncertain if the owner had paid his taxes on the blighted property.

Councilman Thomas Reilly stated, “I hope we can expedite the process (of demolishing of the structures on the property).”

B.A. Skarzynski added that the Mayor made it very clear to demolish all structures on the property.

There was a discussion regarding No. 5 – Resolution to cancel taxes – 331 Bordentown Ave. Law Director Francis Womack stated it was the Applegate Property. “We’ve taken the property by eminent domain. We’ve taken possession of the land and just return any taxes paid.”

B.A. Skarzynski stated, “It’s going to be a permanent Veteran’s Plaza for all our Veterans: past and present. The facility will be on Bordentown Avenue.” It was noted that the owner was happy to give the land over for the Veteran’s Memorial.

The next discussion was about No. 7 – Resolution to establish the City of South Amboy Nutritional Support Program.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated, “We were able to act as an indemnity to supply our food pantries. This resolution is based on a model enabling us to utilize the DPW vehicles to pick up food from Middlesex County College (and other places) to benefit those unfortunate than most.” Skarzynski explained that other municipalities had a similar resolution which was the model for this one that enables the city to use their vehicles to deliver food to the needy. “By working with the county, we will be able to have produce and dairy.” Skarzynski thanked Councilman Reilly for his persistence in getting this accomplished.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked why this took so long.

B.A. Skarzynski explained that a lot of things needed to get done first.

Law Director Francis Womack added that it is because of legal reasons and that B.A. Skarzynski reached out to the County. “The resolution allows us to go to another municipality.”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato gave clarification to the issue. “When I volunteered at the food pantry, one issue was a vehicle. It’s an issue between church and state. Maybe there’s a possibility a vehicle can be purchased? If Mr. Womack says it’s a great resolution, I’m happy.”

Councilman Thomas Reilly insisted that this resolution should have been done a long time ago. “What’s the length of this program?”

Skarzynski answered that there is no preset time limit on the program.

Reilly stated the resolution should be modified so that there is no end date. “Right now, many people need food.”

Council President Mickey Gross approved of the decision, “We all did the right thing tonight.”

The council voted unanimously to amend the resolution by adding the language of no end date and a for a wider area of pickup.”

For No. 9 – Ordinance amending truck weight restrictions on certain city streets.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated that there were complaints from city residents about trucks coming through town to avoid the ramp. The ordinance will change to a 4-ton weight restriction (from the old 8-ton weight restriction) on certain streets.

No. 10 – Ordinance regulating vehicle repair on public streets. B.A. Skarzynski stated that this ordinance was at the request of the chief of police. He said that when people repair vehicles on the street, they get oil (and other fluids) on the ground which are a hazard.

Resolution No. 20-309 – Authorization to purchase Owen Forensic Audio Services for the City of South Amboy.

There was a discussion regarding the audio recording from the 12/19/18 Council Meeting (where the Manhattan Beach Project was voted upon). B.A. Skarzynski explained, “Forensic Audio Services stated they could restore the audio to useable condition. I have a quote from the forensic engineer. She is confident it (the audio) could be restored for the purpose needed for \$6000.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked, “Will it be transcribed?”

Law Director Womack answered that court reporters could do the stenography and for a 4-hour meeting it would be around \$400-\$500.”

B.A. Skarzynski explained that the company is charging per hour of recorded material. Since the meeting was 4 hours long, it is \$1,500 x 4 hours = \$6,000. He quoted the woman whom he spoke with, “It won’t be pretty, but it will be audible.” Skarzynski stated, “I was fortunate to find a forensic engineer in Middlesex County.”

Councilman Reilly emphasized the importance of having the meeting transcribed after the audio is fixed.”

All the council voted yes to the resolution.

B.A. Skarzynski proudly stated, “We will begin the process tomorrow.”

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Zusette Dato congratulated Thomas Reilly, Brian McLaughlin who along with herself won reelection to the council. She also congratulated the Board of Education winners, and thanked City Clerk Deborah Brooks and all the poll workers.

Councilman Thomas Reilly congratulated all his colleagues

on the council. He thanked everyone who donated and volunteered at the food pantries. “Are there any vacancies on any boards right now?”

Council President answered he would get back to him on that.

Reilly then asked, “What is the update on the illegal pallet operation?”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated it is an ongoing process. “He (the palate businessowner) is clearly doing everything he can to avoid doing what he is supposed to. We will continue to pursue the matter.” Skarzynski stated he (the pallet operator) was given the minimum fine.

Reilly asked about background checks and fingerprinting for firefighters.

B.A. Skarzynski answered, “Not at the present moment, but the city could set up a procedure to get that done.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin thanked the first responders for their work in the pandemic. He emphasized the need for donations to the food pantries.

Skarzynski added, “Around the holidays, city workers do a robust extensive food drive.”

It was noted that the city’s part time grant writer got \$14 million in grants for South Amboy in 2020.

Council President Mickey Gross stated, “I really think that Code Enforcement needs a picture ID when they are going out in public. It’s not fair to them.”

Mayor Fred Henry was thankful for the donation of property on Bordentown Avenue for the Veteran’s Memorial. “On November 11th at 11 a.m. across from city hall (at the train station), we will be honoring our Veterans.”

Public Portion:

Resident Bill DeMasi asked for an update on the abandoned property on John and Broadway.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski answered, “It is still pending in court.”

DeMasi then asked about the construction equipment by the water.

Skarzynski assured DeMasi that the workers should be done shortly.

DeMasi then complained about cars racing down certain areas of town, especially John Street and John T. O’Leary Boulevard. “Motorcycles are racing down the street, too.”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski answered, “The police are aware of the speeding vehicles.”

Head of OEM, South Amboy Mark Herdman noted that there were 1,800 deliveries of food last week.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. All council members were present.



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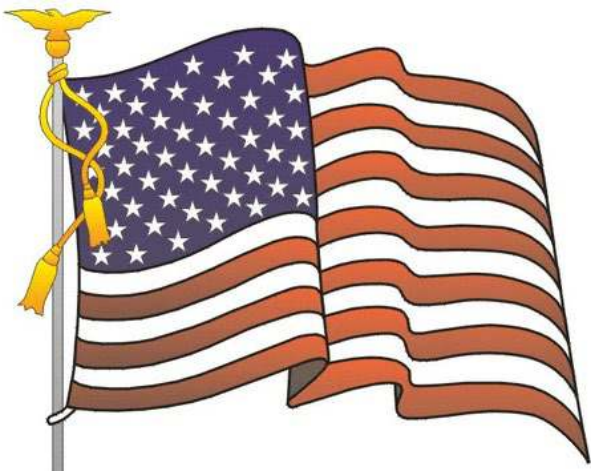
Brian McLaughlin
Ward 1
840 Votes 99.17%



Thomas Reilly
Ward 2
604 Votes 61.63%



Zusette Dato
Ward 3
935 Votes 98.11%



CFO Jill Goldy
Discusses
Best Practices

11/9/20 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – CFO/Comptroller Jill Goldy gave a presentation on where Perth Amboy stands on Best Practices. She started out by stating that a city must score at least 16 “Yes” answers in order not to lose any funding from the state. She stated that we had 19 “Yes” answers. There were 28 questions in all. Some were worth only half a point. Also included was an unscored survey. Some of the questions pertained to things that would impact municipalities such as: “Are we participating in shared services?” There were also questions about the environment, recycling, utilities, and financial practices. Each year, they may have limited questions asked from the previous year and are not always uniform from each year. There is also an anti-nepotism policy (that is in employee manual) which is not addressing what is asked in the budget. Anyone can view the last few years of the budget, audits, and bids that are posted on the city’s website. We don’t have all the minutes, meetings, and agendas for all of the boards and commissions.

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch spoke up, “John Alleman (IT Technician) updates the city’s website. We may have not gotten all the agendas and minutes from the municipal boards and commissions because of Covid cancelling some of the meetings.”

Goldy continued, stating that she, the Business Administrator, the Department Heads, Unit Heads, and the IT Coordinator have discussed the social media account created for the city and the policies for the people using this site: who can post and who uses the site either privately or as a city employee.

Council President Petrick spoke up and suggested that the city council needs to set up an ordinance regarding social media accounts for the city.

Interim B.A. Patricia Perkins responded, “John (Alleman) monitors activity on the social media account.

Petrick still wasn’t satisfied, “We need to govern this.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke up, “I thank Ms. Goldy and anyone else who helped in putting this Best Practice information in a format that we and the residents can understand.”

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The End of an Era

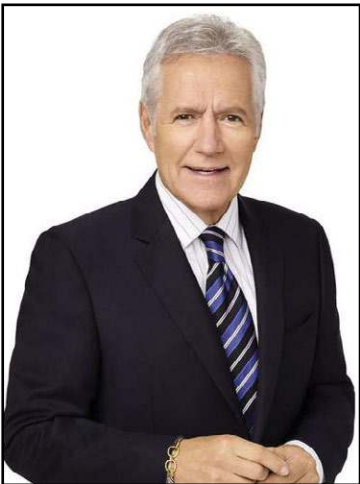
On Sunday, November 8, 2020, the world lost Alex Trebek, who hosted Jeopardy! since the show’s revival in 1984 up until his death in 2020 for a total of 37 seasons. Trebek had been battling pancreatic cancer (stage 4) since March 2019 when he was diagnosed with the disease. He fought cancer valiantly, inspiring others to be brave when fighting cancer, but in the end, it took him. Trebek inspired countless people, with his near perfect diction and education offering a program where people can both learn and have a little fun at the same time.

Before the show airs, Alex Trebek would field questions from the audience. One gentlemen asked Alex if he could have his tie. During the commercial break, Alex accommodated the man, but told him, "Before I give this to you, this was a gift from Phyllis Diller (A well-known comedian in her day). Now, I am bequeathing this tie to you."

Several contestants, when answering Final Jeopardy! would put down, "We love you Alex!" as a final answer. One contestant put down a final answer "GHOST" and underneath he put, "Greatest Host of Syndicated TV." He had Pat Sajak crossed off and put down Alex Trebek. Another time when they had the 3 top contestants of all time and Trebek and the three gentlemen made an agreement all play the game without their pants on. Alex complied and when he asked the cameraman to pan behind the contestants' podium, they backed off the challenge and all 3 had their pants on. Alex promptly walked off the set, went back to the dressing room and put his pants on.

On one of the Teen Tournaments, the Final Jeopardy! question had to do with an politician from history. The teenager who had a tremendous lead answered, "I don't know who it is, some old guy, but I don't care because I know I'm going home a Jeopardy winner with \$75,000." Alex called him over and laughed.

Trebek’s death is one of many



Alex Trebek *AP

depressing events in 2020. It was incredibly sad when the executive producer of Jeopardy! came on the television screen before the show on Monday (11/9/20) speaking about Trebek’s death, and how his final show will be aired on Christmas Day.

I don’t watch a lot of television anymore, just the news, and a few select programs, but my brother Anton, and my mom (and my dad until he passed away this past March) always watch Jeopardy! together (or sometimes with Carolyn or my husband, Paul), but we always watch. How do we do? That depends on the topics of the questions.

It will be a difficult job to fill the shoes of Alex Trebek. There are a few suggestions such as LeVar Burton (Star Trek: The Next Generation and Reading Rainbow) or Ken Jennings (GOAT Jeopardy! Champion). But Jeopardy! will never be the same no matter who hosts it.

2020 has been a tough year for everyone. As Anton puts it, “Fun is cancelled for 2020.” Life is changing drastically, and nothing will ever be the same again. With increasing Covid numbers, life has been a challenge to many.

We can only hope things will get better. There were announcements on the news that several companies have developed a vaccine which are in trial stages and seem promising. Let's hope they do.

K. Massopust, C. Maxwell & A. Massopust III

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

It’s Not Over, Folks!

Ok folks, the dirty business of cheating in political elections is nothing new. It's been around since day one. But in this election, many voters are positive that cheating was done in cer-

tain states. We know the "Puppet Controlled" mainstream news media will cover it up. Also, the news media is trying to convince the voters it's over and we have a new President without any certification of winning from those "mail-in ballots" votes. And what about

those voting machines? I don't trust them either. So, let's wait until December 14, 2020 when all 50 States must confirm every vote and we will take it from there.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, NJ
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM and HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)

The City of Perth Amboy is planning for the 2020-2024 Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan as part of its application for funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) programs. These funds may be used to assist persons with low-to-moderate incomes, remove slums and blight, and/or address urgent needs in the City of Perth Amboy.

The City of Perth Amboy is inviting you to a public hearing with community stakeholders/partners and City residents. Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and following the social distancing guidelines, the public hearing will be via a phone and video conference.

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The final draft of the 2020-2024 Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan has been prepared and it is available on the City’s website www.perthamboynj.org for public review.

Comments and inquiries can be sent via email to Tashi Vazquez, Assistant Director, Office of Economic and Community Development tvazquez@perthamboynj.org or through mail at 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Wilda Diaz, Mayor
City of Perth Amboy

2020 Perth Amboy
Board of Education Election
Results as of 11/16/20 (Unofficial)

- Ronald L. Anderson – 4,196 Votes - 12.01%
- Stacey Peralta – 3,962 Votes - 11.34%
- Lisette Lebron – 3,907 Votes - 11.18%
- Marisol M. Gonzalez – 3,904 Votes - 11.17%
- Dianne Roman – 3,867 Votes - 11.07%
- Willie DeJesus – 3,809 Votes - 10.90%
- Maria E. Rodriguez – 2,917 Votes - 8.35%
- Sharron D. Hubberman – 2,424 Votes - 6.94%
- Keryn Morales – 2,152 Votes - 6.16%
- Justin Ross – 1,344 Votes - 3.85%
- Manuel Antonio Fernandez – 1,290 Votes - 3.69%
- Romina Roman – 1083 Votes - 3.10%
- Write-In – 86 Votes - .25%

Unexpired Term

- Michael George – 4,499 - 38.70%
- Marlenis Rosa - 3,940 Votes - 33.89%
- Hattie Harrell - 2,151 Votes - 18.50%
- Arberto Juneor Corcino – 1,009 Votes - 8.68%
- Write-in – 26 - .22%

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BROADWAY BAGELS	105 S. BROADWAY	
BROADWAY DINER	126 N. BROADWAY	
CITY HALL	140 N. BROADWAY	
COMMUNITY CENTER	200 O'LEARY BLVD.	
KRAUSZER'S	200 N. BROADWAY	
KRAUSZER'S	717 BORDENTOWN AVE.	
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THURS. Nov. 19 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.
• Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
Brighton Avenue. Center
MON. Nov. 23 City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m.
YMCA, New Brunswick Ave.
• City Council, Regular, (after Caucus)
YMCA, New Brunswick Ave.

South Amboy
MON. Nov. 23 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Dec. 16 City Council, Business & Regular, 6 p.m.
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Old Problems Resurface

11/9/20 Caucus & Council Meetings

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – There was quite a discussion involving Ordinance No. 1 – “Administration of Government” Re: Municipal Prosecutor.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated, “Law Director Peter King said this is contrary to the law.”

King then responded, “The mayor can choose anyone she wants to this position. You (the council) can preclude the person from being appointed for another 3 years if you reject that applicant. You are also precluding the new council members for voting for the applicant that you previously rejected.”

Council President William Petrick spoke up, “We want to change this ordinance so the applicant that was rejected by the council can reapply again after 2 years. The applicant can still go to other towns to apply (for the same position) plus they still have their own law practices.”

Law Director King then continued, “You have to have a super majority (at least 4 votes) to reappoint someone regarding a 60-day extension.”

Irizarry then spoke up, “We have plenty of attorneys, but not many who applied for this position (municipal prosecutor) are from the city.”

King then said, “Many prosecutors don’t want to live in the town where they work.”

Petrick questioned King’s remark noting many city employees such as police officers interact with people whom they may have had an unpleasant encounter with.

The next topic for discussion was Ordinance No. 2 (First Reading) – Vehicles and Traffic RE: Addition of a loading zone – 576 New Brunswick Ave. (Domino’s Pizza).

Councilman Joel Pabon stated, “They are requesting an area that would be maybe 2 parking spots. They are looking at some space on Lawrie Street also. They want this loading zone for 7 days a week from 5 a.m. to 12 a.m. There is no parking there now.”

Irizarry then spoke up, “They are also asking for a 60-foot loading zone. The other place that requested a 60-foot loading zone was turned down. Why does this new applicant need 60 feet?”

Celestina Ramos, Director of the Perth Amboy Parking Utility came up to answer that question. “I have seen delivery trucks and NJ Transit parking there. It is necessary for that business to have that much space due to the length of their delivery trucks. I don’t know what was done before (they requested the loading zone). A designated area would be better for their deliveries. I will talk to their manager about how much space they would need for their delivery truck.”

The next discussion was regarding R-438 – 11/20 – Approving the transfer of CY: 2020 Budget appropriations in the amount of \$217,566.

Petrick questioned Law Director King if there were funds

available in King’s account for the council to use money for a lawyer.

King responded, “The council has \$25,000 in their account. It may have come out of my account (the funds the council used to pay for lawyer’s fees in the past).

The next discussion involved R-441-11/20 – Hazardous discharge site remediation for a grant to perform the remedial investigation and medial action activity on the former Harry Goldberg and Son Scrap Metal.

Human Resources Director Kenny Ortiz came up, “This is additional work that needs to be performed in accordance to work required by the NJDEP. There has to be testing and a demolition of small building and a test for asbestos. We are getting money from the DEP. We need to get permits and we are doing everything additional that the DEP is requesting. We complete this project by the end of 2021.”

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned R-446-11/20 – Road Improvements (Fayette Street, Kelsey Avenue, and Gornik Drive) in an amount not to exceed \$13,275.55.

Joel Pabon asked if work will be done this year.

DPW Director Frank Hoffman came up to speak, “The work was done. Additional base work that had to be completed. We also hope to start working on Commerce Street this week. Other streets are on the list will be done if weather conditions are favorable.”

R-448-11/20 – An agreement between the city of Perth Amboy and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plainfield and Middlesex County to Morris Habitat for Humanity.

Tashi Vazquez came up to explain, “In 2019, the Office of Economic Development gave a sum of \$72,827 for this project. The house being built will be given to a Veteran. The Plainfield and Morris Habitat for Humanity Offices merged.”

R-449-11/20 – Authorizing the Purchase of a used Ladder Truck from the Fire & Safety Services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up and told the council that he presented this at a September meeting. “A pump and aerial test needs to be performed before purchasing this truck.”

OEM Coordinator Larry Cattano came up to explain R-451 – 11/20 – A shared services agreement with the Township of Woodbridge to utilize the township digital trunk radio system for public safety and other radio communication needs. “We are getting funding from the state. This is to renew the agreement for another 5 years to use the Woodbridge band.”

Council President Bill Petrick questioned R-459-11/20 – A refund of inactive water/sewer accounts totaling \$711.62 to Raritan Bay Medical Center. He questioned, “Are they all paid up? Because they owed us a lot of money from the past.”

Interim B.A. Perkins said she would look into this.

Councilman Irizarry questioned R-462-11/20 – Authorizing the 2020-2021 renewal of inactive plenary retail consumption license held in the name of Aris Lounge located at 829 Amboy Ave. effective November 10, 2020. Irizarry was concerned because there was a problem there in the past.

Petrick suggested a restriction be placed on this establishment.

City Clerk Kupsch spoke up, “This is a different owner than the person who had it when there was a problem there. Plus, this is an inactive license.”

Law Director Peter King spoke about R-463-11/20 – Suspending plenary retail consumption license held in the name of Seabra’s Armory at 200 Front St. for 15 days. King explained that the suspension would start 30 days from tonight to give the owner a chance to appeal the ordinance.

Petrick then asked if anybody had any questions on the communication before they go into a closed session to discuss personnel.

King responded, “Unless there was anything else besides personnel for closed session, Ms. Perkins requested that her employment be discussed in the open instead of in a closed session.”

Irizarry then asked Ms. Perkins and Law Director King if she agreed to waive her Rice Notice.

Ms. Perkins was adamant that this be discussed in an open session.

Council President Bill Petrick then spoke up, “At our last council meeting, we agreed to terminate her (Perkins) effective 10/28/2020 per our ordinance with a 4-1 vote. The mayor reappointed her on 11/3/2020. We hired a lawyer to see whether we are in the right or not.”

King then spoke up, “Perkins was appointed under the old ordinance. The council amended the ordinance so the mayor can reappoint that person for another 60 days that you (the council) would have to approve that reappointments.”

Petrick continued, “I consulted with other lawyers about what powers we (the council) have regarding reappointment.”

Councilman Pabon wasn’t happy, “We are in the middle of an election and there is no need for us to do this. The mayor is actively campaigning, and we need to have stability. We’ll be spending money on an attorney for a short period of time for a new B.A. If we have a new mayor, they will need to know what is going on.”

Irizarry then questioned, “How long will this appointment be?”

King responded, “It would be for 30 days,” explaining this is due to the circumstances of the runoff election, if need be. “All department heads and other appointments will be made if there is a new mayor. Those who are in these positions already may be held over unless a new mayor comes in to replace them.”

Councilman Helmin Caba then spoke up, “We need to do

what is best for the city. It’s not worth it to pursue removing an Interim B.A. for a short period of time.”

Councilman Irizarry spoke up, “My decision to not reappoint the Interim B.A. was not based on gender or race.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada joined to the meeting late (6:02 p.m. – she was delayed at work).

Council President Bill Petrick spoke up, “The mayor hired an unqualified person as a Business Administrator and the mayor also broke the law. Diaz abused the law when she did not give former Business Administrators Adam Cruz, Frederick Carr a 20-day notice before she dismissed them. We changed the ordinance that she can reappoint an Interim Business Administrator for an additional 60 days.”

Irizarry spoke up and reminded Petrick, “This is a personnel matter. This is to discuss Perkins and not what the mayor has been doing. I in no way am condoning what the mayor did.”

Petrick persisted. “We need to take this to court and let them render a decision. (If Perkins is still an employee and can get paid.)”

Councilwoman Tejada spoke up, “I agree with the Council President that we should go to get legal advice so we don’t get ourselves into trouble.”

Petrick went on, “If the mayor gets reelected, she can continue to break the law and ignore all the rules. Do we stop her now or wait? We can stand our ground.”

Councilman Caba then spoke up, “When a super majority vote is needed, I remember when we were voting on the budget, we asked whether a super majority was needed to pass the budget.”

The council opened up the meeting to the public. The first person to speak was Jeremy Baratta. He asked, “When do you stand up to the mayor? We can spend a lot of on menus. Why have an ordinance if you don’t use it? The citizens chose you to defend the laws. We have a book on laws and that is the system you operate on. You have people on PARA that are not approved by you. \$25,000 (to spend on a lawyer) is a drop in the bucket for you to defend yourselves.”

Alan Silber came up next, “They tried to make you look like you have no thought process. Law Director Peter King is not giving you correct information. He is doing what the mayor tells him to do. You have integrity. You didn’t know that one of the former Business Administrators (Peter Pelissier) only had 90 days to serve as a Business Administrator. During that time period, Pelissier also took off 14 personal days. You also fell for the 90 days that was given to Irving Lozada as the Acting Code Enforcement Director. A couple of years ago, an election got overturned and a lawyer got paid \$30,000 for it. When the special election was held, the person who won got 30 additional votes. A man of

integrity (former Law Director Mark Blunda) was fired to get Arlene Quinones Perez from the DeCotiis Law Firm to take his place. You have the authority to fire the Law Director (for good cause). You are getting bad information from him.”

Law Director King then spoke up and told the council, “You have the authority to fire me.”

Resident Vince Mackiel then came up to speak about the Domino’s loading zone, “They had a building that was behind where they are located now.”

Petrick responded, “They are using the old building for storage.”

Earlier in the meeting, one of the council members mentioned that residents on that part of Lawrie street all have their own driveway.

Mackiel concluded, “The council has to consider the needs of the residents of that neighborhood.”

The caucus concluded at 6:40 p.m. That included the closed session which was held in public.

The council meeting started at 7 p.m. The meeting was opened up to the public on agenda items only. The first person to speak was Jeremy Baratta who came up to speak about Ordinance No. 1 – RE: The Municipal Prosecutor.

Baratta asked, “What has been changed?”

Council President William Petrick responded, “This is to establish that the prosecutor should live in the city by a 2/3 vote of the council.”

Baratta questioned, “How is Billy Delgado still a prosecutor when only 2 people voted in his favor?”

Petrick said, “Law Director King said he could appoint Delgado.”

Baratta then stated, “You passed ordinances, vote on them, and then Wilda overturns them. Now, the prosecutor must live in town?”

Petrick continued, “All employees have to live in town unless precluded by state law.” Petrick stated that this also applies to assistant prosecutors.

When it came to voting on the ordinances, Ordinance No. 1 was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Caba. The only person to vote “No,” was Pabon.

Ordinance No. 1 (first reading) Authorizing a 1-year lease agreement with Easter Seals New Jersey for office space in the Jankowski Center, for non-monetary consideration. Beginning January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021. It was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Caba. All voted “Yes.”

Ordinance No. 2 (first reading) – RE: Addition of a loading zone – 576 New Brunswick Ave.

Before voting on this Councilman Joel Pabon wanted to make a statement. “There is no other business close to this location. They also have the times that deliveries will be made and people that live in that neigh-

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Vitale Bill to Extend Unemployment Benefits Passes Committee

Press Release 11/12/20
TRENTON – In an effort to extend unemployment benefits, the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee today passed legislation sponsored by Senator Joseph Vitale to provide relief to New Jersey workers hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill would do this by expanding the eligibility for extended benefits provided by the State’s unemployment insurance program up to an additional 20 weeks.

“In the spring, millions of people became unemployed through no fault of their own, and have since been receiving unemployment benefits while they continue to look for work. However, these benefits are set to run out in December, leaving millions of New Jersey residents without any financial security,” said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex). “This is an essential piece of legislation that we must prioritize and that should receive overwhelming

support in both houses. In order to keep our residents afloat, we must pass this bill.”

The bill, S-3063, would allow more people to become eligible for the extension of the unemployment benefits for up to an additional 20 weeks. Specifically, since unemployment insurance claims already require a worker to have at least 20 weeks of employment to be eligible for claims, the bill would recognize that time as satisfying the requirement for the criteria which allows states to provide extended benefits to workers who have worked 20 full-time weeks. The expansion also comes at a crucial time, as claimants currently are getting 39 weeks of benefits under the CARES Act. That means a worker laid off on March 15, the first week of claims after Governor Murphy declared a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19, would run out of benefits next month during the week of December 12.

During times of economic hardship, unemployed claimants can take advantage of extended benefits programs, in addition to emergency supplemental aid often provided by the federal government. These programs are triggered when certain conditions are met, such as when total unemployment is 6% or higher. They provide an additional 13 weeks of compensation and, when unemployment is greater than 8%, can extend the insurance programs as long as 20 weeks past traditional unemployment insurance coverage.

The bill would not only open up the program to all existing claimants, but also allow the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to seamlessly transition them to the new programs. The federal government will provide funding for half of all claims paid out under extended benefits programs.

The bill was unanimously released from committee.

TeamOne Staffing Moves its Headquarters to Perth Amboy During Grand Opening Celebration, Company Announces it has 50 Open Positions to Fill



PERTH AMBOY - TeamOne Staffing Solution recently held the grand opening celebration for its new headquarters, which is located at 333 State St. 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). TeamOne Staffing’s office is open Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and office number is 848-235-5322. *Photo by Bob Rinklin for the Perth Amboy BID

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PSE&G Customers Can Now Choose to go Solar Without Putting Panels on their Roof Solar Landscape Completes New Jersey’s First Community Solar Projects

Press Release
ASBURY PARK, N.J. – Solar Landscape has announced that for the first time PSE&G customers may choose the source of their electricity supply through the state’s new community solar program. Community solar allows residents to benefit from the solar energy generated by a large, local solar project. Customers’ electric bills go to support local, renewable energy, and they pay a discounted rate for the energy that their panels produce.

Solar Landscape’s three Middlesex county community solar projects (two in Perth Amboy and one in Edison) will power more than 1,100 local homes. This new state program circumvents upfront installation costs while saving the customer money in real time and bringing the state closer to reaching its renewable energy goals.

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz is excited about the positive effects community solar will have on the local environment. “These clean energy projects will prevent 6,000 metric tons of CO² emissions from entering the Perth Amboy atmosphere each year and provide utility cost savings to our residents” said Diaz. “We are proud that we have taken former brownfields and transformed them into a thriving logistics center which will also be used to host solar projects to

power 800 homes in Perth Amboy. Perth Amboy supports environmental justice and making green energy easily available to all.”

The primary purpose of community solar is to bring environmental justice to communities by providing cleaner air and allowing people to go solar, even if they do not own property. This makes solar energy an option for everyone including renters, or those who live in shared buildings. Project participants benefit from the clean electricity generated by the community solar project, which costs less than the price they would ordinarily pay to their utility

“We are thrilled to announce the opening of enrollment for subscribers in Middlesex County” said Shaun Keegan, Founder and CEO of Solar Landscape. “Now residents can go on-line and access clean solar energy with no fees, no long-term contracts and no panels on their rooftops. Most importantly, under the guidance of the NJBPU we are working with community partners to create a cleaner New Jersey.”

The NJBPU provides oversight of community solar projects and mandates certain contract terms to ensure that subscribers save 10%- 15% with the ability to cancel or unsubscribe without a fee at any time. Due to the success and popularity of the new program,

the NJBPU recently announced it will approve enough community solar projects to power an additional 20,000+ New Jersey homes in 2021.

Residents interested in finding out more about the advantages of community may find out more and join on-line by visiting gosolarlandscape.com.

About Solar Landscape
Founded in 2012, Solar Landscape is an industry-leading company committed to creating healthier communities through clean energy. As the largest developer and owner of community solar projects in New Jersey, Solar Landscape is helping to bring New Jersey residents easy access to solar power. For more information, visit solarlandscape.com

About New Jersey Community Solar
The Clean Energy Act of 2018 established a statewide Community Solar Program in New Jersey. The pilot program allows property owners to lease their rooftops or land to solar developers to construct large solar projects that power their communities. The pilot program is being rolled out over three years. The first round of project approvals was announced by the NJBPU on December 20, 2019. The NJBPU will adopt permanent Community Solar Program rules on January 1, 2022.

Press Release 11/11/20
PERTH AMBOY, NJ - The City of Perth Amboy, Mayor Wilda Diaz and the city’s Business Improvement District (BID) recently held grand opening ceremonies at TeamOne Staffing Solution’s new office. At the celebration, TeamOne’s management announced that the company has 50 open positions to fill immediately. The company, which is open Monday to Friday, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., is located at 333 State St. The office number is 848-235-5322 and Brenda Romero is the manager.

TeamOne’s primary service is placing people in temporary staffing positions at warehouses, distribution centers and logistics companies. Right now and throughout the peak holiday shopping season, the company is seeking hardworking, reliable and bilingual men and women, ages 18 or older, to fill those positions.

The company is hiring people for these positions: forklift drivers, sorters, and drivers, plus customer service/data entry clerks, shipping/receiving clerks, loaders/unloaders, RF (Radio Frequency) scanners, general labor and more.

During the ribbon cutting ceremonies, Mayor Diaz said, “Our city is eager to welcome small businesses because these companies are the backbone of the community’s economy. We have an excellent labor force in Perth Amboy, and our people need good paying jobs. TeamOne is connecting our residents with positions in the city’s modern distribution centers.”

As guests toasted the city’s newest business, TeamOne’s founder and owner Christian Valdez said, “Mayor Diaz, we’re here to stay. Our doors are wide open for people who want to start working tomorrow.

Our clients are seeking dependable workers for warehouses that need people to fulfill all of the new orders that are coming in each day.”

TeamOne, which launched two years ago, has relocated its headquarters from Rahway to Perth Amboy. Currently, the company has more than 130 of its employees filling temporary positions at local warehouses plus eight staffers who recruit workers.

BID Chairman Barry Rosengarten said, “We’re focused on nurturing the growth of local companies in our downtown business district. The grand opening of TeamOne reaffirms our city’s resilience as we recover from the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on local businesses. The BID’s board and its Executive Director Noelia Colon strive to provide local business owners with the most current information about financial grants and programs that are available to help companies with lease payments and some of their operating expenses.”

Everyone at TeamOne Staffing Focused on Serving Clients

Valdez explained that the TeamOne name stands for employees and managers united to serve the company’s clients. “We’re one team working together to get the job done right,” he said.

Antonio Cruz, a local business executive, attended the TeamOne grand opening. Cruz said, “Mayor Diaz, the City Council and municipal government have an open door policy to new business. Perth Amboy’s code enforcement unit, building department, public safety departments, City Hall and much of the municipal work force do their best to help a company quickly get up and running in our community.”



Alpine Street Housing Initiative



Open House of the Alpine Street Housing Initiative - *Photos by Katherine Massopust

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - PAY-CHM II, LLC., a joint venture between the Perth Amboy YMCA and Coming Home of Middlesex County, hosted an Open House and Home Blessing event on Alpine Street, in Perth Amboy. Coming Home of Middlesex County and Perth Amboy YMCA share a passion to end homelessness in our communities. The two non-profit organizations formed a joint venture in 2018 for the purpose of providing affordable housing. Together, with major funding from the Department of Community Affairs, National Housing Trust Fund, these 2 structures have been fully renovated and are ready to help three families find safe, permanent homes.

The opening of the Alpine Street homes showcases 3- 2 bedroom apartments each in-

cluding Energy Star efficiencies including tank-less water heaters, windows, doors, insulation and HVAC. New plumbing, electrical service, and structural improvements were all included in this community investment project. The exterior of the homes highlights a new driveway, landscaping, new roof, new steps and porch, and new paint and siding.

For more than 100 years, the Y has provided Perth Amboy residents youth development activities, healthy living opportunities, and has led cause-driven social responsible initiatives. These new homes are further proof of the Y's charitable mission to care for those in need, commented Lou Seminski, Chairman, Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Attorney, and local business owner.

Hector Motta, Chairman of

the Perth Amboy YMCA Board of Directors and Branch Manager/Assistant Vice President for Investors Bank, stated "the vision of collaboration and caring for the community shines bright in these new homes. We are proud to work hand in hand with our partners at Coming Home and we are so excited to welcome families in the coming days." He further added "these homes will assist to improve an already beautiful neighborhood and offer new opportunities for families in need."

Eileen O'Donnell, Executive Director, Coming Home of Middlesex County, Inc. stated "Coming Home is very pleased to have partnered with the Perth Amboy YMCA and the Raritan Bay Area YMCA to rehabilitate these three units for families presently without homes. Our mission is to create a system



Exterior

in the County to end homelessness and we are not going to be able to do that without the creation of more affordable housing. Since 2015, Coming Home has run its Homes4Homeless program to catalyze such creation and is pleased to enjoy the collaboration of partners of the same mind and vision. We owe thanks to the NJ Department

of Community Affairs through which we were able to fund this project, along with the indispensable assistance of Middlesex County's Housing First Capital Fund."

For more information please contact Steve Jobin, Managing Member, at sjobin@rbaymca.org or at 732-442-3632 x.6501.

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borhood have driveways."

At first, Irizarry asked to table this ordinance. Council President Petrick said he's in favor of voting for this tonight, and this is only the first reading. Irizarry moved the ordinance. It was seconded by Caba.

For the consent agenda, R-438 thru R-461, R-463 and R-465 was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Pabon. R-462 and R-464 were asked by Pabon to be voted on separately.

R-462 (renewal of inactive plenary retail consumption license in the name of Aris Lounge) was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Pabon.

R-464 (Late Starter) - Resolution appointing the firm of Calcagni-Kanesky, Newark, New Jersey to represent the City of Perth Amboy with regard to the Mayor's reappointment of Patricia Perkins as Business Administrator of the City of Perth Amboy in and amount not to exceed \$25,000.00

R-464 was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Caba. The only person who voted, "No," was Pabon.

R-465 (Late Starter) - Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program.

Public Portion:

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up first. He spoke about Veteran's Day coming up. He read an email that was sent to him congratulating him on his Veteran owned business. (See p.12.) He

then continued that many events are paid for by the city. "Every time there is a holiday event, the mayor always has her staff and her supporters in the program, but where are the Veterans? All patriotic events are campaign events for those who she is supporting. She hardly ever reaches out to Veteran groups to speak. Will they continue to be Wilda's campaign events? One time, a Veteran who was on one of the programs gave a campaign speech supporting her. You (the council) are never put on the program or asked to speak. The mayor goes to business openings that don't have licenses to operate and hands out citations. I am the only Veteran-owned business in town. Do I get a citation?"

Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe came up to speak. She was upset regarding the mishandling of her application that she applied for last year regarding the flag raising for Lung Cancer Awareness. "Even though I applied to have that flag raising in plenty of time, I heard nothing regarding my request. I went to city hall on October 29, 2020 and I was told that Jeanette had misplaced the request and we can't raise the flag on the day that you want because someone else requested to have their flag raised the following day. Middlesex County bought a Lung Cancer Awareness Flag and they put it up automatically without us requesting it to fly on their flagpole. Cops and firefighters ask us when our event will be taking place because they look forward to it. A lot of them

have quit smoking because of us bringing lung cancer awareness to their attention. We put in this request a year ago for the flag raising. I am now expecting to get an answer about our flag raising event for 2021."

Council President Bill Petrick spoke up, "I believe permits for events should go to the clerk's office. This should remove politics from the situation. We can initiate an ordinance that request for permits go to the clerk's office."

Law Director King answered Petrick's remarks, "The administration controls an event that utilize the city's properties."

The next speaker was Alan Silber. He questioned what happened with the mail-in ballots only. Petrick responded, "Mail-in only ballots were done under Governor Murphy's orders. November 20, 2020 is supposed to be the certified numbers. The next election for the run-off is supposed to be December 15, 2020 and the results are supposed to be finalized by December 30, 2020."

Silber continued, "I was impressed how late the mailman was delivering mail and I applaud them."

Council Comments:

Helmin Caba stated, "A person brought up the fact that some meetings were not taking place because of Covid and minutes are still not being posted. Any meeting that did take place should have their minutes posted. The public also needs to know even if the events are not held because of cancellations." He ended his comments

by thanking all Veterans.

Fernando Irizarry said, "Now that recreational marijuana has been approved, we need an ordinance to regulate it in the city ASAP. The only places in town that marijuana dispensaries can open up would be in neighborhoods or schools. People in the suburbs don't want it in their backyards or towns. They only want it in urban towns. Have the Law Director write up an ordinance for the next election. The county asked if we (the city) wanted a voter help center which they didn't do. The city needs to open up their own voter help center." He then thanked everyone who participated in the campaigns, supported the candidates and participated in the democratic process. He thanked the Veterans for their service to the country and family members who lost those in service. "The pain never goes away."

Joel Pabon wanted to thank all who participated in the voting process. "Congratulations to all (who ran)." I also wanted to especially thank the voters. This is a democratic country and voters should have been allowed to vote by machine. Just exercise your right to vote. I'm hoping by the 15th that everybody has received their ballots. Don't wait until the last minute if you haven't received a ballot. May the best person win. My heart is with the Veterans every day. Also, to those who lost a loved one." Pabon then touched on what one speaker said regarding a Veteran who gave a speech supporting Mayor Diaz

one year. Sometimes we don't know what a Veteran will say when speaking. Enjoy Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. I was very surprised with some of the home learning taking place. It's amazing, especially with the kids in Kindergarten how they are learning. The teachers have a lot of patience as well as the staff. They just have to do what they have to do."

Milady Tejeda thanked all the Veterans and reminded everyone to vote on December 15, 2020. "We still have another chance. Covid is rising each day. Be careful, mindful, and take care."

Bill Petrick said, "Kids are coming home from college and this virus is very serious. For the upcoming runoff election, we are going to have 2 mayoral candidates and 4 people for 2 council seats. The ballot boxes are monitored by cameras. It's the best way to make sure your vote counts. The Jewish Renaissance is getting rapid Covid-19 tests with results in about 15 minutes." Petrick thanked the State and the Jewish Renaissance for getting these tests. He also thanked YMCA CEO Steve Jobin for the use of the Y facility for our meetings. "I appreciate all who came here and all those in TV land." Petrick ended his remarks by asking Law Director Peter King to look at other municipalities ordinances regarding guidelines pertaining to medical marijuana.

King said he would do so.

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

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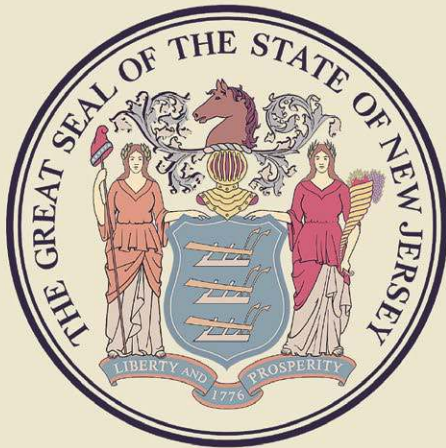
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World War II - 75 Years Ago

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

In a controversial move, the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps on November 16, 1945, under the aegis of the top-secret "Operation Paperclip," brings 88 captured German scientists to the U.S. Whitewashing their pasts — many of them were members, and even leaders, of the Nazi Party — the U.S. government wants to avoid their falling into the hands of the Soviets so they can help with the American rocket program. Among them is Wernher von Braun, the developer of the V-2 program, who is alleged to have hand-picked slave laborers from the Buchenwald concentration camp to construct the missiles. More prisoners died building the V-2s than the number of bombing victims that were killed by the weapons.

On November 17, Josef Kramer, former SS commandant of the Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps, along with 10 others on his staffs, are found guilty in their war-crimes trial that began on September 17 in Lüneberg, Germany. They are sentenced to death on the gallows.

In Iran, the Tudeh Party, a Communist-dominated organization, foments a rebellion in the province of Azerbaijan on November 18. When the Iranian government attempts to intervene against the rebels, Soviet military forces in the region support the uprising and Red Army troops refuse to evacuate Iranian territory. General of the Army George C. Marshall leaves his position as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

In Washington, D.C., Congress on November 19 issues a statement calling on President Truman to withdraw U.S. Marines from China. General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower becomes the 16th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. He is succeeded as Military Governor of the U.S. Occupation Zone in Germany by Gen. George S. Patton. In Tokyo, Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur orders the arrest of 11 Japanese wartime leaders.

The trial of 24 Nazis charged with war crimes (one *in absentia*: Martin Bormann) gets underway at the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg, Germany, on November 20. Elsewhere, the Allied Control Council approves the transfer of 6.65 million Germans from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and the German regions east of the Oder-Niesse Line, which had been transferred to Poland at the Potsdam Conference pending a final peace settlement. Through the expulsion of the German minorities, these East European countries hope to avoid future German claims to their territories. The Battle of Surabaya, in East Java, ends in a British military victory, but the Indonesians win strategically and politically. The fierce fighting galvanizes nationalist support among the population, while the Dutch come to realize that the nationalists are not simply a "gang of hooligans," but a real, political force, and the British realize that their role might better be a more-neutral one.

All the top Nazis on trial at Nuremberg for war crimes on November 21 claim innocence. At General Motors Corp., 320,000 members of the United Auto Workers Union walk off the job, striking for a 30% wage increase and a moratorium on product prices. (The strike will continue until March 1946.)

On November 22, Thanksgiving Day in the U.S., the Hollywood Canteen closes its doors for good. The Los Angeles club, which opened on October 3, 1942, offered free food, dancing and entertainment to U.S. and Allied servicemen and servicewomen.

The rationing of meat and butter comes to an end in the U.S. on November 23, 1945, leaving sugar as the only item still being limited. British police fire on anti-British rioters in Calcutta, India, killing 37.

On November 24, U.S. Secretary of War Robert Patterson orders all five cyclotrons in Japan to be destroyed. The machines — capable of contributing to nuclear weapons production, but also useful for biological and medical research — are seized, dismantled and the parts dumped into Tokyo Bay. In India, 26 people are injured in Bombay in continuing anti-British demonstrations. In China, Nationalist troops capture Huludao, a port city in the northeast.

The U.S. Congress for a second time, on November 25, calls upon President Truman to withdraw all U.S. Marines from China. In Tokyo, Gen. of the Army MacArthur orders the Japanese government to devise a plan to tax away all wartime profits of Japanese companies and individuals. In Palestine, Zionists blow up two British coast guard stations near Tel Aviv.

U.S. Ambassador to China Patrick J. Hurley resigns on November 26 after he is unable to broker a peace deal between Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek and his Communist counterpart, Mao Tse-tung. In Palestine, British troops sweep into the central Sharon plain, searching for the perpetrators of the coast-guard-station bombings the night before. Meeting resistance, the British respond with force, killing nine Jews and wounding 74.

On November 27, President Truman names U.S. General of the Army George C. Marshall as his special envoy to China, replacing Ambassador Patrick Hurley. Marshall's mission is to broker a coalition government of the Nationalists under Chiang Kai-shek and the Communists under Mao Tse-tung.

British fascist John Amery on November 28 stuns the court at his treason trial by pleading guilty, even though the only penalty allowable for a guilty verdict is death. A vehement anti-communist, Amery had proposed to the *Wehrmacht* the formation of a British volunteer unit and had broadcast Nazi propaganda over the radio from Germany. Captured by Italian partisans in Italy on April 25, 1945, (he had traveled there to assist Mussolini), he was turned over to the British. At trial, the judge, after confirming that Amery understands the consequence of his guilty plea, immediately sentences him to death. The proceedings last eight minutes. Amery is hanged on December 19, 1945.

The Socialist Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia is declared on November 29, with Marshal Josip Broz Tito named as its president. A return to the pre-war monarchy is rejected by the Yugoslav Constituent Assembly, exiled King Peter II is deposed, and the formerly ruling Karadorđević family is banned from returning to the country.

J Baratta Industries Receives
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Press Release 11/10/20
PERTH AMBOY, NJ - U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia recognized J Baratta Industries as one of the 675 recipients of the 2020 HIRE Vets Medallion Award during an award ceremony at the U.S. Department of Labor. J Baratta Industries earned the PLATINUM Award after applying earlier this year. The Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act (HIRE Vets Act) Medallion Program is the only federal award program that recognizes job creators who successfully recruit, hire, and retain veterans.

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J Baratta Industries joins 674 other companies from 49 states, plus the District of Columbia, who have shown a commitment to hiring veterans, but also ensuring that they have a long-term career and growth plan that uses the diverse skills they acquired through their military service.

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Gregory Scharpf, President and CEO, stated, “At Amboy Bank, we are dedicated to helping our local community prosper, and we are proud to lend a helping hand to our neighbors who need it most. Our annual food drive will help to restock the shelves of the food banks in our area.”

Branch locations and details about the food drive can be found on Amboy’s website, www.AmboyBank.com.

Dollar General Now Open in Perth Amboy

Press Release 11/9/2020
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Dollar General stores are proud to provide area residents with a convenient store to purchase household essentials including food, cleaning supplies, paper products, over-the-counter medicines, hygiene products, baby items and more through its mission of Serving Others. With approximately 75 percent of the American population within five miles of a Dollar General, the Company is committed to remaining open and in-stock to provide customers and communities with an affordable and convenient retail option during these unprecedented times.

The store is expected to employ approximately six to 10 people, depending on the need. Dollar General also continues to hire new full and part time employees across its store, distribution and private fleet networks. The Company provides employees with competitive wages, world-class and award-winning training and development programs and benefits including day-one telemedicine eligibility and Dollar General’s Employee Assistance Foundation, as well as health insurance coverage options, 401K savings and retirement plans, tuition reimbursement, paid parental leave and adoption assistance to eligible employees. Interested candidates can review and apply for available positions here.

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Perth Amboy’s Art Mural Honors the Beauty and Resilience of the City’s Residents during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Everyone Invited to View the Newest Public Art of the Community’s Flower: The Morning Glory



PERTH AMBOY – The City of Perth Amboy recently revealed its “Morning Glory” mural, by artist Emilio Florentine, which is dedicated to community’s residents during the COVID-19 global pandemic. The mural’s artwork represents the beauty and resilience of the people of Perth Amboy. The Morning Glory was selected as the city’s official flower in 1999. The plaque by the mural carries this inscription: “The Morning Glory is symbolic of the people of our great city, ranging in different variations and colors and thriving in different environments. The mural is located at 86 Smith Street (near the intersection with High Street). **Photos by the Perth Amboy BID*

Press Release 11/2020
PERTH AMBOY, N.J. – The City of Perth Amboy recently revealed a beautiful art mural of the morning glory flower, which is the community’s official flower. The mural is dedicated to the community’s residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the artwork represents their beauty and resilience. The city placed a plaque by the mural that states the artwork “is symbolic of the people of our great city, ranging in different variations and colors and thriving in different environments.”

The new public artwork in the downtown business district was created by renowned mural artist Emilio Florentine. Everyone is invited to view the morning glory mural that dramatically enhances a large wall of a building at 86 Smith St. (near the intersection with High Street).

After presenting the mural, Mayor Wilda Diaz said, “This is a joyous occasion, especially for our city that has a rich his-

tory of supporting the arts and culture. We know that the arts are a proven economic engine that helps draw residents and visitors to our downtown. From the newest public artwork and to our many cultural initiatives, it’s pretty apparent that Perth Amboy has a heart for the arts.”

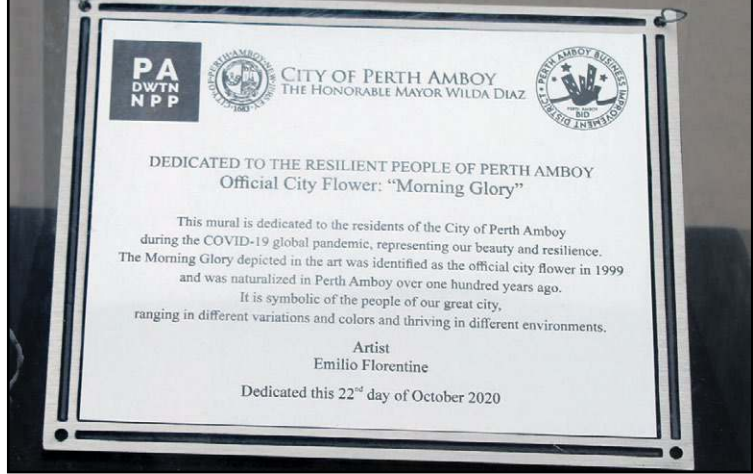
The city, its Office of Economic and Community Development and the Business Improvement District (BID) worked together to secure grants from New Jersey’s Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP). The city received a \$550,000 NPP grant that will be funded by the state over a five-year period. The first phase of the grant -- \$126,000 -- was awarded in 2020 and those resources funded the morning glory mural and such planned streetscape improvements as benches, more trees and regular sidewalk cleaning.

Prior to unveiling, Perth Amboy’s Municipal Deputy Department Head Tashi Vazquez recognized the efforts of the

Maritza Rodriguez, the OEDC’s business manager, Noelia Colon, executive director of the BID, and Barry Rosengarten, BID Chairman. Vazquez also thanked Rashnil and Marina Zakharyayev, who own the building on which the mural was painted, and Mayor Diaz.

Vazquez noted that, “Mayor Diaz’s administration has consistently supported the arts over the past 12 years. The Mayor’s team fostered development of the Perth Amboy Community Theater, plus the city’s annual Arts Festival and Concerts by the Bay as well as the Art & Flow open air performances. The mayor’s team also coordinates the staging of displays at the city’s Art Gallery and formed the Arts Council.”

Colon shared “it is important to partner and leverage state and local resources to continue improving and beautifying our downtown district, so that we can draw shoppers, diners and art enthusiasts to the district—



refueling our local economy.”

A plaque was on display during the reveal ceremonies and will be mounted on the wall near the mural. One reminds viewers that Perth Amboy’s City Council adopted the morning glory as its symbolic flower. Additionally, a plaque pays tribute to the Zakharyayevs for allowing the city to use their property to display the artwork.

Perth Amboy issued a “Call for Artists” in June 2020 to cre-

ate an original outdoor mural in the city’s downtown district. *Renowned Mural Artist Florentine (whose real name is Corey Fleming but paints under the Florentine name) has been creating street-scene murals for more than a decade. Flowers is the subject that is featured in the artist’s murals. According to the artist’s website: Florentine’s floral murals can be seen from Puerto Rico to Los Angeles and in Jersey City.*

Dowdell Library Events

SOUTH AMBOY - The Holidays are here, and the Dowdell Library is busy decking the halls and being jolly! Join us for a Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 17, at 630 pm. Collegium Musicum presents the Veritas Youth Orchestra- under the direction of Dr. Mira Kang, Artistic Director (via Zoom). The Zoom performance will be streaming live in the library. Patrons can watch the performance and enjoy a cup of Hot Cocoa to go! You may also view the performance from the comfort of your own home. Zoom login information will be available soon on the Dowdell Website!

Holiday Ornament Fundraiser! Stop-in anytime to help us decorate the holiday tree and raise money! We wanted to do something fun and different this year for our holiday fundraiser. We will have wooden ornaments to be personalized and hung on the tree. Donations are only \$1.00 per ornament.

If you need help carrying all your library books home (or even those holiday packages), you can buy a Dowdell Library Tote bag! Tote bags will feature the library logo and will go on sale shortly!

If you find yourself stressed out after all the holiday planning, decorating, or shopping, we recommend you check out the free virtual Health Programs offered through the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJBarnabas Health. Three courses will be available in December. Nadine Roberts, a stress management practitioner, will offer A Virtual Guided Imagery Relaxation Session on December 8 and 22. Stretch It, a Stretching and Flexibility Workshop guided by RWJ Outpatient Physical Therapy Specialist John Lancaster, will be available on December 3 and 17. Keeping You Healthy: Finding the Best Nutrients for Your Body with Annie Truss, MD, will be hosted on December 15. All classes start at 1:00 pm, and you must be pre-registered. For more information or to pre-register, please email susan.capolongo@rwjbh.org or kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org. Additional information will be available at Dowdell.org and in our December Newsletter.

Test Kitchen is back with an all-new video in December! Dennis and Maryanne are cooking up a holiday special! Learn how to make simple yet delicious appetizers for your next holiday feast!

New Virtual Exhibition. Maryanne will be interviewing painter Dennis Yanoski in a new YouTube Virtual Exhibition video. Mr. Yanoski will showcase his oil paintings as well provide a brief demonstration on his techniques. The video will debut in December on our YouTube channel.

The Dowdell Library will feature a new Celebrity Storytime in December with special guest Councilwoman Christine Noble. Councilwoman Noble will read a Holiday story that is guaranteed to put a smile on anyone's face. Ms. Maryanne will also share a holiday book this month in a new Storytime YouTube video.

It doesn't matter if you've been naughty or nice, swing by the Dowdell Library, and pick up a free Take-home Holiday Craft Kit. Stop in from December 7-18 to pick up a goodie bag to create your own gingerbread man ornament!

Teen 3D Printer Contest. Tinkercad is a free, online 3D modeling program where you can create objects that can be 3D printed at the Dowdell Library. Watch and learn while Ms. Laura explains how to use Tinkercad and print her creation in the latest installment of Sadie's Studio. Then, use all your new knowledge and create your very own 3D model using Tinkercad at home or on one of the library's computers. Please submit your name and a picture of your 3D item to comments@dowdell.org to enter our drawing! The winner will be chosen at the end of December.

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The Dowdell Library is still operating on a modified schedule, as well as providing staff-assisted services. These changes have helped us ensure the safety of our patrons and staff. Walk-in service is available Monday-Friday 12-5 p.m. and Thursday 12-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. We offer a Grab-and-Go Curbside service Monday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Holiday Cheer at the Dowdell Library

SOUTH AMBOY - Come in from the cold when you're finished shopping and share some holiday cheer! Join the Dowdell Library for a holiday celebration on Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 pm. Enjoy a virtual zoom concert presented by Collegium Musicum featuring the Veritas Youth Orchestra- under the direction of Dr. Mira Kang, Artistic Director (via Zoom). The Zoom performance will be streaming live in the library. While you're here, make a donation and decorate a holiday ornament to hang on the tree or purchase a new Dowdell Library tote bag! Don't forget to let us know what services you'd like at Dowdell in 2021! Before you head out, make sure to pick up a free gingerbread ornament take-home craft and grab a cup of Hot Cocoa to go! Staff will serve hot drinks in disposable cups and use social distancing.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Walk-in service is available Monday-Friday 12-5 pm and Thursday 12-5 pm and 6-8 pm. We offer a Grab-and-Go Curbside service Monday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Woodbridge Public Library Events

Free Virtual Events
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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

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 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.



Maxwell on His Porch

Maxwell is sitting on his porch,
His eyes are closed but he isn't sleeping.
Neither the present nor the future,
Have any more use for him:
The one liquid, always flowing,
Who can ever hold? And the other,
Exactly like gas, always invisible,
Who can even see?

What the years have taught him,
Is this: ever unchanging, ever unchangeable,
The past is the only solid
We can ever know, showed him,
How parts of it can easily harden
Into rubies, into diamonds. Just now.
He is sifting through just such memories,
Slowly, slowly turning some this way
And that way like jewels dropped
From a satin bag.

Jerry Shonda

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

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

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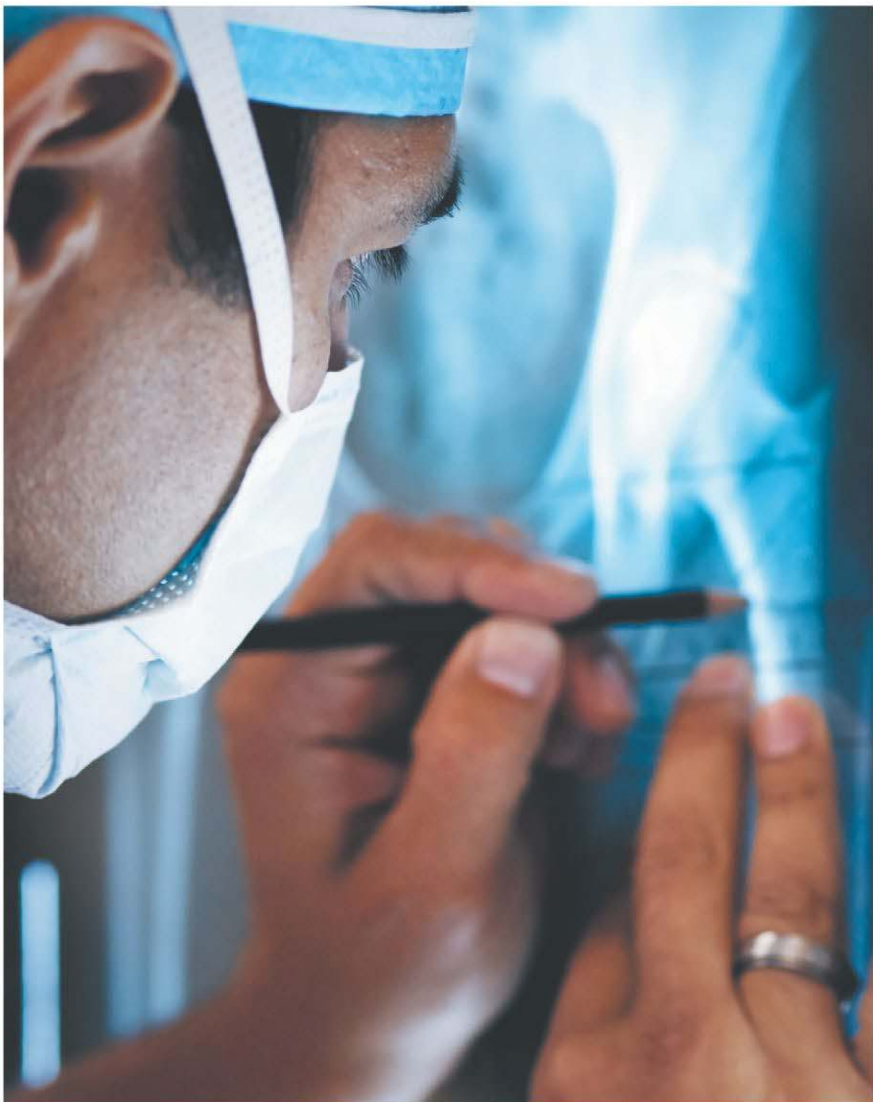
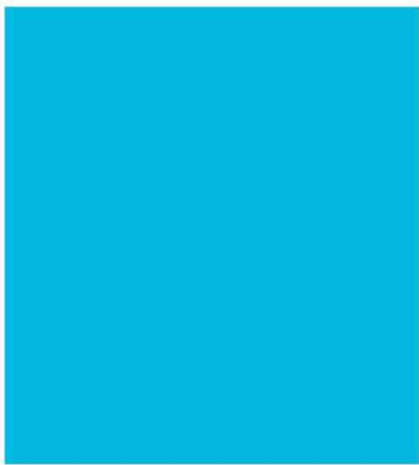
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PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are once again having a book sale on Saturday December 12th, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center at the corner of Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway in 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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Thank you, St. Jude
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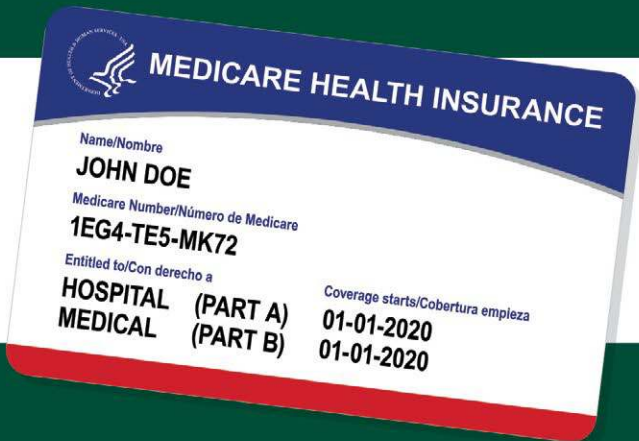
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Novena to St. Rita

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

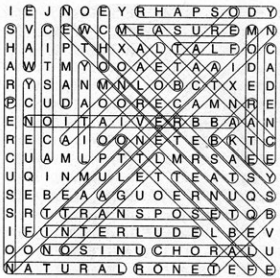
O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles near the kingdom of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of al who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has Given such great power to come to 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.

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Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 17



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Enlisted men enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner - November 1918.
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This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.

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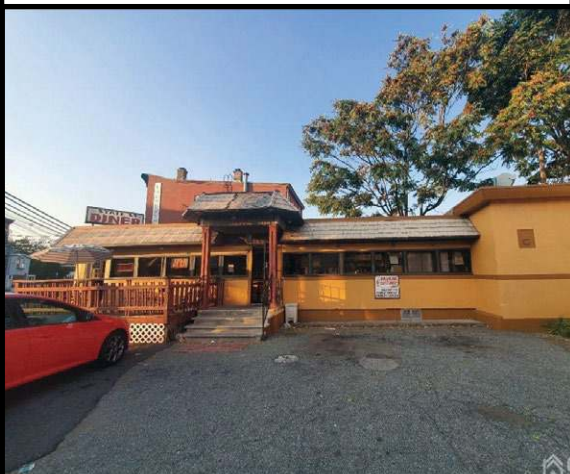
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