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## Northgrave and Balut Battle, Historic Preservation Commission Pleads for Funds - Two of Many Topics Discussed

6/7/21 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to field a question regarding R-297-6/21 – Appointing Special Officer Class I for the City of Perth Amboy. “Six officers will be appointed on June 21st.

Councilman Joel Pabon asked a question regarding R-295-6/21 - Authorizing the execution of a shared services agreement with the County of Middlesex and the City of Perth Amboy for the management of Thomas Mundy Peterson Park. “Will this park be guarded?”

City Engineer Ernest Feist came on via Zoom who spoke about R-298.

R-298-6/21 – Rescinding R-441-11/20 – and authorizing the city of Perth Amboy to make an application to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for a grant to perform remedial investigation and remedial action activities on the former Harry Goldberg & Son Scrap Metal site.

“There was a preapplication for this remediation that was sent to the State House Commission which was done pre-Covid. The state is reviewing the application today.”

Business Administrator Remsen spoke up, and if this project can go on as scheduled.

Feist responded, “I anticipate an added delay. We were not the engineers on this particular project (R-295).”

CFO Jill Goldy then spoke up via Zoom, “They would have to rescind the original resolution (R-298) because they had to add additional language.”

Public Portion:

The first person to speak was Ken Balut. He directed his comments to Law Director Northgrave who was present in person in the Council Chambers. He requested that Northgrave call Middlesex County Democratic Chair Kevin McCabe to call former Governor McGreevy to talk to Kushner. Balut then talked about how Plainfield is lowering their taxes with the federal money they are getting. He then

questioned again if the council got a copy of the 150-page report which gives a breakdown on how municipalities can use the monies given to them by the federal government.

Northgrave responded, “This is not the time to cross-examine the council.”

Balut shot back, “Maybe I made a mistake when I heard that Plainfield used the money to lower taxes. I can say whatever I want. Kushner has owed us money for years. I’ve had discussions with retired Woodbridge cops about McGreevy. I didn’t have the votes to sue Kushner when I was on the council. The YMCA hasn’t been addressed in years. Everyone is afraid of looking at the report on how you can spend \$16 million.”

CFO Jill Goldy spoke about R-293-6/21 – Authorizing emergency temporary appropriations to extend the CY: 2021 Temporary Budget in the amount of \$314,200.

Goldy said, “There can be a supplemental amount of funding if the water amendment is adopted for the 3% increase.”

Business Administrator William Remsen responded to one of Balut’s remarks and told the council, “You all have the link to the 150-page report. We didn’t want to waste paper printing 150 pages to give to each council member.”

The Pastor from St. John’s Church came up next. He wanted to address the marijuana regulation issue. “I am a father of three children. The best scenario of action is to take no action. The state gives you 180 days to make a decision. It’s for their own interest. Let Woodbridge have a marijuana dispensary. They have no problems sending their homeless to us.”

Historic Preservation Chair Renee Skelton was invited to speak by Council President William Petrick. She started out by saying, “Only a third of the municipalities (in New Jersey) have a Historic Preservation Commission. We have not done a good job of restoring



Ken Balut

ing our historic sites. We’ve had inventories at historic sites done. The last one was done in 2016. Some sites were demolished or drastically altered. We will have nothing much left to preserve. Administrations in the past have ignored the ordinances. The ordinances are very vague, and we are missing so many safeguards. The Historic Preservation Commission must review plans of any historic buildings that are targeted for redevelopment. First of all, we need to have a list of all the historic sites. We wanted to hire someone on how to fix our ordinance. There are two sites that are on the State Register that need to be on the National Register. We are not getting money that we could get by putting in commercial buildings. We need to get a lot of buildings on the national register, especially the terra-cotta buildings. We have gotten money from Tashi Vazquez from the Office of Economic Development for one of our projects. We need expertise on our commission such as an attorney, an engineer, and someone from Code Enforcement. We don’t have any of these. We need to upgrade the HPC Board. We have a small budget, and I don’t even know if we have any money in the budget. We do all the work ourselves and are under the Office of Economic

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## Council Unanimously Votes to Prohibit Cannabis Businesses within the City of South Amboy

6/2/21 Business Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust

SOUTH AMBOY – Councilwoman Zuzette Dato had some questions regarding the merger of the South Amboy First Aid Squad as presented on the bill list. Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski explained that because of the merger, the First Aid Squad will become a city entity and before, they were independent.

Councilman Thomas Reilly requested that residents respond to the South Amboy First Aid Fund Drive.

There was a public hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-08 – An ordinance of the city of South Amboy, county of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, amending chapter 53-98a, entitled “Restrictions on Growth and Sale of Marijuana” to change the title to “Cannabis Business Prohibited,” and add a new section, prohibiting the operation of any class of cannabis businesses within the city of South Amboy.

Resident James Smith spoke first. “Why are we restricting cannabis? Is there a reason? Is there an actual event or something? As a member of the public and a resident of South Amboy, to restrict a possible tax revenue should not be stifled.”

Resident Mike Vintzileos spoke next, “Why are we restricting cannabis? We are renewing alcohol licenses. I use medical marijuana to stay opioid free. All marijuana is medicine. 68% of the public voted they want cannabis (legalized). Alcohol is way worse a substance. I don’t think further stigmatizing cannabis is an approach. Marijuana is not new. To ban it is such an old way of thinking. I used to be an opioid addict. As a resident of this town, this is disgusting. It does not make sense. Can anyone from the council can make a comment as to why we are doing this?”

Councilman Reilly explained after a long discussion with an expert is what helped convince him to vote to restrict cannabis in South Amboy.

The entire council voted “Yes” to prohibit cannabis businesses in South Amboy.

Ordinance No. 2021-09 – Bond Ordinance Providing for various capital improvements in and by the city of South Amboy, in the county of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating \$2,808,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,665,600 bonds or notes of the city to finance part of the cost thereof.

The Ordinance was introduced on first reading and advertised for a second reading scheduled for the July 14, 2021, meeting. All voted “yes” for the first reading.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski explained that this ordinance enabled the city to borrow money for big ticket items not in the budget. He stated that this includes the two fire chief vehicles and first aid vehicle. He noted that this does not include the pumping station. “Everything here is included in the budget. It will not increase or decrease the rate.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked if the fire vehicles could be ordered now.

Skarzynski answered, “In short order, yes. We will order the chief’s truck at the first available moment.”

Council President Mickey Gross added, “I will drive you to the dealership.”

Ordinance No. 2021-11 – Bond Ordinance providing for the replacement of the Raritan Street Pump Station in and by the city of South Amboy, in the county of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,000,000 bonds or notes of the city of Finance part of the cost thereof.

This ordinance was introduced on first reading and advertised for a second reading scheduled for the July 14, 2021 meeting.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz stated that this is for a new pump station on Raritan Street.

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Helmin J. Caba, Honorable Mayor  
& City Council Members

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## EDITORIAL

## Past Summer Fun



***Concerned  
City Residents'  
Headaches!***

and want some respect in their neighborhood? They do not need to see a circus. Another concern is this "Up In Smoke" marijuana ordinance to be in place. Let's get this very clear: Perth Amboy already has its problems, and those city-elected officials want more. I'll bet those politicians that voted for this marijuana law don't even want this in their town. I hope someday a city council member with living brain cells will realize we created a major problem.

## Orlando “Wildman” Perez

In addition to the usual fire and safety issues associated with illegal attic and basement rentals, there are other mitigating circumstances to consider. In order to make these so-called apartments livable, landlords have to do electrical and construction work on the sly which means cities are losing out on valuable permit monies. Also, since I seriously doubt any of these homeowners report the rental income on their taxes, both the state and federal govern-

ment lose out on a substantial amount of income if it were to be declared, plus if a mortgage is involved, a portion can be deducted on their taxes so that illegal money received from illegal apartment rentals offsets part of the mortgage payments! Hefty fines should and must take place! I urge all to report these scoundrels so that they may be punished where it hurts - in their wallets! Thank you!

The Honorable  
Michael Rusznak

I know things have gotten a little crazy with this “smart phone” thing, you know, people with their face buried in a phone and what not, but I didn’t realize how crazy things have gotten until the other day.

I was looking at an article for this automatic litter box. It is supposed to automatically sift your cat litter and eliminate your having to “scoop the poop” yourself. Well, that’s all well and good but if you are not into cleaning the litter box then don’t have cats, period.

Well, anyway, I happened to be on a web page that touted this new and improved machine. It was Wi-Fi compatible. You could monitor your litter box from anywhere with this app on your phone. Are you kidding me??? Monitor your litter box??? Not only that, but you get three “FREE” tray liners with your order. The price? Just south of five hundred dollars. How can you beat that?

Now I know things have gone crazy. Hell, to me that's just insane.

Joe Bayona

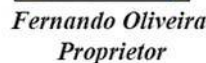
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MON. Jun. 21 City Council, Caucus 5:30 p.m.  
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WED. Jun. 23 City Council, Regular,  
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THURS. Jun. 24 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

### South Amboy

WED Jun. 16 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
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# The Beat Goes On

## 6/9/21 Council Meeting

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then thanked everyone from the bottom of his heart.

The first person to speak was Ken Balut. “I want to know if Mike Green is a still a practicing attorney.”

Mike Green replied, “Yes.”

Balut continued, “McGreevy and McCabe were the ones that were stopping the negotiations with Kushner. I don’t know if Northgrave is a part of this. We are cleaning up Kushner’s property and he owes us \$4 million. No one followed up on Kushner’s road that we fixed. The YMCA and Kushner have money to pay us. No one follows up. Peter Pelissier (one of our former B.A.’s) said we are getting money (from Kushner). Where is it? Where is the forensic audit from the YMCA? I hope the new Business Administrator goes after Kushner and makes sure everyone does their job. Northgrave jumped at me at the Caucus. I served the city for over 25 years. We can let Kenny Ortiz (from the Department of Recreation) run the Y.”

Resident Alan Silber came up next. “Three other Business Administrators left with only day’s notice. Jillian Barrack (one of our former B.A.’s) moved to Perth Amboy when she got the job. Why were the Marijuana Forum questions put on a card? The Forum panel were not impressive. I can go on a website to find how alcohol affects our youth. Nothing from the marijuana laws were discussed. We (the city of Perth Amboy) have over 40 liquor licenses. Why are you talking about opioids? The Mayor from Massachusetts rattled off 7 pros of having the recreational marijuana. We voted on the retail sales of marijuana. How many people voted for Biden for President in certain counties in New Jersey? He got more votes than votes for recreational marijuana. How we are voting is a little backwards.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up next. He opened with remarks about Kushner. “Kushner’s contract was only supposed to be in effect for 10 years. Is it voidable and open ended? Our attorney may have to recuse himself because of a case he was involved in. Did our former mayor’s relatives benefit from some of these deals that were made. Nothing has been done regarding Kushner’s properties. The mayor was a just a glorified clerk to do the developer’s bidding. See who the owners are of the properties who owe us over \$2 million. Look at Diaz’s conduct over the last 12 years.”

Resident Dorothy Daniel came up to speak. “I come in peace. I’m concerned by theses outside bikers coming into the city. My daughter was on a bus and when it made a turn onto Smith Street, a biker challenged the bus driver. The bus driver had to stop abruptly which caused a passenger to fall down on the bus. I watch lunatics riding in malls. I worked as a poll worker for the last election (June 8th)

and I was there from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. I had only 6 voters come to my table. It is a privilege and an obligation to vote. This is a shame. Over the last 10 years, I was able to give kids computers that was donated by companies from warehouses that made this possible. Backpacks were also donated to our kids. I recently received a large donation of hand sanitizers. I had to give most of them to Woodbridge, because when I tried to give them to different places in Perth Amboy, they already had enough. I donated a large supply to Woodbridge Township. McCormack told me I should give some these hand sanitizers to you (the council). I still have plenty in my car to give to anyone who wants them.”

Dalia Silva, a member of the Garcilaso Committee and also Vice President of Salidarid Peru Organization spoke next. She thanked the council for recognizing the history of Inca Garcilaso De La Vega and I want you all present for the dedication.”

Attorney Daniel Gonzalez came up next. He thanked the council for approving the Peruvian Monument and recognizing Brian Taylor. “Taylor is also a Princeton graduate and has encouraged kids in all areas. We have a lot of diversity here and it is good to honor all people. I’m glad to see all the corners being fixed to help the disabled. I’m glad people listen to the people from the waterfront (the problems with speeders).”

Petrick responded, “The ordinance we are we are drafting is to put speed bumps all over town, not in just in certain sections of the city.”

Gonzalez continued, “I’m glad to see the police presence. I want to thank our outgoing Business Administrator Remsen and congratulate the new Business Administrator Mike Green. It is a tough job, but I think you are up to it. It took the Mayor six months to get a new business administrator. There are positive things happening in town. I will cheer Mike Green on. Good things are happening.”

Alejandro Roman, Journalist and Newspaper Photographer came up next. He thanked the council for working with us (Peruvian Committee) to recognize De Le Vega. “Your job is not easy. It is a good example of working together. It is not good to keep arguing.”

Director of Recreation and Human Services Ken Ortiz came up to speak next. He wanted to thank the council for honoring Brian Taylor, Thomas Mundy Peterson, and the late Ronald Spevack. “We have a lot of heroes. I want to talk about a young man who is from Perth Amboy and that was an exceptional student and who is a star among stars. He is a police officer in Delaware. His name is Elliott Pratz. He and another officer in Wilmington, Delaware were shot, but they are both recovering. We have to work together and move forward.”

Rev. Donna Stewart who is

President of the Perth Amboy/Carteret branch of the NAACP came up next. She wanted to thank all the people who spoke before her. “We are all a family, and like all families we have disagreements. I want to congratulate Brian Taylor and welcome Mike Green, our new B.A. The NAACP is inclusive and we welcome all to join us and to come to the table to sit with us so we can work together. I also invite our new B.A. Michael Green to join the NAACP.”

Reinaldo Aviles came up next. “I used to be the Chair of the PAHPC and I thought he would be open to finding \$4,500 to put in the HPC budget. It’s a slap in the face not to give them anything. Affordable housing is a crisis. Edison gives \$100,000 to their residents towards affordable housing, and it keeps the taxes low. Look at what other towns are doing to help residents who fit a certain criteria who need help for affordable housing.”

Petrick answered, “The finance department decided not to rework the budget to add an additional \$4,500.”

Aviles continued, “Helmin Caba was a former member of the HPC and I thought he would be open to finding \$4,500 to put in the HPC budget. It’s a slap in the face not to give them anything. Affordable housing is a crisis. Edison gives \$100,000 to their residents towards affordable housing, and it keeps the taxes low. Look at what other towns are doing to help residents who fit a certain criteria who need help for affordable housing.”

B.A. Remsen responded to Aviles (regarding the HPC request for money). “If we added anything to the budget, we would have had to stop the budget process. I asked Renee Skelton (Chair of the HPC) for documents on how the money will be spent. I just got that today (6/9/21). There are bigger issues of what the HPC should look like. We now have 3 potential sources of funding for them.”

The public portion was now opened up to Zoom participants.

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke first. She spoke about the cannabis ordinance and the time limit to get something passed and the 6 types of licenses available. “We only seem to be interested in the Class 5 License. There are not many defined regulations. Our city is only 4.5 square miles. Cannabis is still federally illegal. Banking institutions cannot open up business accounts for vendors who want to participate in the cannabis businesses. Businesses can’t go up in certain areas. We can’t compare our town (with the one in Massachusetts). Preserve our decision for the future. They (the town in Massachusetts) had many meetings with many of the city boards before making their final decision.”

Maria Vera from Madison Avenue spoke next. She complained that part of the street of Sadowski Parkway in front of the Greek Church is very bad. “I want to thank Miguel Morales who put (flashing) tape on the stop sign. We should not have our water bills raised, especially for those taxpayers who pay their water bill on time.”

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales thanked all the speakers. “I attended the Portuguese Flag Raising earlier in the day. I was honored to be there. I’m proud of Brian Taylor who has inspired children. I want to thank Chief Cattano for working on the speed bumps and having a police presence, not only at the waterfront, but the need to have a police presence for the entire city. The new positions and titles are needed because we need more manpower. I want to congratulate our new B.A., Mr. Green and I am very impressed with his credentials. I want to thank Daniel Gonzalez for his positive outlook.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “Regarding the marijuana law, this should have been done a while ago. We can change our minds, but we need to see where we could set these places up during this 5-year timeframe. We have to come up with a plan. I’ve been talking about having a traffic analysis since 2016. We have 65,000 people in this town and are adding more. We have to start moving on this. There is a pantry at the corner of Bruck and Amboy Avenue, and that is a very bad corner. It is an accident waiting to happen. The traffic pattern on our streets should have been changed. Our parks equipment needs to be updated. At Rudyk Park, the tracks, basketball courts, and fencing are bad. I spoke to Kenny Ortiz about the lack of mulch in our parks. This is a safety issue for our kids. The water fountains were turned on. The marina bathroom should be open. We are paying for them. People of all ages are walking at the waterfront as early as 5 a.m. The water should be turned on at the marina. The marina bathrooms should be open for the public.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada thanked all who spoke at the meeting. “I was happy to see all the different cultural expressions (the Peruvian monument and Brian Taylor). We have many talented individuals who are from this town. Thank you for having the marijuana forum. We talked about opioids because marijuana is used in helping as treatment for those who are trying to get off their addiction to opioids.” She welcomed Mr. Green and thanked Remsen “For putting up with us and taking the job seriously.” She then questioned about getting more vaccination sites being set up in the city.

Ken Ortiz responded, “We are working with the county and (OEM Coordinator) Larry Cattano.”

Tejada continued, “The Pastor from Our Lady of Fatima

Church would like to have a vaccination site (on the church grounds).”

Ortiz said, “The hospital has a walk-in clinic.”

Cattano then added, “Hackensack Meridian will probably be the one who will work with the churches.”

Ortiz then said, “We were recently at the Five Corners providing information about vaccines and other services available in the city.”

Tejada continued, “The Pastor from Our Lady of Fatima Church addressed concerns about the vaccine with the parishioners.” Tejada then said, “I am proud the Borinqueneers will be honored by having the Second Street Park named for them.”

Councilman B.J. Torres thanked Remsen for his service and welcomed the new B.A. Mike Green. He also thanked the administration for putting together the marijuana forum. “We are becoming a community of hypocrites. Marijuana is legal for medical reasons and was approved in November. It is irresponsible to move forward as the law is now.”

Council President Petrick thanked Remsen for his corporation and welcomed the new B.A. Mike Green. He then rattled off dates of upcoming flag raising and ribbon cuttings. “June 15th will be the dedication of the Fireman’s Plaque on Market and Elm Street and June 19th will be the Juneteenth Flag Raising. Olive Street should be opening off for the seniors, soon. Regarding the marijuana ordinance, we had ours drawn up before the Governor signed the bill. What we decided on is a placeholder and not the final rendition of the ordinance. It will take several meetings to put an ordinance in place. So, this is it. Most of our neighboring communities have something in place. We can revisit this instead of being under the state guidelines. As it stands now, no marijuana businesses or licenses can be located here at all.”

Law Director Northgrave responded, “The licenses come from the state and the state needs the input from the towns. The state will look at a council’s ordinance to decide what licenses should be issued to them.”

Petrick concluded, “I am in favor of medical marijuana. Woodbridge is allowing recreational and medical marijuana in one location located on Rtes. 1 & 9. Thank you to all who participated in person and on Zoom.”

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m. All council members were present in person.

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# Northgrave and Balut Battle, Historic Preservation Commission Pleads for Funds -Two of Many Topics Discussed 6/7/21 Caucus

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Development who helps us a lot. We need a grant writer and our ordinance changed. I want to thank Councilman Joel Pabon and Council President Bill Petrick who asked me to come speak about this.”

Councilman Joel Pabon responded, “The next time we have a presentation for something like this at the beginning of the meeting because we are in the public portion (where there is a 5-minute time limit).”

Petrick then asked Skelton, “What number are you looking at for funds to fill in the gaps?”

It was decided on \$4,500.

Petrick then questioned the council whether or not we should add that to the budget.

Councilman B.J. Torres then suggested that we should go into the reserves for these funds.

Council President Petrick then asked, “Is it important to adjust the budget for \$4,500?”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda responded, “We should take into consideration the Master Plan to

give the HPC extra funding.”

Business Administrator Remsen said, “There was a discussion about preserving the cobblestone (at Sunshine Alley) and we will discuss the HPC budget. There is a lot of low hanging fruit money. If you get a full-time grant writer, they can work on getting money for the Historic Preservation Commission.”

The next person to come up was Reinaldo Aviles (from East Brunswick) and former Chair of the PAHPC. “I agree with everything that Renee (Skelton) said. We got a lot of lip service. The ordinance has to have some teeth in it. Have experts on the Commission and let it be properly budgeted. We are losing too many important structures. \$4,500 is a start.”

A resident from Rector Street Jeanette Perry Wilson spoke next. She wanted to invite everyone to the Juneteenth Flag Raising at City Hall Circle on June 19th from 3p.m. to 4p.m. “On September 10, 2020, Governor Murphy signed into law

that the third Thursday in June will be a State Holiday.”

The meeting was now open to Zoom participants.

Vince Mackiel spoke first. He talked about R-292-6/21- The Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank to be issued in the principle amount up to \$1,500,000. He said, “Governor Murphy is creating over \$300 million for water infrastructure improvements. We have 30% of the people in the city who have not been able to pay their bills. They had to stay home, and in turn use more water.”

Law Director Northgrave spoke up and told the council that the boarded-up building on Rector Street should be coming down in about two weeks. “The sewer or waterlines have to be replaced.”

The meeting was closed to the public and went into closed session at 6:45 p.m. with no further action taken. All council members were present in-person.



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## Republican Strong Hold Old Bridge Chair Endorses Hubberman for Middlesex County Republican Chair



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Glenn Dantuono  
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Press Release June 13, 2021  
PERTH AMBOY – Perth Amboy is known as a historic town and as a City of First. The Perth Amboy Republicans will have the opportunity to make history, as one of their own representatives will be nominated for the office of Middlesex County Republican Chair at the upcoming Middlesex County Republican Reorganization being held on June 22nd in Fords, NJ. In a New Brunswick Today news article, Middlesex County Republican Organization Chairwoman Lucille Panos, formerly a resident of Old Bridge, said she will likely step down from her position and not seek re-election at this year’s reorganization. Prior to Panos holding the County Chair position, Senator Sam Thompson of Old Bridge, led the County Republican Party for approximately 20 years.

“I endorse Sharon Hubberman for Chair of the Middlesex County Republican Organization because she has a proven record of growing the Republican Party in a town that has a democrat stronghold. I feel she will bring the same energy and enthusiasm that she has shown for her town to the County,” said Dr. Anita Greenberg Belli, Old Bridge Republican Chair and Old Bridge At-Large Councilwoman. “She is a good listener, problem solver, with excellent people skills that would bring people together which has been lacking on the county level. Her leadership skills are unmatched, and her positive energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to the party will make a difference. Her tenacity and passion will make the Republican Party proud.”

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“I feel very honored and humbled to be endorsed for the office of Middlesex County Republican Chair, and am very grateful and thankful to have Anita’s support” said Sharon D. Hubberman, Perth Amboy Republican Chair, who was born and raised in Perth Amboy. “This is a wonderful opportunity to excel as a vigorous party and we have a very strong team of talented and exceptional leaders who will join me in leading the Republican Party in a positive direction. Through dedication, and perseverance, our party will thrive. We are ready to hit the ground running.”

Joining Ms. Hubberman is former Milltown Councilman Richard Revolinsky for the office of Vice Chair, Marilyn Colon for Secretary, and Glenn D’Antuono for Treasurer.

“I believe good governance addresses the needs and desires

of every voter,” said Revolinsky. “We are here to support all towns and provide a voice for smaller municipalities and diverse cities. It is about inclusion for all.”

The team is dedicated to building the party and bringing positive change. “I have lived in a still-water political environment, and I look forward to being part of this unique opportunity to connect and trigger a movement and current that can take us to a larger and activated Republican base,” said Colon.

“I support the change that is needed within the Republican organization to move us forward,” said D’Antuono. “It is time for the Republican Party to work with the next generation of voters while still understanding the importance of history and tradition to keep our organization grounded.”



### Juneteenth Flag Raising

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Juneteenth flag raising ceremony at Perth Amboy, NJ City Hall Circle. Saturday, June 19, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This event is in recognition of the fact that when President Lincoln freed the slaves in January of 1863, the slaves in Galveston Texas did not find out until June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1865, two and a half years later, when the soldiers came through with the mail. Former slaves combined the month of June and the 19th day and called it Juneteenth, Freedom Day to celebrate the day when those slaves found out they were freed. Juneteenth is recognized and celebrated nationwide by some people. This is the first year that the state legislators in the State of New Jersey have made June 19th a state holiday.

This event is Hosted by the Friends of Perth Amboy Legacy. Social Distancing/Mask Wearing event.

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Remarks by Perth Amboy Historic Preservation Commission

Chair Renee Skelton

Council Caucus: June 7, 2021

PERTH AMBOY - We have lost an incredible number of buildings of historical or architectural interest over the last few decades, and we are getting to a tipping point, where if we don't do something to change the direction of what is happening, we won't have much left to save.

The HPC had an inventory of the city's landmarks done in 2016, and it compared the number of landmarks in Perth Amboy with the inventory done before that in 1978. This is what the 2016 inventory found:

- 51 of the buildings surveyed in 1978—and considered of historical or architectural value—were demolished between then and 2016. More have been torn down since then.
- 95 buildings surveyed in 1978 were so unwisely altered between then and the 2016 survey, that they were no longer worthy of being part of the city's inventory.

There are many reasons that we find ourselves in this position, but these are two of the major reasons:

- We have had administrations in the past that have been very comfortable ignoring what little safeguards we do have when those safeguards interfered with something they wanted to do. (One of the best examples of that is when the previous administration actually supported the demolition of a building at the Copper Works site that was on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places—for parking lot spaces.)
- But the biggest reason is that we have a historic preservation ordinance that is vague and incomplete, which makes it very easy to avoid HPC review. What's the problem with the or-

dinance?

The historic preservation ordinance is Section 258 of the City Code. In general, it states that any application to the planning board or the zoning board or any permits out of code enforcement that apply to historic sites or districts, shall be referred to the HPC for review.

BUT the ordinance doesn't define what a historic site is, and it doesn't list any buildings in Perth Amboy that are historic sites. In towns where historic preservation works and is taken seriously, that's not the case. The buildings to be protected are listed. The ordinance lays out criteria for designating something a historic site. The ordinance spells out the procedure and gives standards for review—and on and on.

Perth Amboy's ordinance does none of that. To compare those ordinances with Perth Amboy's is like night and day. The HPC wants to hire someone with an expertise in land use law and historic preservation to review our ordinance and suggest where we need to change it in order to make it work properly and start having these proposed changes to city landmarks actually go before the HPC for review.

Other plans of the HPC described at the meeting include:

- Maximizing National Register nominations, not just because National Register sites are destinations for heritage tourists, but because income producing buildings in National Register districts are eligible for historic preservation tax credits. They get a reduction in taxes equal to a certain percentage of what they spend on rehabilitating their properties.
- There is a 20% federal tax

credit

- There is up to a 40% tax credit on the state level

When Governor Murphy signed the NJ law in January and created the Historic Preservation Tax Credit, he said that it is targeted to old, urban building stock, to encourage revitalization and investment in these older urban areas. These buildings are already in historic districts in some towns. Here in Perth Amboy, we may have an opportunity to get some of our older, deteriorating buildings into National or New Jersey Register Districts and take advantage of those tax credits to encourage building owners to spruce up their buildings, or to encourage developers to take on a project in an older, urban area, like our downtown.

There is no guarantee that we will get the National Register designation, but we would like to try to do that.

- The need to hire experts or consultants for HPC reviews. The HPC is one of the city's land use boards. There are four: planning, zoning, redevelopment, and historic preservation. We don't think of the HPC as a land use board, because in Perth Amboy it has never functioned that way—which is why we have lost so many landmarks. But if it functions properly, it reviews applications the same way the planning board does, for example. The only difference is, it only reviews application for historic sites or landmarks.

Every land use board in the city has experts or professionals that review their applications—an attorney, an engineer, a building or fire code expert, and so on. They make their comments and recommendation to

the members of the board, who take that into account when they make their decisions. Like the other land use board, the HPC does not have that expertise on the board itself, and needs to hire it. It needs specialists like restoration architects, architectural historians, perhaps an attorney. So money is needed to hire that expertise, but the HPC doesn't have that in what it has been allocated.

- Money for grant matches. The HPC has a tiny budget, so it can't do big things. It needs grants for that, and most of the grants available require a 20-25% match. So money is needed for the grant matches, and again, there isn't a lot of money in what the HPC has been allocated for that.

Bottom line, the HPC has been allocated a very tiny budget, and it's not adequate to do most of what it wanted to do this year. There was an appeal to take all of this into account during next year's budget, and possibly allocate the HPC more of the funds that it needs.

At that point, Council President Petrick asked if it would be possible to find a few more dollars for the HPC out of this year's budget. It's not clear if that will happen, but the other members of the city council seemed amenable to having a look to see if that's possible before Wednesday's meeting. BA Ed Remsen was very supportive of the idea, stating that the allocation for the HPC was too small.

It was also stated that the revision of the historic preservation ordinance is the top priority for the HPC, and that has to go along with a revision of the Historic Preservation Element of the Master Plan.

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Council Unanimously Votes to Prohibit Cannabis Businesses

Within the City of South Amboy

6/2/21 Business Meeting

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“The existing pump station has been repaired several times. We are looking for a new pump station.”

Council Comments:

Councilman thanked the first responders and food pantries. Reilly then asked when the council will be able to have an in-person meeting.

City Clerk Deborah Brooks answered, “I’ve yet to hear from Mr. Jones from the County Health Department. Right now, elections are priority, so not earlier than the August meeting.”

Brooks then added, “With the exception of only two towns there are in-person meetings. Both are using safety standards of 6 feet and masks.” Brooks explained that when the kids go back to school, things will start to get back to normal.

Reilly then spoke about Bill S-3160. “The bill has grant monies for local food pantries.”

B.A. Skarzynski stated that the city's grant writer did submit and received a grant for food pantries.

He then asked, “Can we amend the ordinance on bamboo and ask people to keep bamboo in planters? Can they implement this into the ordinance?”

The council agreed it was a good idea.

Substitute Law Director Ronald Gordon stated that on July 15, 2021, court will be back in person.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin thanked the volunteers at the food pantries. He was pleased that the council voted unanimously on the marijuana ordinance.

Council Vice-President Christine Noble thanked the Veterans and wished everyone a good summer.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, “There used to be magnificent flowerpots on Broadway and hanging baskets on the poles. They were really beauti-

ful. What happened?”

B.A. Skarzynski explained, “We had to put that off for camera and light installation on Broadway. We have a very generous local resident who donates for this.”

Council President Mickey Gross asked that the outdoor dining ordinance extension be put on the next meeting's agenda, citing that the local businesses who suffered during the pandemic will benefit from this. “Keep it right to Christmas! It's the little businesses that we need to support in this town.”

Gross then stated, “On September 25, 2021, there will be an Irish Festival. There will be fireworks, big rides, vendors and more!”

Mayor Fred Henry thanked the American Legion for their Memorial Day Ceremony and for going to the cemeteries. Mayor Henry also noted that the South Amboy Historical Society will have a vintage baseball game with 1860's rules. He offered

his condolences to City Employee Andy Pipala for losing his mother, Helene Pipala. “She was Vice President of the Trust Company. She will be missed.”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski thanked the good work of the Rotary Club. “They are doing things in South Amboy.” He mentioned the upcoming Daddy Daughter Dance which is sold out.

Substitute Law Director Ronald Gordon stated it was “a well-run meeting”.

Public Portion:

Resident Bill DeMasi asked about a camera on First Street that was installed.

B.A. Skarzynski answered, “No one's privacy will be invaded by NJ law no private property will be monitored. It is for use of the police department. There are 30-days of recordings.

Resident Brandon Russell asked, “Is city hall open to the public?”

B.A. Skarzynski answered,

“It is presently not open to the public. All city employees are in. We are meeting people in the lobby. City Hall is so small, there is no way to do it.”

Russell then asked how to get an ordinance passed.

Gordon directed Russell to the City Clerk's office where he could get a petition with signatures.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. All Council Members were present.





# Cannabis Forum

6/2/21

By: Carolyn Maxwell  
PERTH AMBOY – The Cannabis Forum Panel consisted of: Chief John Zebrowski from the Sayreville Police Department, Dr. Cynthia Vuittonet from the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center who is Chief Medical Officers who specializes in addiction, Dr. Bonnie Nolan from the Division of Addiction Services of Woodbridge, NJ and Professor of Psychology at Rutgers University, and Nicole La Chapelle, the Mayor of East Hampton, MA (who participated via Zoom). Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown from the Cathedral International was the moderator. The forum was held at the auditorium at Perth Amboy High School and through teleconferencing on Zoom.

All questions had to be submitted via email or on index cards which were distributed to those who attended in person.

An opening statement was made by Perth Amboy Business Administrator Edward Remsen. He noted that this was an educational forum and not a public hearing. “This will determine the choices the city has to make regarding the marijuana law that will go into effect August 20, 2021. There will be an exchange of ideas.”

Remsen then introduced the moderator: Dr. Brown.

Dr. Brown opened up by saying, “It is an honor and a privilege to be your moderator for the Cannabis Summit.” She also mentioned that Leslie London will be the city’s legal representative tonight. “You (the audience) will get answers to your questions. I am asking those in attendance to be respectful. If not, you will be escorted out of the building and those who are disrespectful on Zoom will be silenced.”

Each speaker was afforded an opportunity to make an opening statement.

There was an interpreter who translated everyone's remarks in to Spanish.

Mayor La Chapelle spoke first. “East Hampton is located on the western part of Massachusetts. Our population is 16,000 with a Mayor and City Council (with 9 members). Our process started early with cannabis. In 2017, we received guidance from the Cannabis Association. 67% of our population voted to have cannabis. It’s like any other industry, but it does have unique features. We went through a long process with the council and our citizens. We talked about planning, signage, public safety, the six different licenses associated with cannabis which includes retail, dispensary, growing, and by-products. Each business can only have one type of license. There are five license agreements. Some agreements can be signed with outside vendors. The Planning Board has to be involved. The Statewide Cannabis Commission also gave us some guidance.”

The second person to speak was Dr. Nolan. “I have been working with Woodbridge Township helping people who are addicted to opioids. There have been over 200 OD’s so

far this year on opioids. Medical Marijuana can help these people. No one overdoses on marijuana, but it is harmful for an adolescent’s brain. I have no problem with adult usage, but I am worried about it: for and against. We need to educate our adolescents and teach them why it is not good for them to use if they are under the age of 21. The dangers of use is in their adolescence and their teen years”

Chief Zebrowski spoke next about how the laws will affect law enforcement and public safety. “There is a revised bill which will expand opportunities for medical marijuana by prescription. The bill also addresses recreational marijuana for New Jersey to vote to decriminalize the use of recreational marijuana if you have 6 oz. or less and are over the age of 21. For those who are 20 years of age and under, we can only give them a warning. Even if we smell marijuana on their person or in their vehicle, this will not warrant doing a search or making an arrest. For the recreational marijuana marketplace, you can have the opportunity not to opt in or opt out. A lot is involved in this law. It deals with cultivation, law enforcement, land lease, and economic development. There are a lot of stakeholders involved.”

Dr. Vuittonet spoke next. “My job is to save lives. There is an epidemic in opioid addiction. I am from California and a lot of my relatives struggled from addiction. A lot of marijuana (sold on the streets) is laced with fentanyl and there is a need to have safe marijuana. Since it changes the brains in adolescents, I am not for use (for that age group), but that age group also suffers effects from cigarettes and alcohol. I have helped people by having them use medical marijuana which is safe. It has helped them in many ways, especially to get employment. A lot of my patients have to travel to get safe marijuana. If they have to travel a long distance, there might be triggers on the way to cause them to relapse.”

The forum was then opened up to the public for questions. Question: What are the cons of having a medical marijuana dispensary?

Mayor La Chapelle: There are advertisements targeting those under the age of 21 and there is an impact on our roads with more traffic coming in.

Question: What are the effects of marijuana on the youth?

Dr. Nolan: Up until age 2, there is a lot of heavy growth in the brain. The brain starts to strengthen after the age of 2. Also, heavy adolescent smoking has an effect on the brains of our youth.

Question: Is weed addictive? Will legalization make them fall off the wagon? Do we have enough facilities to treat people?

Dr. Nolan: A lot of people are self-medicating. There are many addictions such as gambling, alcohol, and even shopping. They are all addictions. There are traumas that make people be-

come addicted (to many different things). People become addicted to help them cope. There is a Middlesex County Hotline that operates 24/7. There is a Marijuana Center that can help with outpatient treatments.”

Perth Amboy Police Chief Roman McKeon was asked if he could make some remarks. “The law decriminalizes if a minor uses marijuana or alcohol. Only giving out warnings ties our hands in place. Parents of minors who are caught with marijuana or alcohol can speak to a counselor or someone from the county. We cannot do a search of cars if anyone is under the age of 17. The voters approved this. There are no ramifications to protect minors. I can’t even call their parents. I’m here to tell the truth and not to be politically correct.”

The City’s Legal Representative Leslie London spoke up, “This can be voted on as a referendum. This law is over 300 pages long and you are giving an unrealistic timeframe to review all of these pages. You can prohibit all 6 licenses. The Cannabis Commission is now working on other laws which include the hours and days of operation, advertisements, and who they would be targeting, the kinds of operations which includes products. The process is through an ordinance, but something has to be adopted by August. If you don’t do anything, you would automatically be in and have to abide by all state rules. You have to be concerned about production of contaminants in the air from secondhand marijuana. It is similar to those laws in place for cigarettes. The state will be more restrictive as well as a municipality ordinance, and the current smoking regulations.”

Question: Will the values of our homes drop with influx of alcohol and marijuana?

Chief Zebrowski: As far as home values, you would have to ask someone from the Office of Economics to answer that question. I’ve been to California and Canada. Things change when you have marijuana legalized. A lot depends on the type of community and if there has to be tightened enforcement. Dispensaries will do best if they work with law enforcement. You need to have the right laws on the books and an ordinance where standards are met and complied with. Marijuana is different because it is difficult to detect. It is not like alcohol which can be measured by a Breathalyzer machine. A threshold level to detect the level marijuana (in a person’s system) has been discussed, but it doesn’t exist. There has been no consent when it comes to dealing with marijuana. Statewide we have 100 Drug Recognition Officers that can analyze if someone may be under the influence of marijuana. We don’t have viable tools for those who may be impaired due to marijuana.

Question: What are the benefits to opting in?

Mayor La Chapelle: We have received additional revenue. 98% was collected compared to

what we had in 2019.

Question: What was the impact to your neighborhood and property values?

Mayor La Chapelle: Our values went up and our businesses grew with marijuana as well as our existing businesses. We had a 60-day opening plan. There was consumer confidence from other communities and states. We didn’t expect this positive impact.

Question: How will it be determined how marijuana businesses can be placed within the city?

Perth Amboy Legal Representative London: It will be off-limits to locate marijuana businesses near school zones, houses of worship, food markets, nursery schools, and liquor stores. Regarding online sales, it can only be done through a state delivery license such as Uber, Doordash, etc. which will be state regulated. It cannot be launched locally.

Question: Can Police Officers and Firemen smoke marijuana off-duty?

Chief McKeon: No.

Perth Ambo Legal Representative London: The ordinance will decide what a violation, the penalty, and the consequences are for a violation.

It was noticed that Senator Joe Vitale was logged in via Zoom.

Dr. Brown said, “Senator Vitale wanted people to know that there are bills in the legislation that parents will be notified when their underage children are using marijuana. Marijuana will not be allowed to be smoked in as many places as cigarettes are allowed.”

Senator Vitale then spoke via Zoom, “I want to have a message, especially for Perth Amboy Residents. The law was laid out, especially for underage use and its effects. It had benefited those with medical needs such as marijuana being use for opioid use. Tonight has been very educational.”

The audience was reminded that August 21, 2021, is the deadline for the council to make their decision. The forum was over at 9 p.m.

## Upcoming Zoom Seminar A Parent's Guide to Your Child's Cell Phone

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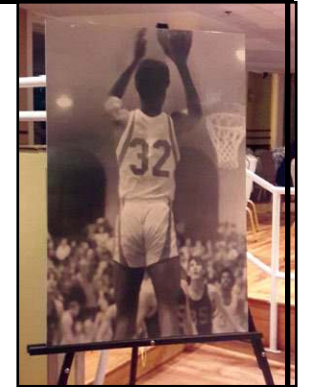
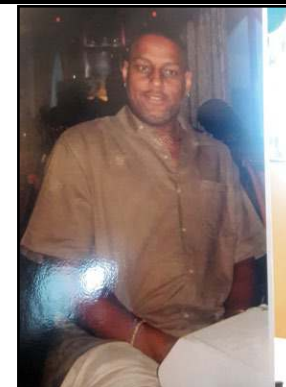
## American Legion Installation of Officers, Harry Scheman Commander, Perth Amboy, 5/27/21

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## A Celebration of the Life of Bruce Carey, Perth Amboy, 5/27/21

\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



## Tribute to Bruce Carey

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – I want to remember my classmate who recently passed away who was a friend to all who met him. In his obituary, there was one line that was very true: if you couldn't get along with Bruce Carey, then there was something wrong with you. His daughter, Genina spoke highly of her father, even going so far as saying she wishes she was older so she could have had more time with him.

Bruce suffered a fall about six years ago that paralyzed him and he was confined to a wheelchair. His daughter said that did not deter him from enjoying life. Whenever there would be a new healthcare worker who came to the house, those workers would find him very easy to talk. They would gladly tell Bruce their whole life story, and almost their whole family history.

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# First Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine Commencement Ceremony to Send Graduates into Residencies

*The 18 Graduates to Begin Careers After Completing Accelerated Three-Year Medical Degree*

Press Release 6/3/21  
NUTLEY, NJ – Eighteen students from the first class of the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine will graduate this evening – and start their medical careers.

The medical students, who began working toward their degrees in 2018, will have graduated in an accelerated three-year program after tonight’s commencement at the School of Medicine campus. All will start residencies across the Hackensack Meridian Health network.

“This is the fulfillment of a dream to improve our health system, from its very foundations,” said Robert C. Garrett, CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health. “Leading progressive and positive change in medicine starts with training the professionals who treat patients. This school is now shaping a better future for our state – and beyond.”

“We are achieving our vision,” said Bonita Stanton, M.D., the School’s founding dean. “These 18 students have already contributed to the communities they serve, and their careers bring so much promise into our future. This is a proud day.”

The students will begin their residencies in a variety of disciplines including anesthesiology, internal medicine, psychiatry, pediatrics, emergency medicine, and neurology at Hackensack University Medical Center, Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Ocean Medical Center, and JFK University Medical Center. The students were informed of their residencies in a virtual “Match Day” held in March – a first for the institution.

Hackensack Meridian Health partnered with Seton Hall University and opened the school on the Nutley-Clifton campus on Route 3 three years ago. The agreement was restructured in 2018, and the School achieved independent accreditation in July 2020.

The School of Medicine’s inaugural class in 2018 included 60 students; the other students from that class have opted for the traditional four-year track and will have their graduation next spring.

Enrollment and admissions have increased since its founding. The class incoming in 2019 admitted 90 students. Another 122 students made up the 2020 cohort, as selected from more than 5,000 applicants. The latest incoming class will number more than 150, admitted from more than 6,000 candidates.

The school also aims to diversify New Jersey’s next generation of physicians. Nearly half of the class admitted in 2020 is female, and students speak 33

different languages. Half of the class identifies as persons of color (other than white), and a quarter are from groups categorized as under-represented in medicine (URIM). The school’s innovative approach includes several distinctive features. Students have the opportunity for a three-year path to residency, or an optional fourth year which offers combined master’s degree or graduate certificate programs, intense clinical immersion, or focused research.

Inter-disciplinary learning adds to a curriculum that is mission-based, and designed to create physicians who are humanistic, socially responsible and collaborative across the health care system. The goal is to train professionals who are equally adept at biomedical intricacies, as they are at the behavioral, social, and health system sciences used to treat people. Classes on anatomy, molecular and cellular principles, and neuroscience and behavior, are required like they are at other schools. But at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine, the basic science is always placed in its clinical context.

The Human Dimension Course is a distinctive way to place the students in this clinical context. From the first day of the degree program, this immersive community-based experience links pairs of students to families in the community, with a focus on four domains of health: social, environmental, psychological, and medical. Throughout their pursuit of the degree, students in the Human Dimension follow the health trajectories of individuals and families, in locations including Hackensack, Garfield, Paterson, Passaic, Bloomfield, Clifton, Nutley, Union City, and West New York. Through experiences in the family’s home, community, and health care settings, students come to understand the role of community and context in health and well-being, as well as the role of the physician in maintaining health.

“This School is at the vanguard of the medical education needed in the 21st century,” said Jeffrey Boscamp, M.D., vice dean of the medical school and a professor of pediatrics. “In just a few short years, we have made this School a reality – and it is already making a difference.”

The commencement also marks another milestone toward full accreditation by agencies like that of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). The School received “provisional” accreditation from the LCME earlier this year.

# HMH Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge Opens New Hospital-Based Pharmacy Service

Press Release 6/2/21  
OLD BRIDGE, N.J. — Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge unveiled its new hospital-based pharmacy today, which allows patients to fill prescriptions before they leave the hospital.

“The Hackensack Meridian Health Pharmacy at Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge is another example of meeting the needs of the growing communities we are privileged to serve,” said William DiStanislao, interim president, chief hospital executive; vice president, Operations. “We are staffed by highly experienced and skilled pharmacists, technicians and support staff, filling both inpatient and outpatient prescriptions.”

Raritan Bay’s pharmacy stocks a large inventory of brand-name medications, generic drugs, and specialty medications that are not regularly carried by other pharmacies. Upon request, the hospital-based pharmacy can fill prescriptions for patients being discharged from all areas of the medical center, including the emergency room. The service is also available to employees and their immediate family members.

A key goal of this service is to make a patient’s transition back home seamless and convenient.



Pictured L-R, Todd Way, president, central market, Hackensack Meridian Health; William DiStanislao, interim president, chief hospital executive, vice president, Operations, executive site director, Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge; Jane O’Rourke, chief nursing officer, Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge, Louis Brusco, MD, FCCM, CPE, chief medical officer, Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge; Donna Shiffman, manager, Ambulatory Pharmacy, Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge.

*\*Photo Submitted*

Patients can easily fill their prescription(s) and ask questions of the pharmacist before even leaving the hospital. This avoids having to make an extra outside trip to a pharmacy. Another advantage is that frequent communication with physicians enables the pharmacy to stock the most common and not-so-common medications and compounds prescribed. New

medications and special orders requested by physicians can also be accommodated.

Located in the concourse, the service is available Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Most prescriptions plans are accepted and cash, check, or debit/credit is accepted.

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# Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge Opens New Emergency Room Patient Beds to Public

Press Release 6/10/21  
OLD BRIDGE, N.J. — Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge unveiled its new 19 total private Emergency Room patient beds to the public, which is specially designed to meet the emergency needs of the sick and injured while maximizing comfort, increasing efficiency, and reducing wait times.

“The new private beds in the emergency room at Raritan Bay Old Bridge will improve patient care and the patient experience and help us live our mission to transform health care,” said Robert C. Garrett, chief executive officer, Hackensack Meridian Health. “This is another example of innovating treatment on behalf of the communities we are privileged to serve.”

In addition to the 19 total private emergency room patient beds, the new Emergency Department has received all new medical equipment including an advanced nurse call system that will integrate with multiple hospital systems. This will improve workflow and result in a better patient experience. In the next few months, these rooms will receive digital patient information boards that will provide real time patient information, including the patient’s care team, patient schedule, medical information and much more.

“In an emergency, families



Jane O’Rourke, chief nursing officer, Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge; Todd Way, president, central market, Hackensack Meridian Health; Robert C. Garrett, chief executive officer, Hackensack Meridian Health; William DiStanislao, interim president, chief hospital executive, vice president, Operations, executive site director, Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge; Dr. Louis Brusco, chief medical officer, Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge, cut the ribbon on the opening of 20 new total private Emergency Room beds. *\*Photo Submitted*

want access to specialized care close to home,” said William DiStanislao, interim president, chief hospital executive; vice president, Operations; executive site director, Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge. “We are advancing the quality of care to each one of our patients, by providing the community complete and coordinated care when they

need it the most.”

The entire new state-of-the-art Emergency Department is projected to open to the public in February 2022, part of a \$39 million investment. The project team for the expansion includes Stantec Consulting (Project Management), Francis Cauffman Architects and Turner Construction.





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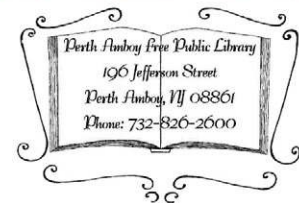
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Press Release 6/7/21  
PERTH AMBOY, NJ - The JRF is excited to present the updated Perth Amboy Alliance for Community (PAAC) 2021 NRTC Draft Plan. Using our original plan completed in 2008 as a guide and through a variety of outreach strategies, together we identified important priorities and created projects to revitalize our neighborhood.  
This draft is the culmination of months of activities, meetings, virtual gatherings, and neighborhood canvassing. PAAC staff with the incredible help of our amazing Host Team members, Creative NJ, Triad Inc., and our neighbors we are able to post this electronic version for public comment.  
We want to make sure your voice is heard and this plan represents our road map for “creating hope together” in the PAAC Neighborhood for the next 10 years. Please go to the following link and let us know your thoughts. <https://www.jrfnj.org/draft-plan-for-paac-june-2021/page.html>  
The PAAC Team will be holding a Neighborhood Community Meeting at Francis Street Park ((Francis and Ashley St.) on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 5 pm to discuss the plan, answer any questions and take any suggestions. Come join us for snacks and giveaways! We will be streaming live on the PAAC Facebook Page, if you can’t make it in person connect with us online. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/creativeperthamboy>

# Senate Health Committee Advances Bill to Improve Access to Medical Cannabis for Eligible Patients

Press Release 7/10/21  
TRENTON – In an effort to improve patients’ access to medical cannabis and make it more affordable for New Jerseyans who need it, the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee advanced legislation sponsored by Committee Chair Senator Joe Vitale that would require certain state-funded prescription drug plans as well as the children’s medical relief fund to cover the cost of dispensing the drug for those who are eligible.  
Specifically, the bill, S-3799, would require the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund, the “Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled” (PAAD) program, the “Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program,” and the Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) to cover the cost of medical cannabis for a registered qualifying patient eligible for or receiving benefits under any of those programs. These programs would help patients fill the gap left by insurance providers who don’t offer coverage for medical cannabis in

part because marijuana remains illegal under federal law.  
“Patients in New Jersey who gain relief from pain or discomfort through the use of medical cannabis cut across a wide swath of our population, and yet the cost of the drug can be exorbitantly expensive for many people who rely on it most,” said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex), chair of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. “We must stress that these are all state-run programs, and thus would not be subject to any federal insurance statutes, or other health coverage issues.”  
Medical cannabis has been shown to have possible benefits for several serious and chronic conditions including: epilepsy; intractable skeletal muscular spasticity; post-traumatic stress disorder; glaucoma; HIV/AIDS; cancer; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; multiple sclerosis; muscular dystrophy; inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn’s disease; anxiety; migraine; Tourette’s syndrome; dysmenorrhea; chronic pain; and opioid use disorder.

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Who could you possibly be?”  
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With rage.

**.Jerry Shonda**

## Irish Festival September 25, 2021

Press Release  
SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy in partnership with the South Amboy Parade Committee will host an Irish Festival on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. The festival, which will begin at 2pm, promises to be an exciting and family friendly event and will include music, food and craft vendors, kid friendly activities, and will conclude with a firework display at dusk.  
There will be live entertainment throughout the event including appearances by renowned Irish Musicians Willie Lynch and Andy Cooney, step dancers from the Lynn Academy of Irish Dance, as well as our very own Colonel DB Kelly Pipes and Drums.  
Parade Co-Chairman Mickey Gross said, “Now that we are finally beginning to emerge from the pandemic, we are excited to hold this event as a preamble to the parade’s return in March 2022.”  
The City of South Amboy has hosted an annual Saint Patrick’s Parade for many years and the event has grown to one of the largest in New Jersey. Mayor Fred A. Henry said, “I promise you that our dedicated Parade volunteers and our City employees will ensure that this is an event to remember.”  
South Amboy is conveniently located at the nexus of Route 9 & 35 and is home to a convenient NJ Transit rail station that is only a short walk to the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. Rain date for the event is September 26<sup>th</sup>.

# Middlesex County’s Plays-in-the-Park and Music-in-the-Park Return to the Stage Live with In-Person Audiences

Press Release 6/8/21  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ –Middlesex County’s Plays-in-the-Park is back live on stage this summer, with performances of “America the Beautiful”, “Rock Roll & Soul”, and “Showtune” performed outdoors before in-person audiences. The County’s popular Music-in-the-Park series, which features musical performances by local bands on Wednesdays and Sundays, also returns to the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park stage at the South Amboy/Sayreville Beach Front on Wednesdays and the Plays-in-the-Park stage in Roosevelt Park in Edison on Sundays.

“We are thrilled that COVID-19 crowd restrictions for large outdoor gatherings have lifted, allowing us to resume Plays-in-the-Park and Music-in-the-Park for our residents to enjoy after postponing last year’s summer series. The excitement of live performances is finally back and what better way to spend time this summer with family and friends than in our pristine County parks and outdoor spaces,” said Director of the Board of County Commissioners Ronald G. Rios.  
“From a wide variety of genre-defining music from established and emerging artists to Broadway-caliber shows, join us this season for a variety of live entertainment that will appeal to the whole family.” said County Commissioner Charles E. Tomaro, chair of Infrastructure Management Committee. “And as we continue to help those in need that have been impacted negatively by the COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage everyone attending these events to bring a non-perishable food item as a donation for the Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services (MCFOODS).”  
While Middlesex County’s Plays-In-The-Park had to postpone their 2020 season shows once again to 2022 due to COVID-19, the series returns this summer with three musical revues scheduled in the months of July and August. All summer performances are free and will be held at the Plays-in-the-Park stage, Stephen J. Capestro Theater, located in Roosevelt Park in Edison, New Jersey. The first two shows will also be streamed live via Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/PlaysIn-ThePark>



**Plays-in-the-Park 2021 schedule:**  
**Stephen J. Capestro Theater Roosevelt Park in Edison**  
All shows start at 8:00 pm  
**July:**  
•July 2 at 8:00 pm – America the Beautiful  
•July 23 at 8:00 pm – Rock Roll & Soul  
**August:**  
•August 13 at 8:00 pm – Showtune  
•August 14 at 8:00 pm – Showtune  
•August 15 at 8:00 pm – Showtune  
The Box Office opens at 5:30 pm and patrons are admitted to the seating area immediately after receiving a free ticket. All you need to bring is your favorite lawn chair. In the case of inclement weather, save your ticket stub as it will allow you to see another performance this season. All shows are free and open to the public. For more information, click here.  
**Music-in-the-Park Summer 2021 Series:**  
**Raritan Bay Waterfront Park stage**  
South Amboy/Sayreville Beach Front - O’Leary Boulevard, South Amboy, N.J.  
Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm  
**July:**  
•July 7 at 6:30 pm – Danny V’s 52nd Street Band, A tribute to Billy Joel  
•July 14 at 6:30 pm – Scarborough Fair, A tribute to Simon & Garfunkel  
•July 21 at 6:30 pm – Underwater Airlines, A Classic Rockin’

Band  
•July 28 at 6:30 pm – Sounds of the Street, Golden Oldies at its Best!  
**August:**  
•August 4 at 6:30 pm – Parkway Soul, A Variety of Motown Classics  
•August 11 at 6:30 pm – Zydeco-A-Go-Go, New Orleans style Rhythm & Blues, 40’s Jazz & Swing  
•August 18 at 6:30 pm – Green River, A tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival  
•August 25 at 6:30 pm – The Perry Brothers, Irish Favorites and more  
**Plays-in-the-Park stage**  
1 Pine Drive, Edison, NJ 08837  
Sunday from 6 to 7:30 pm  
**July:**  
•July 11 at 6 pm – Kraus Memorial Band, Music from the Theater at the Theater and More!  
•July 18 at 6 pm – Into the Woods Woodwind Trio, Bach to the Future (Classical, Broadway, Pop & Jazz)  
**August:**  
•August 1 at 6 pm – Mark Heter Band, New to You Old Favorites  
•August 8 at 6 pm – Greg Giannascoli & Friends, From American to Argentina  
•August 22 at 6 pm – Silk City Jazz Quartet, Smokin’ Hot Jazz  
•August 29 at 6 pm – Sandy Sasso’s Swingin Big Band, Hits and Standards from the Big Band Era  
In the case of inclement weather, concerts will be cancelled and rescheduled based on band availability. Concerts will not be held indoors as done in past years. All concerts are free and open to the public. Both series, in partnership with MCFOODS, will also be collecting nutritious food for residents in need throughout the season. If you would like to help, please bring a non-perishable food item when attending performances.

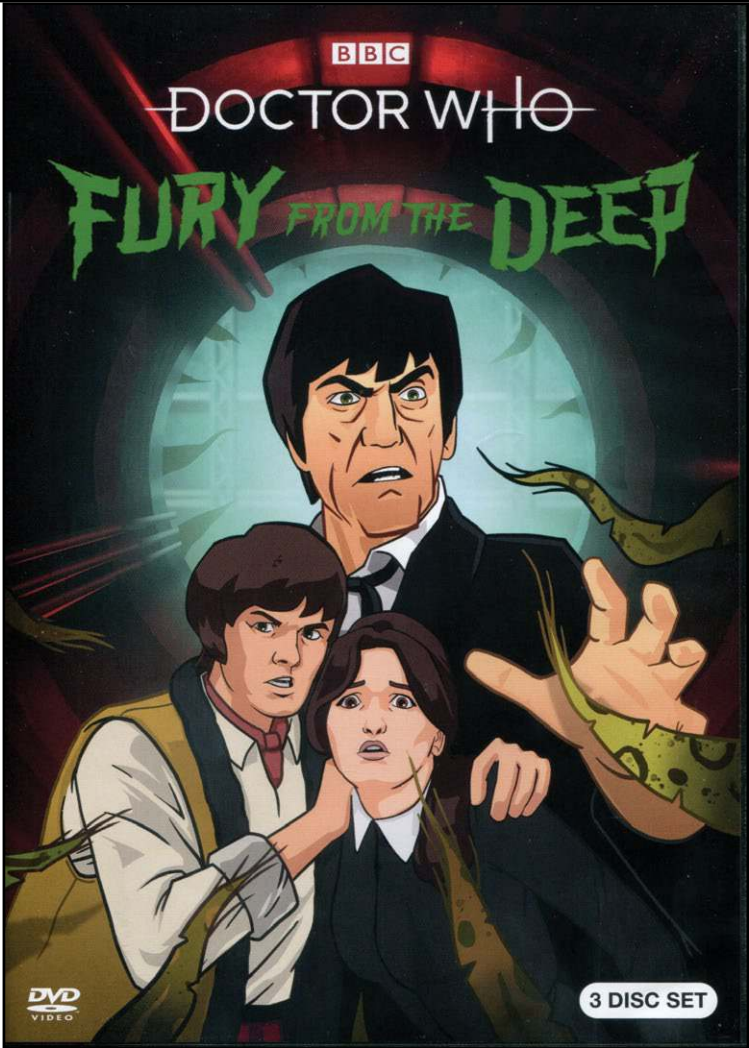


DVD Review: Doctor Who Lost Episode: “Fury From the Deep”

By: Anton Massopust III  
There it is waiting - in the pipe  
- in the Darkness.”

In this lost Doctor Who classic redone with animation, the Second Doctor, Patrick Troughton and Jamie (Frazer Hines) and Victoria (Deborah Watling) land with the TARDIS off the North Sea near a natural gas pipeline and base. The Doctor is curious to find that something is moving in the pipes they are stunned. They are brought to the complex under suspicion of sabotage. The manager of the plant does not believe that there is anything wrong. He doesn't want the drilling and the gas flow to stop because he feels it will ruin his record. His assistant does not feel that the same way. He begins to trust the Doctor and his companions and believe that there is something sinister going on. When the members of The Outlaws of the Rigs that are out in the North Sea are suddenly attacked by a giant weed and foam, they lose contact with them at the complex. The pipeline itself is being blocked by huge mass of seaweed with stingers. If it stings you, you get possessed. The weed uses them as vessels in order to take over all the rigs then the powerplant, and with plans to get all of England.

The Doctor s convinces everyone that they are under attack and they must find the nerve center and attack it - the battle of the Giants as he puts it. Victoria is having second thoughts about traveling with the Doctor and she really reflects that maybe it's time to settle down after this crisis has passed. But she may be the key to defeating this menace.



This lost classic is brought back to life in animation in color and in black and white, and through photographs and original audio. So, whichever your choice you want, you can watch it on three discs in the set with plenty of extras and audio commentary.

My only criticism is that the conclusion is a little bit silly, but story is extremely eerie. There is plenty of suspense and scarieness, especially at the end of part 5 when all these people on a rig and have been possessed

by this weed. The crew of the rigs have been possessed. Giant foam surrounds the Doctor and Jamie and want to possess the doctor. They say, “We have been waiting for you, Doctor!” That’s a cliffhanger! It’s classic Doctor Who, but it is a bit slow. You have to remember that that's the way things were in those days, but definitely something to add to your growing Doctor Who collection if your completist like me, it's a fun scary fun for a hot summer day or a rainy afternoon.

**Pallone: Investing in Caregiving will Help Get Americans Back to Work and Grow the Economy**  
*Pallone Held a Virtual Conversation with Caregivers to Highlight the Need to Pass the American Jobs Plan*

Press Release 6/11/21  
LONG BRANCH, NJ – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today held a virtual conversation with caregivers in New Jersey to discuss the importance of investing in the infrastructure of our care economy. President Biden’s American Jobs Plan includes \$400 billion for home and community-based care, which will allow individuals to receive the care they need in their homes and communities while creating jobs and raising wages and benefits for caregiving workers – many of whom are women of color that are often underpaid and undervalued. “Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, help is here: the economy is growing faster than

at any time in the last 40 years, and more than half of U.S. adults are now vaccinated. But far too many people are still out of work and we cannot afford to let up in our efforts to crush the virus and create jobs,” said Pallone. “Investing in caregiving will help get Americans back to work, create good-paying jobs, raise wages, boost lifetime earnings, support small businesses, and grow our economy for all Americans. I’m grateful for the work caregivers provide every day, and I’ll continue to fight for them in Congress.” “I’ve been a certified nursing assistant for over 20 years and taking care of my residents is my pride and joy. We’re like family to each other. I love my

job, but it is extremely challenging physically and emotionally. I work a second job to make ends meet, and often pick up extra shifts so I can pay my bills. It’s not right that health care workers like us have some of the most difficult and dangerous jobs there are, but we can’t afford to live,” said Margaret Boyce, SEIU 1199 Member and Certified Nursing Assistant in Edison. “Without investing in better health care jobs, workers don’t stay in the industry and ultimately it’s our patients who suffer, too.” Video of the conversation is available here. More information about the American Jobs Plan is available here.

**COVID Vaccine for Persons 12-17 Years Old**

PERTH AMBOY/SOUTH AMBOY - Now that clearance has been given to vaccinate persons between 12-17 years old with the Pfizer vaccine, the Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering walk in appointment for people in this age group. The vaccine is available beginning Monday, May 17, 2021 at:  
1. **Raritan Bay Perth Amboy** - Open to walk-ins as of Monday (5/17) M-F 8:30-3:45  
2. **Raritan Bay Old Bridge** - Open to walk-ins as of Monday (5/17) M-F 8:30-3:45  
Children being vaccinated MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian who can sign the required consent forms.

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**Rite Aid Extends COVID-19 Vaccinating Hours Every Friday in June at Select Stores in NJ**

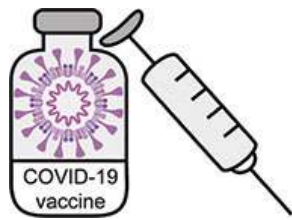
NEW JERSEY - Rite Aid is extending COVID-19 vaccinating hours at over 200 stores every Friday for the remainder of June, including several stores in New Jersey. This ‘Night Shots’ initiative is in support of the White House and the National Month of Action to help get 70% of U.S. adults at least one shot by July 4, 2021.

Beginning tomorrow, June 11, and continuing on Friday, June 18, and Friday, June 25, select Rite Aid stores in the area will extend COVID-19 vaccinating hours until midnight to help ensure everyone, especially individuals with less flexible work hours, can get vaccinated. Additionally, on the same dates, 27 Rite Aid stores will administer COVID-19 vaccines for the full 24-hour day. All vaccines during the extended hours are available for walk-ins.

**Middlesex County receives AAA bond rating from S&P Global Ratings and Moody’s Investors Service, two of the world’s foremost credit rating agencies**  
*S&P Global Rating Grades County AAA rating for 21st Consecutive Year*

Press Release 6/8/21  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ –S&P Global Ratings and Moody’s Investors Service reaffirms Middlesex County’s financial stability and strength with recently announced AAA bond rating from each institution. This AAA from S&P reflects an unprecedented 21st consecutive year Middlesex County has received this rating. “These ratings enhance the County’s overall ability to continue to soundly invest in major capital projects, ultimately saving money for our taxpayers and contributing to our goal of creating a premier destination for those to live, work, and play,” said Director of the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners Ronald G. Rios. “Owing to the strong leadership of our Board of County Commissioners, county administrator, and chief financial officer, this is a significant milestone in our County’s financial history.” With a stable outlook projected by Moody’s, Middlesex County’s rating was based on

several factors, including its educational and medical infrastructures, and consistent, annual growth over several years, according to an announcement made by Moody’s this week. Likewise, S&P’s recent report noted the County’s exceptional strength in several areas including its economy; management with good financial policies and practices; budgetary flexibility; liquidity; budgetary performance with an operating surplus; and institutional framework, which determined its prime grade of AAA. To date, these consistent and extremely strong ratings have saved Middlesex County taxpayers more than an estimated \$50 million dollars. “For over two decades, the County has been committed to financial sustainability and growth. In addition to an \$11.3 million bond sale last week which triggered the latest rating affirmation from S&P, the County has been growing its surplus, or rainy-day fund, to an unprecedented \$80 million and reduced its debt service by 35 percent over the last 5 years,” said Middlesex County Commissioner Leslie Koppel. “The addition of the Moody’s rating further asserts the County’s position as a leader in the region for sound financial planning and management.”





Woodbridge Public Library Events

Free Virtual Events - All are Welcome to Attend

Listed below are the free virtual events we have planned for June 2021. All are welcomed to attend!

**June 16 | 7PM**  
**Iced Is Nice!**  
June is National Iced Tea Month! Get virtual introduction to the world of loose-leaf tea from the tea plant to your glass with tea enthusiast Nina Androski. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/2PQwFMq>

**June 21 | All Day | Fords Library**  
**Summer Reading Kickoff**  
Come kick off Summer Reading for Adults! Why should kids have all the fun? Sign up for our summer reading program, have a snack, pick up a bookmark, and be entered to win a prize! No registration!

**June 23 | 7PM**  
**The Basics of Butterfly Gardening**  
Whether you are a gardener who wants to see more butterflies in your garden, a butterfly enthusiast who wants to bring that passion to the garden, or someone who simply wants to make their garden or yard friendlier to Monarchs or other butterflies, this talk from speaker Jane Hurwitz will provide ideas about protecting the entire life cycle of butterflies that visit our gardens! This program is apart of our annual summer reading club! Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3xO6187>

**June 25 | 3PM**  
**Mystery/Thriller Book Club**  
Join us virtually for a discussion of The Wife Stalker by Liv Constantine. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3ociM7X>

**June 30 | 7PM**  
**United States War Dog Association**  
Join President of the United States War Dog Association, Chris Willingham, for a presentation which will discuss the history of war dogs and the service they've provided to our military over the years, as well as the various programs there are to support military working dogs. We will also focus on Willingham's experience as a military working dog handler overseas. This program is apart of our annual summer reading club! Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3bnOwSy>  
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Dowdell Library

Tails & Tales

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY - Summer is here, and so are the Summer Programs at the Dowdell Library! Tails & Tales officially kicks off on July 1. There are programs and activities for all ages.

Read Squared is back this year! Read Squared is a website where you can efficiently track and log your reading. You can find all the details about how to make your account on our website.

Each month we will feature two animal themes. July opens with Bookish Beasts for the first two weeks, and then Under the Sea is Home for Me for the final two. At the beginning of August, we will focus on Endangered Animals and then wrap up the month by taking a walk on the Wild Side. Each week we will have new programs for all age groups!

Children can visit the library and enjoy weekly crafts and activities every Monday and Friday from 2:00-3:00 pm. Stop by the library every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 - 3:30 for drop-in activities. These activities are self-guided and will include writing prompts, puzzles, chalk, bubbles, and more!

We are also hosting Celebrity Storytime at the Waterfront Gazebo! Zusette Dato will be the celebrity guest on June 22 (rain date June 29), Glenn Skarzynski will host the Storytime on July 13 (rain date July 20), and Suzanne Ryan will join us on August 10 (rain date August 17). This fun event will run from 11-12:30 pm. There will games, music, crafts, and PRIZES! Please bring a beach towel to sit on under the gazebo.

Adults and teens can keep busy all summer with fun activities too! There will be trivia contests, crafts, and smoothie tastings. Participate in Family Tales, where you can discover your genealogy and create your family tree using Heritage Quest.

Have you ever dreamed of owning a sailboat? If so, you won't want to miss the Sail Away on Raritan Bay program. The video will be available on YouTube and will feature Captain Elaine!

Prizes and giveaways will happen all summer long for all ages!

Details and information about each program will be posted at Dowdell.org, and shared on the library's social media pages. You can also sign up for the monthly newsletter on the library's website and have all the program information sent directly to your email!

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org). The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Due to all services being staff-assisted, walk-in service is available Monday 10am-5pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 12-5pm and Thursday 12-5pm and 6-8pm.

## St. Patrick’s Day in June

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council 9199 of Fords is sponsoring a “St. Patrick’s Day in June” Celebration on Sunday, June 27, 2021. This event is “Take Out” only and is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the OLP Parish Center on 25 Franklin Ave, Edison. Cost is \$15/meal. The menu includes corned beef (cooked to perfection), cabbage, Irish soda bread, and dessert. For info, contact Rich Fetzer at 732-822-4957.

## Vendors Wanted: Outdoor Flea Market

SOUTH AMBOY – There will be an outdoor flea market hosted by the South Amboy Elks at 601 Washington Ave. Parking Lot on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> (Rain date of September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donation \$20 per space for 1 day; \$30 for 2 days. Each space is 8’ x 10’. You may purchase more than 1. You must bring your own table. All types of vendors & goods are welcome except food stands “Packaged Foods for Sale Only”. You must call to reserve your space by Sat. June 19<sup>th</sup>. Food and beverage will be for sale by the Elks only. For more information or to reserve your space, call 732-727-7170.

## City-Wide Yard Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy will hold a City-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All South Amboy residents can participate at no cost. If interested, sellers can register their address for a list that will be available to prospective shoppers. Registration deadline is June 21, 2021. To register or for more information, please contact Jaclyn at 732-525-5965 or email [recreation@southamboynj.gov](mailto:recreation@southamboynj.gov). Please indicate if you are participating Saturday, Sunday or BOTH days - along with address and phone number. (We strongly encourage all participating to use good judgement and follow the most updated CDC guidelines.)

## Food Drive for Local Families

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy High School Interact Club (Rotary Club) and the City of South Amboy is holding a food drive to benefit local families. If you are able to donate, there will be a collection of non-perishable food, personal hygiene products and paper goods. Donations can be dropped off at the side door of the South Amboy Senior Center on Henry Street, Mondays – Friday’s from 8AM to 3p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Jaclyn at (732) 525-5965. You can also contact Cathy at the Nurse's office in the South Amboy Middle/High School at (732) 316-7668 option 3 to arrange curbside drop off.

## Shrimp Boil

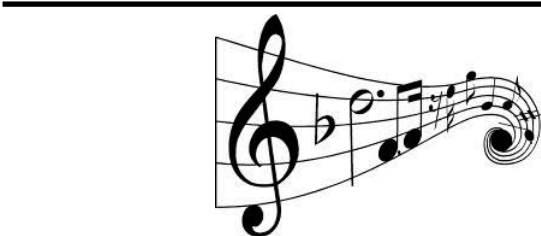
SOUTH AMBOY - It's Time for a Low Country Shrimp Boil at the South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave. on Thursday, July 1, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Drive -thru, eat in or patio seating. You must call to place your order no later than Tuesday, June 29, 2021. Menu: Shrimp, Smoked Sausage, Red Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Biscuits, Watermelon: \$18 or the Landlubber: ½ BBQ Chicken, Red Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Biscuits, Watermelon: \$15. For more information, or to place an order call 732-727-7170.

## Back Yard Part Set Raffle

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave. is having a raffle with a drawing date of July 1, 2021 at 8 p.m. The backyard party set includes a hand-crafted cooler on wheels, a tin bottle tub filled with goodies, a mini bar with 3 different changeable fronts, and a grill/ fire pit. Estimated value of \$350.00. Come take a chance for only \$5.00. The Lodge is open Thurs-Fri nights stop in and take a chance. License #RL-21-01. Look for our flyers on Face Book.

## Hot Meal Distribution

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a hot meal distribution starting on Wednesday, April 21st at 4pm at the RBA YMCA parking lot, 357 New Brunswick Ave. This will take place every Wednesday through July 2021 at 4pm. This is made possible through a partnership with the Office of Assemblywoman Lopez, Mayor Caba, and the RBAYMCA.



## Concert at the Station: Mother Earth: Music and Thoughts for Our Planet

SOUTH AMBOY – There will be a Veritas Youth Orchestra Outreach Concert at the South Amboy Train Station on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at 2 p.m. Featuring Mira Kang, Music Director Cellist, Rutgers University, Alison Franzetti; Guest Artist, International Soloist and Grammy Nominee; Brennan Sweet, Guest Artist and Associate Concertmaster of NJ Symphony Orchestra; Vladmir Dyo, Guest Artist and International Renowned Violinist; David Jeong, Principal Conductor Classical Note Philharmonic; Brett Deubner, International Viola Soloist and Professor at Aaron Copland School of Music; Gi Lee Guest Artist Metro-

## Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE - Tuesdays May 11th thru Oct. 5th from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Wal-Mart Parking Lot). Weather permitting. Rock & Roll Music, Trophies, Kids Games - Just Family Fun! For more info, call 1-732-407-2396.

## Friends of the Perth Amboy Library Book Sale Return!

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are once again having a book sale on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> 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. 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. For more information email us at [friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com), or call us at 201-381-1903 and like us on Facebook. Dealers are welcome. At this time, we are not accepting donations of books.



Novena to St. Rita

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

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

*(Never known to fail)*  
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity *(make request)*. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee *(3 times)*.  
Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands *(3 times)*.  
*(Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.)*  
**A.L.S.**

PAHS Class of 1971 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Class of 1971 50-Year Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Armory in Perth Amboy. The cost of \$85.00 per person. Contact Val Tarr's email – [voltarr@aol.com](mailto:voltarr@aol.com)



A.C. Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN – The Holy Rosary Seniors sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino Tuesday morning 6/29/2021. Cost is \$35 with \$20 back in play. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. Any questions please call Ronnie at 732-442-4978.

A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, July 1, 2021. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephen's Church (St. John Paul II) Parking Lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy at 12 Noon. Cost: \$30 per person; \$20 back in slot play For more information, call Joe at 732-826-0819. Masks are required to be worn on the bus.

Trinity Treasures Thrift Shop

SOUTH AMBOY - Trinity United Methodist Church Trinity Treasures Thrift Shop located at: 815 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. through 12 p.m. weather permitting. Household items, clothing, appliances, and much more. Any questions, please call 732-763-6232.

Pet of the Week



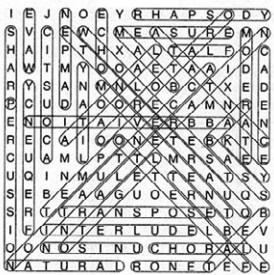
Luna has beautiful almond eyes and a shiny coat. She is very special and is a Daddy's Girl  
Love, Ron and Lori



Have a Special Pet?

E-mail us your Pet Photos to [AmboyGuardian@gmail.com](mailto:AmboyGuardian@gmail.com) with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

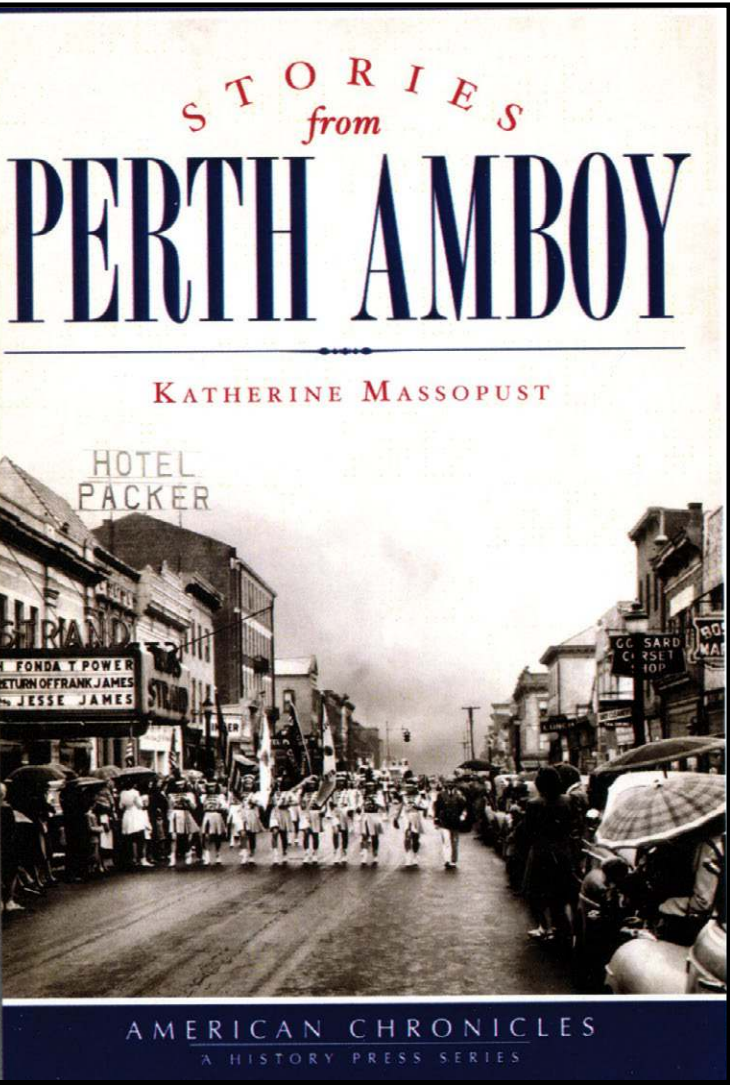
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Firemen's Parade May 10, 1975 during the Bicentennial Celebration.  
*\*Photo Courtesy of Eleanor Bates*  
*This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.*



Stories From Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available from Katherine at 732-261-2610 or at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy - 732-442-3000 or at: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) A Great Gift! Get it now along with Then & Now: Perth Amboy!





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SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Lodge 784 located at 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy is having Thanksgiving In July Dinner on Thursday July 22, from 5:30-7:30pm. The cost is \$15.00 in advance or \$18.00 at the door. Kids under 8 yrs. are \$6.00. The menu includes Fresh Roasted Turkey Breast, Freshly made Sausage Stuffing, Mashed Potato with Homemade Gravy, Vegetables, Cranberry sauce and dessert.

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World War II - 75 Years Ago

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On June 14, 1946, financier Bernard Baruch, the U.S. representative to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, presents his “Baruch Plan,” a proposal that all nuclear weapons be controlled by the UN. No agreement is ever reached on the idea.

The “Big Four” foreign ministers (U.S., U.K., U.S.S.R. and France) reconvene in Paris on June 15 to work out the details of various peace agreements with countries that were former Axis allies. The Blue Angels, the aerial demonstration team of the Navy and Marine Corps, makes its first public performance at Craig Field in Jacksonville, Florida.

Following the breakdown of negotiations on Indian independence, British Viceroy Viscount Wavell on June 16 unilaterally invites 14 prominent Indians to form a government.

On June 17, Jewish terrorists blow up the central workshop of the Palestine Railway in Haifa, as well as 11 highway and railroad bridges across the mandate. No injuries are reported. AT&T, in conjunction with its subsidiary Southwest Bell, inaugurates commercial mobile-telephone service in St Louis, Missouri, allowing customers to place and receive phone calls from their automobiles.

Members of Irgun — a Zionist paramilitary organization operating in Mandatory Palestine — kidnap five British officers in Tel Aviv and one in Jerusalem on June 18 and hold them hostage to prevent the execution of two of their members. The British are released after the death sentences of the Irgun members are commuted.

In northwestern Germany, 63 Germans and 20 Ukrainian refugees are killed on June 19 when ammunition, hidden by the Nazis in a salt mine, explodes near Celle, in the state of Lower Saxony. The first boxing title match to be televised takes place at Yankee Stadium in New York City. Joe Louis defeats Billy Conn in eight rounds for the heavyweight championship. Three NBC TV stations carry the fight to an estimated 140,000 viewers.

In Paris, at the “Big Four” foreign ministers’ meeting, it is agreed on June 20 that all Allied occupation troops will be withdrawn from Italy within 90 days. Likewise, the U.S.S.R. agrees to pull all its forces out of Bulgaria in the same timeframe.

At Nuremberg, Germany, Albert Speer, former Reich Minister of Armaments and War Production, on June 21 tells the War Crimes Tribunal that the Nazis were about “a year or two away from splitting the atom.” He testifies that the program to develop a nuclear bomb was delayed because many atomic scientists had fled Germany to escape the Hitler regime.

Speaking at a prayer meeting in New Delhi, India, on June 22, Mohandas Gandhi calls on the South African government to stop “hooliganism” by whites, who are attacking Indian residents there. Gandhi had practiced law in South Africa for 21 years and it was there that he first used nonviolent resistance in a campaign for civil rights.

French civil servant Jean Monnet proposes a war-reparations plan on June 23 in which the French — to offset their war losses of 4.86 trillion francs (about 40 billion U.S. dollars) — would dismantle 200 industrial plants in the French Occupation Zone of western Germany and move them to France. Over the next three years, 22 factories in the Ruhr and Saar areas are taken apart and transported to France and another 88 facilities are destroyed.

On June 24, in Washington, D.C., former Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson is sworn in as Chief Justice of the United States, replacing Harlan F. Stone, who had died in April.

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (known as the World Bank) begins operations on June 25. Eugene Meyer, former chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, is its first president. In Hungary, the nation’s hyperinflation peaks at 42 quadrillion per cent per month. To keep up, the government issues banknotes in the denomination of 100,000,000,000 pengő. (The hundred-trillion-pengő note is worth approximately 20 U.S. cents.). The Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) is passed. It permits private parties to sue the U.S. in a federal court for most torts (civil wrongs resulting in legal liability) committed by persons acting on behalf of the United States. Hồ Chi Minh, president of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, travels to France for talks on Vietnamese independence.

Chinese President Chiang Kai-shek on June 26 launches a nationwide military campaign against Chinese Communist forces led by Mao Tse-tung, widening the Chinese Civil War. The Nationalist Army moves into central China to take back rural areas that have been under Communist control. On the same day, a Nationalist Chinese pilot defects and delivers a B-24 Liberator bomber to the Communists, starting a wave of similar defections. By 1949, 54 pilots and 20 airplanes have gone over to the Communist side.

On June 27, Canada becomes the first member of the British Commonwealth to create its own citizenship laws. The Canadian Citizenship Act separates Canadian citizenship from British nationality, effective January 1, 1947.

In Tokyo, Japanese radio on June 28 announces the first recorded birth in Japan of a baby born to a Japanese mother and a member of the American occupation forces.

British authorities in Palestine on June 29 conduct “Operation Agatha” — also known as “Black Sabbath” — “to end the state of anarchy existing” in the Mandate. Between 10,000 and 25,000 British security forces search for arms and documentary proof of sabotage. Some 2,700 Zionists are arrested. In response, the Haganah — the main paramilitary organization of the Jewish population in Mandatory Palestine — escalates its anti-British operations. Yugoslav and Italian civilians battle in Trieste, located on the border between the two countries. Over three days, two people are killed, and 60 injured.

The Soviets on June 30 begin to prevent movement of Germans from their occupation zone to the those of the three western Allies. At midnight in the U.S., the wartime emergency powers of the Office of Price Administration (OPA) expire, ending almost five years of wage and price controls. Also expiring at midnight is the mandate of the War Relocation Authority, which carried out the internment of over 100,000 Japanese Americans during the war.

On July 1, the United States explodes the first atomic bomb since the bombing of Nagasaki (on August 9, 1945) in “Operation Crossroads,” at Bikini Atoll, Marshall Islands. “Test Able” is the first of three planned bomb-drops to see what a nuclear weapon would do to warships. The detonation of the 20-kiloton atomic bomb — witnessed by reporters and other invited guests — destroys or sinks five retired and unmanned naval vessels and damages 14 others. Briton Charles Vyner Brooke, the last White Rajah of Sarawak (located in the northwestern part of Borneo), cedes the territory to the British Crown. Sarawak’s annexation by the United Kingdom ends the personal rule of the Brooke family after 105 years. Allied forces manage to revert all the Netherlands East Indies to Dutch control, except for Java and Sumatra. In Atlanta, Georgia, the federal Communicable Disease Center (today’s Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) begins operations. Its mission: to eradicate domestic cases of malaria.

Two days of rioting ends in Ahmedabad, in western India, on July 2. Some 33 people are killed when Muslims attack Jains in conflicts over representation in an independent India. In the U.S., the Luce-Celler Act of 1946 becomes law, giving Philippines citizens living in the U.S. the right to become naturalized American citizens. In the American Zone of Occupation of Germany, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay, the deputy military governor, pardons all former Nazis under 27 years of age, except those accused of war crimes, thus restoring German citizenship to more than one million men.

Klement Gottwald on July 3 is sworn in as prime minister of Czechoslovakia, the nation’s first communist leader. The Cape Passive Resistance Council is formed at a mass meeting in Cape Town, South Africa. The gathering is attended by 1,500 people — mostly Indian and African — to protest the government’s apartheid (an Afrikaans word meaning “apart-hood” or “separateness”) and discriminatory policies.

The Philippines gains its independence from the United States on July 4. Manuel Roxas y Acuña is inaugurated in Manila as the fifth president of the Philippines and the first president of the Third Republic. The Philippines had become a territory of the United States in 1902, ceded by Spain after the Spanish-American War. A postwar pogrom in Kielce, Poland, leaves 42 people — mostly Jews — dead and 50 injured. Army and security officers take part in the attack that was sparked by a false story that a boy had been kidnapped by Jews.

Emergency Declared: Blood Drive

NEW JERSEY/SOUTH AMBOY - NJ Blood Services has officially announced a blood emergency. This emergency is part of the on-going and severe challenges in collecting blood across the U.S. There is a national shortage of blood and blood products, and as the demand for blood increases due to hospitals resuming surgeries, in addition to increased traumas during the summer months, we are struggling to keep up. Due to COVID-19, we are still unable to host the volume of blood drives needed to support our needs, and with being unable to host drives in high schools, colleges, are having a very difficult time recovering and introducing youth to blood donation. There have been 37% less blood drives than in the year prior to the pandemic, and have had 50% less donors between the ages of 17-24. We need your help NOW to ensure that hospital patients are able to receive the lifesaving products they rely on.

There will be a Blood Drive on Sunday, June 20, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Mary’s Church, South Amboy, Stevens Avenue between Augusta Street and Second Street (school cafeteria).

Appointments recommended. For an appointment go to <https://nybc.org/newjerseydrive> or call 800-933-2566 Sponsor Code 07743. Walk-ins accepted only if space permits.

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