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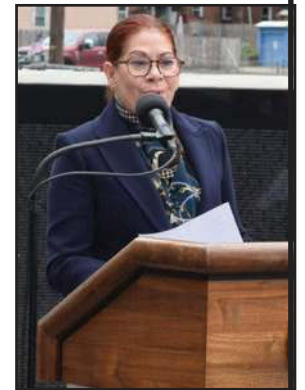
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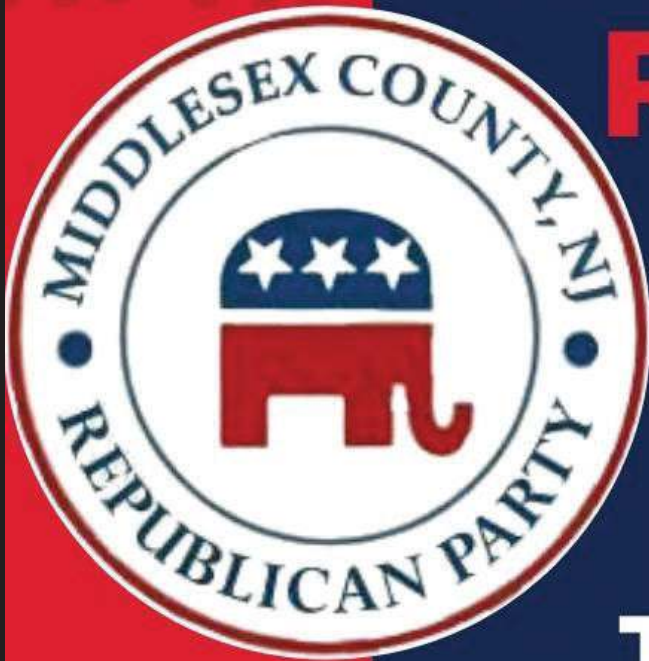
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Lines Are Drawn

5/24/21 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – Four members of the council were present at the council chambers except for Councilwoman Milady Tejeda who had to work late. She was supposed to join via Zoom, but the meeting was over by the time she was available.

Council President William Petrick read the ordinances and the only person to make any comments was Petrick who talked about Ordinance No. 3 – An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, “Sewer and Water” regarding rates and fees.

He stated that rates are going up 3%.

There was a brief discussion about a vendor by the name of Summers BBQ, LLC who was recommended to have a site at the marina. The charge for him will be \$2,250 for the year 2001 and from years 2-5 \$2,842.41 (with an escalator of 4%).

The second site would be the train station \$200 per month (with an escalator of 4%).

Council President Petrick asked if they have a permit.

Councilman B.J. Torres responded, “They have a permit, and it was approved by the police department.”

Deputy City Clerk Theresa Lopez stated, “This vendor did apply and were approved.”

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to add more comments, “I received a complaint about this vendor. They had a permit, but not for the location they where they were set up at the marina.”

There was a long discussion started by Council President William Petrick regarding Ordinance No. 2 (First Reading) to amend an ordinance fixing and establishing a schedule of salaries and salary ranges and increments for officers and employees for the city of Perth Amboy regarding management and nonunion.

Petrick had several questions starting with personnel and some of the titles. “Why is there a Confidential Aide and a Confidential Assistant Aide needed in the mayor’s office? If anything, we need additional personnel in the clerk’s office and the tax office. We don’t need a Deputy Tax Assessor. Why do we need a title of Supervisor of Code Enforcement? And why a title of Public Safety Director that has to have a Civil Service title? This should be under a Police Director. Irving Lozada from Code Enforcement has no civil service title and Kenny Ortiz (Director of Human Resources and Recreation) just had a civil service title (for his position) added last year. Who developed this new organizational chart?”

Business Administrator Remsen responded, “It was myself, along with the mayor. The business administrator is equal to all the directors.”

Joel Rosa, who works in the mayor’s office came up to address some of Petrick’s questions, “The chart that you have is not much different from what the previous administration had in place.”

Petrick responded, “In the past, the chart would show the

Mayor at the head, then the Business Administrator, then all the directors would be under the Business Administrator.”

Council President Petrick suggested that they table this ordinance. It was seconded by Councilman B.J. Torres. It was a tie, with Torres and Petrick voting to table and Morales and Pabon voted “No”. Since there was a tie, the ordinance was left on for Wednesday’s Meeting.

CFO Jill Goldy came up to talk about R-272-5/21 – Amending the 2021 Budget.

Council President Bill Petrick asked Goldy, “Did you incorporate some of the suggestions that I made to try to bring a zero increase for the taxes?”

Goldy responded, “The changes that you sent were not incorporated in what I am presenting tonight. In order to not have a tax increase we used surplus funds and we switched some of the state aid that was given to us. Some of the allocations were reassigned and four grants were received. In previous years, we would have 100.22% tax collection due to additional tax appeals that were favorable to the city. We were able to add \$43,116 appropriations into the budget. The council rejected a 6.5% rate increase for the water/wastewater utility. A 3% increase will be effective July 1 ,2021. The rent is \$154,000+. This may or may not materialize this year. We still have a moratorium on delinquent accounts. We have to make sure that we keep the water/wastewater utilities self-liquidating. We were able to collect additional rent and we were able to get the amount to reduce the water to only 3%. There was an additional 60% used because there was a salary deduction due to a vacancy that was not filled. There is also a reduction in overtime which helped to get a further reduction of \$384,000. There was a plan for a project which we would have had to have applied for a loan from the New Jersey Environmental Trust Fund. Because this project was put on hold, the loan was also put off. Some of the loan programs are only good for a specified time. Some of our bonds that were callable this year had interest rates that were reduced. There is an 18% savings on the entire life of the bonds which were callable in March.”

Council President Petrick asked Goldy, “Can you look at my suggestions, so we have a zero increase? We need to get a new employee in Nancy Martin’s office. Goldy continued, “The Water Utility Department is separate from the City of Perth Amboy. Luis Perez Jimenez (Director of Operations at the USA-PA) is not a city employee.”

Petrick responded, “I thought a city employee was taking over the collections for the Water Department.”

Goldy responded, “The contract with Middlesex Water for billing and collections were brought in-house. Those two positions were under the Water Utility. The tax-collector col-

lects the water and sewer rents. The customer service and billing were brought in-house under the city. A former Water Company was hired for one of these two positions and the other person was already a city employee. The former Water Department employee resigned, which left us with only one employee who was left to do additional duties.”

Petrick then stated, “It’s imperative to help the Water Department have someone working in-house, even if it requires for them to work overtime. I’m just asking for one person to help out in Nancy Martin’s department.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “I just want to make sure that the bill does not come back to us if we add another person in one department.”

Petrick responded, “I think with more work, you have a zero tax increase.”

B.A. Remsen said, “There is not a lot of options. I thought on Thursday (May 20, 2021) that at the meeting we had there was an understanding that a 3% tax increase as presented was acceptable. There are items that cannot be touched such as salaries.”

Petrick responded, “This is not the first time we revisited this (the budget).”

Pabon spoke up and said, “My concern is a salary reduction of some of these employees. We are talking about reducing a salary by \$30,000+.”

Councilman B.J. Torres agreed with Pabon, “I don’t approve of taking away over \$30,000 away from an employee.”

Pabon continued, “How can you do that to somebody? Doing large salary reductions such as in the Parking Utility and Code Enforcement Departments.”

Petrick responded, “One person was supposed to take courses to get certified so they would be qualified for their position. I have not gotten proof that they went to these classes to become certified for the position that they are currently in. . If you look at my suggestions, I restored a position in the Office of Aging, and we need a new hiree in the Data Processing Department.”

Pabon said, “When Ocela David came here to talk about the budget at the last meeting, she said she was looking for one additional person to work in her office. No Directors came here to ask for additional hirees.”

Petrick continued, “There are only two employees in the Data Processing Office. Under the former Administration, they let go of needed staff to give jobs and big salaries to people who worked on their campaign.”

Pabon continued, “I’m talking about what’s going on currently, and not what went on in the past.”

Petrick countered, “People are getting salaries they never deserved in the first place.”

Pabon again stated, “I am not comfortable reducing people’s paychecks. I could live with just getting rid of them instead.”

Petrick continued, “I’m just asking the CFO to look at my amendment to recalculate the budget to get it down to a zero increase.”

B.A. Remsen responded, “I will ask her (Jill Goldy) just to look at the suggestions, but there are things that are not legal to do. At the meeting, I was left with the impression that most of the council accepted a 3% increase in water.”

Petrick then stated that he remembered, “In the past a councilman came here almost in tears to apologize for rubber-stamping that former Mayor Joe Vas wanted.”

Jill Goldy then asked if she could say one more thing.

Council President Petrick said, “No. And thank you.”

Public Portion:
Resident Ken Balut spoke first, “I am in favor of using surplus money for the budget. Why would you have a private citizen come in as a Police Director. We already have someone qualified for that job. 10-11 jobs were added on with high salaries. Taxpayer dollars are being used for salaries for unqualified people. We keep borrowing money at 5.25% interest with additional fees. You need to start watching the money. The Strategy Group (Who are supposed to be searching for a permanent Business Administrator) has billed the city \$15,000 so far. And so far, you

don’t know what they do. Now, they are going to be billing you an additional \$80,000. Our Law Director Northgrave is in Edison and he is double-dipping.”

Resident Vince Mackiel came up next. “When Ms. Goldy came up, she talked about an infrastructure loan for \$5 million for the water utility. We would like to have better water. We need a better water system for this growing town, especially with new buildings going up.” Mackiel then read a letter that he would be sending to NJ Transit asking them to acknowledge that we need improvements on the Market Street Bridge. They need to service people with disabilities. There is a need for them to be able to access this bridge.”

Goldy was asked to come up to respond to Mackiel’s questions regarding the infrastructure loan of \$5 million. Goldy said she never said anything about a \$5 million loan. “There was a project we were going to do that had to be suspended.”

The next person to come up to speak was David Spevack. He spoke about R-276-5/21 – Supporting the naming of the site of the Perth Amboy Waterfront Tennis Courts to be the “Ronald Spevack Memorial Tennis Center”.

He said, “I, my father and grandfather were all born here. My dad won championships in State Tennis Tournaments and I believe he won at least six titles in city championships. He was very dedicated and donated equipment to any kids that needed it. He also took kids to major tennis tournaments. I am honored to have the courts named after him.”

The meeting was now opened up to Zoom participants. No one called in.

B.A. Remsen then spoke up and said that a representative from Comcast was here to speak.

There was a brief exchange of words between Remsen and Petrick when Comcast was available to speak during the of the meeting.

Petrick invited the representative from Comcast, Senior

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words

On the website for the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Museum Website: <https://www.njvvmf.org/> there is the Wall Of Faces: BIOGRAPHY PROJECT

One of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation's most important projects is collecting biographical information on the men and women whose names are listed on the Memorial.

Having this information will allow us to forever preserve the memory of those who gave their lives in Vietnam. Our goal is to one day have the biographical information and photographs for each of the New Jerseyans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their state and country. This information is also used to help teach younger generations that each name on the Memorial had a life and an individual story. We want to demonstrate to visitors that these were real people who lived complicated lives. Through learning about those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, visitors can create strong connections to the past.

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We salute all who made the ultimate sacrifice in all wars to protect and preserve our freedom in the past, present, and future. *C.M. & K.M.*



President Joe Biden lays a wreath at Arlington Cemetery *AP



Arlington Cemetery *Getty Images Mark Reinstein



Local Fallen Heroes:

Above: Neil J. Lucey (Perth Amboy)
Right: Sgt. Benjamin Sebban (South Amboy)



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Well folks, you may need a VACCINE PASSPORT (Certificate of Vaccine Papers) to enter a business or traveling. The State of Oregon will implement vaccine passport. Now, will New Jersey do the same? I won-

der what the future will be for us. I keep hearing this: "Communist Controlled Society" from concerned Americans. Someday, I hope a politician with "Living Brain Cells" will expose this COVID virus.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Gateway Tunnel

Advocates for the \$11.6 billion Gateway Tunnel should be concerned by what New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said about Gateway this past Friday at an event concerning progress for the NYMTA Long Island Rail Road \$11.2 billion East Side Access to Grand Central Terminal project. This was in response to a question from a reporter about Gateway. Cuomo said "Who's coming through the new Gateway? It's Amtrak, it's Amtrak, and a few New Jersey Transit trains. Why should New York have paid for Gateway? I don't have any trains going through Gateway. Has Cuomo ever ridden a New Jersey train? A majority of trains using the current Hudson River and future Gateway Tunnels are operated by NJ Transit, not Amtrak.

His claim that NY obtains no benefit from Gateway is incorrect. Many Metro North Port Jervis and Pascack Valley line riders change at Secaucus for NJ Transit trains bound for

Penn Station via the Hudson River Tunnels.

Thousands of New Yorkers are reverse commuters, traveling to jobs, entertainment or sporting events in New Jersey.

Cuomo's words imply that he may not pony up his 25% or \$2.9 billion share toward the \$11.6 billion cost. NY's share is needed to leverage \$5.8 funding from the Federal Transit & Federal Railroad Administrations. Without his financial contribution, the project will not proceed.

Sincerely,
Larry Penner

Larry Penner is a transportation advocate, historian and writer who previously worked for the Federal Transit Administration Region 2 NY Office. This included the development, review, approval and oversight for grants supporting billions in capital projects and programs on behalf of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New Jersey Transit and over 30 other transportation agencies in NY & NJ.

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City Hall N. Broadway. (see below)
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City Hall, N. Broadway

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A Potpourri of Topics

5/19/21 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – There was a discussion regarding the Introduction/First Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-10 – An ordinance supplementing chapter 41 of the code of the city of South Amboy, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, to more specifically require that growth of bamboo be controlled by property owners and to further clarify that the owner of the property from which bamboo growth emanates is responsible for abatement, and for all costs associated with abatement, regardless of whether the bamboo is on private or public property.
Law Director Francis Womack explained the changes made in the ordinance to take the responsibility of determination of the bamboo being a nuisance off of a health inspector to a more general statement as which bamboo growth can be deemed a nuisance on private property.
The council was satisfied with the change in language in the ordinance. All voted “Yes” for the First Reading of the ordinance.
Council Comments:
Councilwoman Zusette Dato stated that the Primary Election is Tuesday, June 8, 2021. She noted that the polling places will be open. “The two places

to vote in South Amboy are the Senior Center and the High School. The last day to apply for a Vote-By-Mail for the primary is June 1, 2021. Sample ballots will be mailed. There are new voting machines. For more information go to <http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/vote>”
Council Vice-President Christine Noble wished everyone good Memorial Day.
Councilman Brian McLaughlin thanked the EMS. He asked the status of the house on Fourth Street.
Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski answered, “There is a 30-day moratorium by the Judge. They were substantially fined and given 30 days to get a paper signed that they are doing what they are supposed to do to have work done.”
McLaughlin asked if there were any way to honor people who volunteered during Covid.
Council President Mickey Gross stated that the council should get together and make a list of people that the council wants to honor.
Councilman Tom Reilly thanked the volunteers and donors of the food pantries and the first responders. “They need volunteers at the food pantries. Also, the First Aid is in need of volunteers.” Reilly then asked about the garage at the bottom

of First Street, “It looks like it has had work done on it?”
B.A. Skarzynski answered, “The owner changed hands.”
Reilly then asked about the playground on Roosevelt Street, the illegal pallets, and the proposed ordinance to give seniors and the disabled relief on late fees for sewer bills. “The playground on Roosevelt Street has been damaged since Sandy.”
Law Director Womack stated the late fee ordinance will be on the next meeting’s agenda.
Reilly then asked for any updates on the ongoing legal issues with Venetian.
Womack answered that would be discussed in the upcoming closed session after the meeting.
Reilly wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.
B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated, “Jay Elliot (from Code Enforcement) is coordinating an event in conjunction with Middlesex County Art’s. A group of classically trained musicians will perform classical music for Mother Earth. This is at no cost to the city and is being sponsored through a grant. Bring a chair to sit on. It will be on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the Train Station.
Council President Mickey Gross said, “Full throttle for September 25, 2021 in the

County Park the Irish Festival will have food, vendors, rides, fireworks. There will be bus-ing. We will be advertising statewide!” Gross then reiterated that he would like to get a list together to see who should be recognized for their volunteerism during the pandemic. “If we could give a list to Debbie (City Clerk Brooks). Debbie has been working behind the scenes more than we know. There’s a lot more involved than everyone knows. No one wants to be back (to normal) more than me.
Mayor Fred Henry said, “I like to see things starting to open up again. I want to thank the food pantries and places who donate food products. I want to thank Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski who does a lot of helping to get grants for the city. This money is to get things done. Happy Memorial Day.
Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski said, “We made it to the second round for the Wetlands Preservation Grant.”
Public Portion:
Hugh Giordano from the UFCW spoke next. I represent The United Food and Commercial Workers Union. We represent many different types of workers including cannabis workers. We provide union jobs, health benefits (etc.). The



2nd Ward Councilman
Tom Reilly

jobs are highly trained. We are asking that the cannabis ordinance be tabled or dropped. To opt out is the lazy way out. You have the power to decide what you want or don’t want in the town. I hope to hear from you.”
Marina Rebmann spoke next. “I would like you to table this ordinance. I am a medical marijuana patient. I had to have my leg amputated.” She went on to state figures of how many municipalities in Middlesex County allow medical cannabis. “I’ve never heard of a medical cannabis overdose.”
The council convened to a closed session after the meeting at 7:35 p.m. All council members were present.

Communities Make Recommendations for Multi-Billion Dollar Plans to Stop Sewage Overflows

Community groups submit recommendations to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on the combined sewer overflow Long Term Control Plans

Press Release 3/2021
TRENTON, 2021 – The Sewage-Free Streets and Rivers campaign, a coalition of community organizations from towns with combined sewer systems, is advocating for the Long Term Control Plans developed by municipal and utility permit holders to include equitable solutions to combined sewer overflows (CSOs). Twenty-four municipal and utility permit holders submitted combined sewer overflow Long Term Control Plans to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on October 1, 2020, kicking off a four-month comment period during which many community groups, environmental organizations, and other stakeholders weighed in on the plans, including the Sewage-Free Streets and Rivers campaign and its partners.
“These plans represent billions of public infrastructure dollars,” said Nicole Miller, principal, MnM Consulting and co-chair, NewarkDIG. “Our residents and business owners deserve the maximum benefit from each dollar spent. We hope NJDEP will take our concerns into consideration when preparing responses to the permit holders.”
“We are hopeful that the NJDEP’s commitment to environmental justice will be re-

flected in their review of these plans and that the final Long Term Control Plans will promote equity in affordability and in the implementation of solutions to sewage overflows,” said Mo Kinberg, New Jersey Future community outreach manager.
“The Clean Water Act is intended to ensure that our nation’s waters no matter where you live, color of your skin, or economic situation are free of sewage and toxins with the ultimate goal of zero pollution discharge over time,” stated Amy Goldsmith, NJ state director, Clean Water Action. “Approving, funding, and enforcing the best Long Term Control Plans possible is key to ensuring water justice for all.”
The plans detail large wastewater infrastructure projects that will impact communities for decades and will be paid for primarily by taxpayers. Comments by the coalition focus on water quality, environmental justice, green infrastructure, public participation and climate change. “We are elated to see these plans move forward after over five years of community input and discussion,” stated Drew Curtis, Ironbound Community Corporation. “We want to see these plans address many of the issues facing environmental justice communities like Newark, such as abating storm-

water flooding and increased green infrastructure. And, we want to see the plans paid for in an equitable manner. Newark, as the host community for PVSC, already bears the brunt of the negative impacts from the plant; other, more affluent communities within the PVSC service area should pick up more of the financial costs of these plans.”
“There has been an enormous effort by the CSO permit holders and NJDEP over the last five years to get us to this critical point of addressing CSOs through the adoption of the Long Term Control Plans,” stated Rosana Da Silva, New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program and technical advisory board member to the campaign. “These plans specifically focus on the reduction of CSOs. Implementation will improve water quality in the Estuary. But this process is also an opportunity for stakeholders, including ratepayers and local government officials, to envision the future of their communities and how they can best benefit from cleaner waterways.”
The coalition is asking the NJDEP and permit holders for innovative solutions that put the health and wellbeing of the residents of these communities first. “It is time to address the impacts of CSOs with a sense of

urgency,” stated Greg Remaud, NY/NJ Baykeeper. “Our urban communities have suffered the public health and environmental insult of raw sewage flowing freely into their streets and waterways after it rains for far too long. This will require the leadership and cooperation on the local, state and federal level that has yet to emerge.”
What more local advocates are saying:
“As a resident of the South Ward of Newark and an environmental justice organizer, it is extremely important that residents have meaningful participation in the Long Term Control Plans and their voices are heard in their communities’ plan,” stated Kim Gaddy, director, South Ward Environmental Alliance.
“We see what happens during a ‘normal’ rainfall event in Camden: raw sewage floods the streets and residential homes. Residents should be the first priority. We must develop an equitable public outreach and engagement plan to ensure ALL residents have a voice and are heard.”—Shaniqua Biles, Sewage-Free Streets and Rivers Advisory Board member and Camden resident.
“Bayonne’s Long Term Control Plan is inherently inequitable in its financing, lacking in public input and nearly devoid

of green infrastructure. Bayonne inexplicably failed to consider more equitable means of funding for this project, resulting in an unconscionable economic plan that will exacerbate income inequality and reward polluters.”—Jill Pustorino, Morris Park Neighborhood Association
“I find it very disturbing to have to wait until 2040 to address some of the worst flooding in Paterson. The flooding that is coming into our homes and cars has raw sewage in it, which creates health issues.”—Martha Arencibia, Paterson Green Team Chair
“There is an urgent opportunity for Jersey City to reduce costs of its Long Term Control Plan by investing in green infrastructure,” stated Debra Italiano, founder, Sustainable Jersey City. “Grey infrastructure costs could be brought down by prioritizing green infrastructure first. The City of Jersey City indicated it would consider participation in a Regional Plan if ‘adaptive remedies’ were available in the agreement, like a green infrastructure first strategy—municipal alignment around this focus is needed.”

**Notification of Environmental Investigation and Cleanup
Former Perth Amboy Tire, Inc. American Industrial Supply, Inc.
351 Smith Street Perth Amboy, NJ (Block 73.01 Lots 8.02, 9-12, 12.01 & 13-27)
NJDEP Program Interest #439011
June 2, 2021**

In accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) regulations for Notification and Public Outreach, American Industrial Supply, Inc. (AIS) is required to provide information relating to environmental conditions and remedial activities being conducted at the above referenced site.

Former operations conducted at this Site include, tire retreading, repair, and sales, trolly, bus transport and repair and electrical power generation and supply. Potential chemical compounds of concern associated with the former site operations include, but may not be limited to, Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (EPHs), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) and metals. Exceedances of the Groundwater Quality Standards and Groundwater Screening Levels were detected in March 2020.

AIS is continuing to conduct investigations and remedial activities in accordance with the requirements of the NJDEP to address the potential contaminate of concerns associated with former uses. AIS, under the direction of a NJDEP Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP), is evaluating the environmental conditions at the site to ensure that any residual impacts from the contamination that may still be present are promptly mitigated to the current NJDEP remediation standards.

For additional information, AIS has established public repositories where remediation documents can be reviewed at the following locations:

- Perth Amboy Public Library, 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

To obtain a copy of the complete Public Participation Plan for this site, please contact the Project Public Relations Officer, Heather Shearer of AIS at (732) 826-7600 or the LSRP, of Record Jeffrey Lux at (609) 859-3890.

**Notificación de investigación y limpieza ambiental
Antiguo Perth Amboy Tire, Inc. American Industrial Supply, Inc.
351 Smith Street Perth Amboy, NJ (Block 73.01 Lots 8.02, 9-12, 12.01 y 13-27)
Interés del Programa NJDEP #439011
2 de Junio de 2021**

De acuerdo con las regulaciones del Departamento de Protección Ambiental de Nueva Jersey (NJDEP) para la Notificación y Divulgación Pública, American Industrial Supply, Inc. (AIS) está obligada a proporcionar información relacionada con las condiciones ambientales y las actividades correctivas que se llevan a cabo en el sitio mencionado anteriormente.

Las operaciones anteriores realizadas en este Sitio incluyen, recauchutado de neumáticos, reparación y ventas, carro de cable, transporte y reparación de autobuses y generación y suministro de energía eléctrica. Los compuestos químicos potenciales de preocupación asociados con las operaciones del sitio anterior incluyen, pero no pueden limitarse a, hidrocarburos de petróleo extraíbles (EPHs), compuestos orgánicos volátiles (COVs), hidrocarburos aromáticos policíclicos (HAPs), bifenilos policlorados (PCBs) y metales. En marzo de 2020 se detectaron excedencias de los estándares de calidad de las aguas subterráneas y de los niveles de cribado de aguas subterráneas.

AIS continúa llevando a cabo investigaciones y actividades correctivas de acuerdo con los requisitos de la NJDEP para abordar la posible contaminación de las preocupaciones asociadas con los usos anteriores. AIS, bajo la dirección de un Profesional de Remediación de Sitios con Licencia del NJDEP (LSRP), está evaluando las condiciones ambientales en el sitio para asegurar que cualquier impacto residual de la contaminación que todavía puede estar presente se mitigue rápidamente a los estándares actuales de remediación de NJDEP.

Para obtener información adicional, AIS ha establecido repositorios públicos donde los documentos de corrección se pueden revisar en las siguientes ubicaciones:

- Biblioteca Pública Perth Amboy, 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Para obtener una copia del Plan de Participación Pública completo para este sitio, comuníquese con la Oficial de Relaciones Públicas del Proyecto, Heather Shearer de AIS al (732) 826-7600 o al LSRP, del Registro Jeffrey Lux al (609) 859-3890.

**PERTH AMBOY PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7 p.m.:**

Join Zoom Meeting:
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**PERTH AMBOY ZONING BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.:**

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All members of the public are invited to participate.



Lines Are Drawn

5/24/21 Caucus

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Director of Government Affairs of Comcast Charles Smith to speak.

Before continuing, B.A. Remsen said that the city has a 15-year agreement with Comcast that will be expiring soon.

Smith stated, “There are two parts to the agreement. The Municipal Consent which the council dictates, and the Municipal Board of Utilities which issues the final documents. We started this process 3 years ago around October 2018. In the final 2 years of the contract, you can review any issues dealing with your Comcast experience. There will be a public hearing on July 7, 2021 where people can discuss specifications, equipment used, the public access channels, technology, finances, and the leadership of the company. Negotiations can start after the public hearings with whoever the city chooses to represent them. Once an ordinance is adopted, then we can go forward to apply for a license. Prior to 2010, some contracts were as long as 25 years. We were interested in getting long-term contracts. The contract we are currently looking at would be a 10-year deal. We are the second largest internet provider. Cable TV is what we are providing. We need infrastructure to support wireless services and we have to pay a franchise fee for the use of the public right-away.”

Council President Petrick

said, “In the past, people were complaining about audio problems on Channel 34.”

Smith responded that he was not aware of these problems, but they can be addressed by upgrades and repairs.

After the presentation, B.A. Remsen wanted to make an announcement that the library will be reopening on June 7, 2021. “Temporary hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Eventually there will be two nights when they will be open late. The maximum capacity in the building will be 15 people and that will include staff members. Library staff will do temperature checks and other safety precautions will be in place.”

Councilman B.J. Torres asked, “If the library has been closed, why would they need people to staff it?”

At that point, Herschel Chomsky from the library spoke up via Zoom, “The staff has been very busy while the library was closed to the public. We still had curbside delivery and pickups. We had notary services and interlibrary loans. We also delivered books to those who were homebound. We have been fixing up the rooms.”

There was a question regarding the museum pass program.

Chomsky replied, “The Friends of the Library paid for those passes. During Covid, a lot of the places that the passes were for were closed temporarily.”

The council then went into closed session at 7:14 p.m. with no further action to be taken.

PERTH AMBOY CAUCUS MEETING Monday, May 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, take notice that the Caucus Meeting of **June 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** will be held in the Council Chambers, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy. Due to the limits on public gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will also be held VIA A ZOOM ON-LINE CONFERENCE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

Join Zoom Meeting
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All members of the public are invited to participate.

PERTH AMBOY COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, take notice that the Council Meeting of **June 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** will be held in the Council Chambers, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy. Due to the limits on public gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will also be held VIA A ZOOM ON-LINE CONFERENCE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

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All members of the public are invited to participate.

Still Up in the Air

5/26/21 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – There was a huge discussion on Ordinance No. 3 – Water/Sewer Rates and Fees. Council President Petrick said he asked Law Director Northgrave to see if it is legal to vote on this. “New regulations were put into place before this.” Law Director Northgrave was not present at the council meeting. William Opel who is from Northgrave’s firm said he didn’t have a chance to review the new regulations and the council can vote on whether or not they want to table this ordinance.

The public was allowed to speak on this ordinance.

Resident Ken Balut came was the only person to speak on this ordinance. He said, “Law Director William Northgrave is not here, and you have \$16 million in your back pocket. This should be tabled. Did you (the council) get a copy of the report that said what you can use the money for?”

Mayor Helmin Caba came up to address the situation and told the council that they all have the link to the 150-page report from the federal government (which was given to the state) stating what the money can and cannot be used for. “We only have half of the \$16 million.”

Business Administrator Edward Remsen joined the meeting via Zoom. “I just got the notification from the state regarding rules and regulations. If you don’t approve this ordinance on the second reading, it will delay the budget which goes for a hearing on June 9th.” Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

Resident Ken Balut came up first. “They should table R-272-5/21 – Amending the 2021 budget. “You are adding all these new positions, and you can’t keep using the surplus money. Some of these new positions call for paying secretaries \$80,000 and \$15/hour for animal control personnel. Some positions may be needed, but not to give \$80,000 for a confidential secretary to the mayor.”

There was a lengthy conversation regarding Ordinance No. 2: (First Reading) – Amending an Ordinance fixing and establishing a schedule of salaries and salary ranges in increments for officers and employees regarding management and non-union.”

Council President Petrick stated, “There is one position (Director of Public Safety) should be removed because there is already someone in that department that can handle both responsibilities.” He asked for the position of grant writer be removed.

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch said, “The Director of Public Safety title has been removed already.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda disagreed with Petrick, “We need a grant writer who will be paid by the organization that they would get the grant from.”

Petrick continued, “We don’t need a Deputy Tax Assessor nor a Confidential Aide or Confidential Assistant in the Mayor’s

Office. Just give the Mayor one of these positions and put the additional money in the clerk’s office.”

Again, Tejeda disagreed, “There is already a Confidential Aide in the Mayor’s Office. We are just changing the title.”

Petrick then suggested, “We can revisit any title that would be eliminated to see if later on if they would be needed.”

B.A. Remsen again spoke up via Zoom, “There are 3 people already on the mayor’s staff. There is a Deputy Tax Assessor and there are 3 people working in the Tax Department. There’s a title that’s vacant and the Confidential Aide already exists in the Mayor’s Department.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and addressed Council President Petrick, “You said a Tax Assessor and the Court needed additional people. I think the Water Department needs help. Why don’t we try letting some of the people in these offices work overtime? It is not our place to hire or to add people to different departments. The Mayor can decide if people who are working now can work overtime.”

Petrick continued, “Nancy Martin (from the Tax Department) sent emails stating they need another person. We need to address our deficit and the Tax Collector whose department brings in revenue and we need to support the City Clerk’s Office.”

Councilwoman Tejeda spoke up, “I am not in favor of removing any position in the Mayor’s Office. I also support the need of the City Clerk’s Office.”

Petrick responded, “We can allocate the funds to different departments, but we can’t do the hiring of people in those departments.”

Councilman B.J. Torres then commented, “OPRA requests have to be done in a timely manner, so we don’t get fined.”

Attorney William Opel who was substituting for Northgrave said, “The Mayor has the power to hire and fire people in certain positions. Salaries are set in the salary ordinances.”

Councilwoman Rose Morales then questioned, “Can we remove titles and later add them on?”

Petrick responded, “Yes.” He then wanted a motion to make changes to Ordinance No. 2. Councilman B.J. Torres made the motion for changes as requested by Petrick. Petrick asked if anyone wanted to second the motion. No one seconded the motion.

When it came time to vote on the ordinances. Ordinance No. 1 – Flood Damage Prevention was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda. Ordinance No. 2 – Regulate Control and Stabilize rent and create a Rent Leveling Board within the city of Perth Amboy regarding members was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda. Ordinance No. 3 – Sewers and Water regarding rates and fees – A motion to table was moved by Morales and seconded by Torres. All voted “Yes” to table. For

Ordinance No. 1 (First Reading) – Streets and Sidewalks – regarding speed humps was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda. Ordinance No. 2 (First Reading) – Schedule regarding salary and salary ranges management and nonunion was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda. All voted “Yes.”

For the consent agenda, R-273-R-290 was moved by Tejeda and seconded by Morales. R-272 (2021 budget) was asked to be pulled to be voted on separately by Petrick. It was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda. All voted “Yes.” Petrick then commented, “I think moving forward we will be looking at higher taxes.”

Public Portion:

Resident Ken Balut spoke first, “We’ve got to look forward. People can’t afford to pay for taxes going up plus a 3% raise in the water bill. We keep hiring people and pay them \$80,000. I bet you our law firm that is here is not paying people \$80,000. We should use qualified people who can already do the jobs instead of people that don’t have any experience. Grant money is federal money. We misspent money and that is why we lost the UEZ. The Mayor is getting \$80,000 a year and is full time and what has he done in his first 100 days? He hired a lot of people with high paying positions and our Law Director William Northgrave is hardly ever here and the lawyer he sends in his place is not prepared. He (Northgrave) is an absentee double-dipping attorney.”

William Opel spoke up to address one of Balut’s statements. “I did not want to make a judgement on a matter without having a chance to review the pending legislation on it.”

The next member of the public to speak was Resident Mike Moser from Water Street. “There is a problem with speeding vehicles. Our numerous calls to the police have not been responded to. The situation has become worse in the summer. When the police do come, the people stop for a while, but it happens again. There are no solutions. The weekends are even worse with the constant speeding of vehicles. People are doing wheelies on their motorcycles. I’ve spoken to neighbors and a petition has been signed (by many of us) to do something about these vehicle violations. I have not seen a vehicle pulled over for speeding. Speed bumps need to be installed to slow traffic down at the waterfront.”

Councilman B.J. Torres who also lives on Water Street agreed that dirt bikes are also doing wheelies and they flee from the police.

Another resident from Water Street came up to speak and said, “It’s dangerous for families walking on Water Street, especially when they are trying to cross the street when these vehicles are speeding. Traffic is terrible and so is the loud music being played which hurts my ears. The music ordinance is not being enforced.”

Water Street Resident Wilma Matey came up next, “I agree that we need speed bumps. People will get hurt (if speeders are not stopped). There is a lot of loud music being played and people doing wheelies with their vehicles are terrible. We pay high taxes, and we don’t want to listen to their loud music. I don’t want anyone to get hurt.”

Resident Junior Iglesia came up next to speak about marijuana. “Many municipalities such as Piscataway say they are a family friendly town and don’t want any marijuana sold there. Some towns don’t want it as a business or even having medicinal marijuana facilities. South Amboy drafted an ordinance prohibiting all marijuana businesses in town. It is in our best interest to have an ordinance banning marijuana. The League of Municipalities says that towns don’t have to wait 5 years to opt in. Give yourselves time to look at the marijuana issue with the wait and see approach. I also need to know how much time the public will have to speak at the marijuana forum.”

Resident Maria Peralta came up next. Councilman Pabon translated. “We had a march on Saturday which ended at the city hall circle where people made speeches against having marijuana in the city. I have nothing against our mayor. We need an ordinance against any manufacturing of marijuana in our town. It is bad for our children. I see people buy it on the street. We also need to stop the restrictions of people not being allowed to fish (at certain areas of the waterfront). People who are for marijuana are not from here.”

Rev. Donna Stewart President of Perth Amboy Chapter of the NAACP spoke next. “The NAACP in Perth Amboy has been around for 80 years. We are for equal rights for all people and are against police brutality. I invite all to attend the Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 19th. There is a lot of disrespect on leadership here that’s been going on for a long time. We are standing here tonight, and we are done dying. I have stood by you in the past, Mr. Petrick. We support all people: Jewish, Asian, people of color, and the LGBT+ Community.” Addressing Petrick, “I supported your business. I bought all my flowers from you and can no longer do this. I invite all to join our organization no matter who you are, but you (Petrick) have been disrespectful, and change is coming.”

Resident Alan Silber came up next, “I see that there is supposed to be a rehabilitation of the train station. The people should go down Rector Street by the old police station to see how it is boarded up. They’ll see a sign on one of the doors that says: “Celebrate Perth Amboy”. Nothing is being done. There are about 40 people who had a march against cannabis, and as they marched and when they arrived at city hall circle,

they were playing loud music and their speakers were very loud. Over 2,000 people voted in the city in the last election and 60% of the voters in the state voted to legalize marijuana. The only reason we have a Mayor Helmin Caba is because of the 50%+1 rule change. Now, you want to have a marijuana forum when the people of the city and in the state already approved it. We had several shootings, and no one talked about this. We need to think about the quality-of-life issues.”

Attorney Daniel Gonzalez came up next. “It was nice to see all the people in the city parks and some of the streets being paved. I was there when the late attorney Ronald Spevack was honored at the Grand Opening of the Tennis Courts. It was a positive thing that you voted on the positions presented on tonight’s resolution. It is allowing the mayor to have the tools needed to run the city properly. There was a shooting on Gordon and First Street, but there are a lot of things out of our control. Focus on the positive. I was glad to see my people from Water Street here tonight. We need more of a police presence on Water Street. I saw the police on the Waterfront, and when the motorcycles and other vehicles saw the police, they slowed down and turned the music down. You guys are doing a good job. Council President Bill Petrick just needs to relax more and just be nicer. Thanks, guys.”

Resident Fernando Gonzalez came up next, “Say no to a tax increase. You have to address the current budget. I know our new mayor is working hard not to increase taxes next year. I hope we can use the \$16 million not to increase taxes. Our water department was sold. Money was borrowed and spent and that water contract that was supposed to be for only 20 years had to be extended out to 30 years. 3% is probably the minimum you (the council) can get for a water increase. In about 10 years, we should be done with the water department contract. We have to plan, but we cannot change the past. Just be intelligent and respect each other.”

Judge Mathias Rodriguez came up to speak about speeding vehicles. “We need to do something about speeding townwide. Kids are running around on bikes and have no respect for traffic. We need speed bumps all over the town and they are an easy and inexpensive way to control traffic. Puerto Rico is way ahead of us when it comes to traffic safety. Every crosswalk there has speed bump. I agree with the residents of Water Street and others who talk about all the traffic violations.”

The meeting was then opened up to people on Zoom.

A Water Street Resident spoke first. “Speeding happens all the time. My recommendations would be to lower the speed limit to 20mph, install speed

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Cecilia Alcantar, from South Amboy Receives Outstanding Student Award
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Cecilia Alcantar

Press Release 5/21/21
MONMOUTH COUNTY, NJ - Cecilia Alcantar, from South Amboy, NJ, a journalism major at Brookdale Community College, was one of eight Brookdale students honored with the Outstanding Student Award for academic excellence, community service, and personal accomplishments.

“I started at Brookdale as an English as a Second Language (ESL) student, as I had recently moved back to the United States after living in Mexico for 10 years,” Alcantar said. “It was a very emotional moment when I found out I was selected as an Outstanding Student because it showed me that everything I have gone through these past years was worth it,” she said. “Taking classes in a language I did not grow up speaking is a very hard challenge, and I hope that this inspires students not only at Brookdale but in any other college or education level to not give up.”

Alcantar certainly did not give up. While taking ESL classes at Brookdale she also took college-level classes. After finishing the ESL program, she initially was a photography major but later switched to journalism.

“When discussing Cecilia’s academic accomplishments, one must look beyond her 3.9 GPA and also consider how her dedication to learning improves outcomes for her peers,” said Deborah Mura, professor in the communication media department at Brookdale. “She is a natural leader who steps into positions of authority as a means to serve and empower those around her which is evident in her work with PTK and a variety of student clubs,” Mura said.

A member of the Student Radio and Podcasting Club, Filmmakers Club, and the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society, Alcantar is also a regular contributor to The Current, Brookdale’s student newspaper. “All of these clubs provided me with connections and people who I consider my friends and still am in contact with,” said Alcantar. She served as the treasure of the PTK Honor Society last year and is currently the vice president of leadership as well as the secretary of the radio club.

Last year’s Honors in Action project for PTK focused on creating a healthier environment and better future by explaining small steps we can all take. Alcantar was instrumental in organizing the project. “To say that Cecilia truly lives what she believes is an understatement,” said Angela Saragusa, professor in the English department at Brookdale and faculty advisor for PTK. “She was, and continues to be, a leader in demonstrating the effect we can have if we take small steps every day,” Saragusa said.

Alcantar was also influential in creating Brookdale’s Student2Student program where student mentors assist other Brookdale students who are struggling to adapt to virtual learning or making the transition to college. “This commitment to her college and community makes her a standout among her peers,” Saragusa said.

“Getting involved is what helped me go through my last couple of semesters,” Alcantar said. “Knowing that you are a part of something and that there are people around you who are probably going through the same as you is very comforting. Not only does it help build your resume, but it also helps you build yourself as a student and a person.”

In the fall, Alcantar is transferring to Montclair State University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in TV production. “I’m excited for what is to come in the future,” she said.

Sayreville Student Barry J. Muller Jr. Recipient of National Award
*Photo Submitted

Press Release
SAYREVILLE - On May 6, 2021, Sayreville Middle School 8th grade student, Barry J. Muller, Jr., was awarded a National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award. Barry was chosen as one of 500 recipients from across the nation based on his work to support the five pillars of the National Junior Honor Society: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Barry attends Sayreville Middle School. He maintains a cumulative GPA of 98%



(out of 100%). He is a member of the Middle School Basketball team and the St. Bernadette’s RC Youth Group. He is a volunteer in a number of community-based programs. (L to R) Dr. Richard R. Labbe, Sayreville Superintendent; Richard Gluchowski, SMS Principal; Barry J. Muller, Jr.; Michele Gentile, NJHS Advisor.

Movie Review: Godzilla vs. Kong

By: Anton Massopust III
“We need him! The world needs Kong!”
Why do people go to the movies? I go to the movies because I like to have fun, and an old-fashioned fun monster movie is just what I the doctor ordered. Godzilla vs. Kong is a continuation from the other two films Godzilla and Godzilla King of the Monsters and Kong on Skull Island.
Godzilla seems to be attacking people for no reason and he devastates a base on the company Apex that seems to be up to something sinister. There is an artificial island with an underwater facility somewhere in the Pacific. On Skull Island King Kong has been living in peace. Apex tells them that they should go to Hollow Earth, the mythical world inside the earth that is supposedly the origin of all the Titans.
On the way, transporting Kong on an aircraft carrier to the entrance to Hollow Earth. Godzilla attacks and in the epic fight is a draw. That's just the beginning. A young woman and a native girl who is deaf, and can communicate with King Kong through sign language is needed to convince Kong to show



them the entrance to Hollow Earth. In an entrance through Antarctica, Apex had designed vehicles to transport through the portal back and forth to Hollow Earth. Inside, they find a living ecosystem and the birthplace of Kong’s people. It is a beautiful world, but this is all a trap by Apex to find the power source that runs Hollow Earth so they can steal it to power their Ultimate Weapon – Mega-Godzilla, a giant robot Godzilla that will kill the Titans and replace them.
When these two epic monsters have a legendary fight in Hong Kong, the city is evacuated, and monsters do get out. The real threat is when Mega-Godzilla arrives on the scene. The bad guys at Apex are unaware that Mega-Godzilla is becoming

self-aware. He is connected to Jay Wayne, a computer scientist and the head of Ghidorah (the three headed dragon monster) from the previous film. Mega-Godzilla has his own goals.
If you ignore the people who just push the plot along, Godzilla vs. Kong is just a fun, fun movie. The monsters are what's important to the film. The special effects are terrific, especially inside Hollow Earth, the epic world of Titans. I think this should be more explored in other films.
This is a massive fun movie that should be experienced on the big screen or at home on a giant TV. Either way go watch it. It's a lot of fun.

Pallone Announces New Jersey Will Receive Over \$78 Million to Support Mental Health Services and Substance Use Needs

Press Release 5/18/21
WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that New Jersey will receive over \$78 million to support mental health services and substance use disorder needs. New Jersey will receive \$39,121,366 from the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) Program to provide comprehensive community mental health services and address needs and gaps in existing treatment services for those with serious mental illness. The state will also receive \$38,907,646 from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Pro-

gram (SABG) to help the state plan, implement, and evaluate activities to prevent, treat, and help more people recover from substance use disorder.
The funding comes from provisions in the American Rescue Plan that Pallone authored and is distributed through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the Department of Health and Human Services.
“This is good news for our state. I’m glad to see more funding from the American Rescue Plan reach New Jersey. The COVID-19 pandemic made it clear that we need to do more to get help to New Jerseyans and

Americans across the country who need mental health and substance use disorder treatment,” Pallone said. “The funding awarded today through the American Rescue Plan will go a long way towards helping those in need, and I will continue to work in Congress to ensure our state has the resources it needs to provide quality mental health care and substance use disorder treatment.”
Individuals searching for treatment for mental health or substance use disorders can find it by visiting <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov> or by calling SAMHSA’s National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

Ribbon Cutting at the Tennis Courts, Sadowski Parkway, Perth Amboy, 5/15/21

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



A Perth Amboy March Against Recreational Marijuana Catches Momentum

The Family First March Stimulates Awareness about the New Cannabis Law



Protestors against the legalization of marijuana in Perth Amboy march to city hall *Photos Submitted by Junior Iglesias

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY, NJ – Towns in New Jersey are on a tight deadline to either Opt Out its municipality from allowing Cannabis to be sold, produced, or manufactured in their town or wait 5 years. What started out as a small group of individuals speaking up on the topic of banning Cannabis at their City Council meetings has grown to a larger group which assembled on Cortlandt Street and marched down Hall Avenue and High Street to the Perth Amboy City Hall Circle.

The organizer and community leader, Maria Peralta, was joined by families, residents, and the youth in a peaceful march chanting “Queremos Paz y Seguridad, No queremos Marijuana en la Ciudad,” which resonated with many City Residents who peered out of their

homes to watch the march. “A community that stands together cannot be defeated,” said Peralta.

“We had a very successful walk today because it raised awareness in our community that Perth Amboy has a choice when it comes to the topic of legalized recreational marijuana” said Junior Iglesias, a community leader and attendee. “Although marijuana was recently legalized, the same law states that municipalities can decide whether or not marijuana can be manufactured, produced, distributed, or sold in its locality. The right thing to do is to ban it. Why would our town approve it when so many towns are adopting the “wait and see” approach by opting out? We need to speak out and we need to make our voices heard.”

Many participants braved the

heat and walked a good distance to have their voices heard. “What we want for our city is what other cities have chosen,” said former City Councilman Fernando Irizarry and a participant of the walk. “As a family town, we want the sale, distribution, and manufacturing of cannabis to be prohibited. We don’t want to compound our local issues by becoming the epicenter for cannabis in the county or the state.”

The event also shed light on concerns on how a manufacturing industry can potentially impact other neighboring towns. “I live in a town next door, but this issue is something that concerns me because I’m not so sure how they [marijuana businesses] are going to operate or regulate their operations here, which is concerning. It will affect other cities as well and I



Protestors at city hall *Photo by John K. Dyke

want to make sure our voice can be heard. It is not just people who are City residents here, we all live here, even if I am from another town,” said a walker named Jackie.

Mayor Helmin Caba released a statement informing the residents of Perth Amboy that there

will be a special informational summit on Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Perth Amboy High School where residents will be able to listen to a panel on the topic of cannabis and voice their concerns.

Still Up in the Air

5/26/21 Council Meeting

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bumps, and enforce the laws.”

Resident Maria Garcia who lives on Kearny Avenue spoke next. “The water agreement that was made from a previous administration was not met, especially when it came to fixing the infrastructure. Urban Cities pay the highest water rates. A majority of the people in our town are not rich. I have a video showing speeding cars on Kearny Avenue and one was going 90mph. Loud music is also being played in many houses. This needs to stop. People need to earn respect. People also said that Council Members are rude but need to give examples of rudeness. Just because you don’t agree with someone does not mean you have to destroy them.”

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales said, “I agree that the traffic violations on Water Street are very bad and needs to be addressed. We may need to have neighborhood policing and maybe use our auxiliary police not only on Water Street, but all over town. I am looking forward to the marijuana forum. Don’t forget the Memorial Day Ceremony.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “I want to thank the residents from Water Street who came up to speak. I know about the speeding cars and the bikes causing trouble on Kearny Avenue. One of those kids that was featured on that video of reckless bike riders on YouTube was hurt when he did a maneuver. I

also had calls from people who live on North and South Park Drive with people racing down their streets. When police start issuing tickets, the words get out and the speeders stop. No disrespect to the Alternate Attorney, but we hired someone to be here, and he is not here when we really needed him. We are getting \$16 million for stimulus. That money needs to be used for what it is supposed to be for. Let’s worry about this budget. We (the council members) also have to pay tax increases, too. The city parks are in shambles. Are things being ordered such as mulch (and other needed equipment)? The kids can’t use the slides or jungle gyms in some of the parks. We had a year to repair the parks. Remember Memorial Day and why we are here today.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda said, “I saw the communications (from the Water Street Residents) and their concerns about the speeders and loud music. The Washington Park area also has a lot of speeders. Are there any updates on the Fayette and Market Street (train) bridges?”

B.A. Remsen responded via Zoom, “Regarding the Market Street Bridge, structural issues have to be done first by NJ Transit. We are looking at a timeframe of maybe 18 months.”

Tejeda wished everyone a happy and long Memorial Day weekend. “Remember those who fought for our freedom.”

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “I am a resident of Water Street. I agree that speed bumps are

needed. I am looking forward to the marijuana summit next week (Wednesday, June 2, 2021 doors open 6:30 p.m. & on Zoom - see below) The law states that adults 21+ are the only ones that can use marijuana and marijuana and any other by-products would have a sales tax attached to it. Communication and open policy is the best form of deterrents. Decriminalization is not part of the current law.”

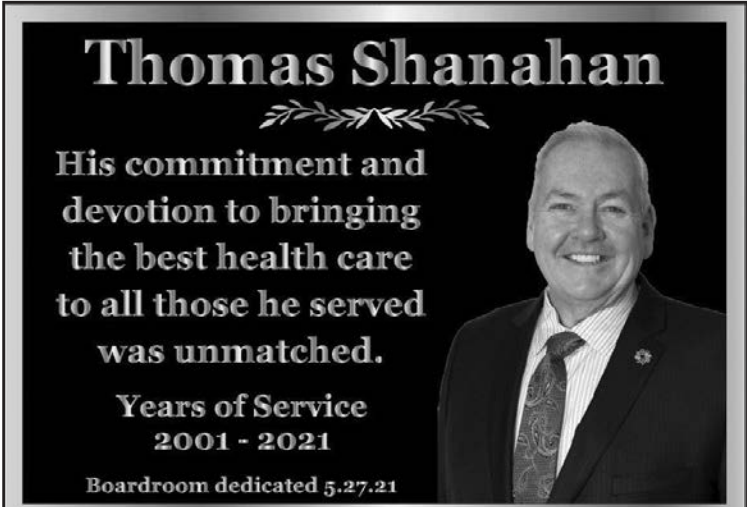
Council President Bill Petrick thanked all in Zoomland and those in person who came here to speak. He then asked B.A. Remsen if he had any of the paperwork from former Business Administrator Frederick Carr regarding communications from NJ Transit regarding work being done on any of our bridges.

Remsen answered, “I will get more information to the council later on.”

Petrick continued, “Remember those who sacrificed and gave their lives for us. I also want to thank the judge (Rodriguez) who talked about how Puerto Rico handled their traffic problems. We even have small cars that have a device that makes loud noises. We need some kind of control. Maybe we can use some kind of community policing. And for the marijuana forum, only 80 people will be allowed to attend in person. That meeting will also be available through Zoom. Thank you and God Bless.”

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m. All council members were present in the council chambers.

Hackensack Meridian Health Honors Thomas G. Shanahan for His Service to the Community



Plaque that was placed in the Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy boardroom in memory of Tom.

Press Release 5/28/21
PERTH AMBOY, N.J. – Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center recently held a Celebration of Life event honoring the beloved Thomas G. Shanahan, president, chief hospital executive, Raritan Bay Medical Center who passed away earlier this month. Tom spent 20 years at both Raritan Bay Medical Center and was a devoted leader and patient advocate who served the community.

"Tom Shanahan was an incredible man, dedicated to Raritan Bay and his family," said Robert C. Garrett, chief executive officer, Hackensack Merid-

ian Health. “During his tenure, Raritan Bay Medical Center received a variety of honors, including Magnet recognition for nursing excellence four consecutive times and expanded services, including Raritan Bay Old Bridge’s Emergency Department. Tom’s legacy will benefit the community for generations.”

As part of the Celebration of Life event, the boardroom at Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy has been renamed after Tom in his memory. Numerous team members and community leaders were in attendance to celebrate his life.

Hackensack Meridian Hackensack University Medical Center Observes Memorial Day

Press Release 5/27/21
HACKENSACK - In remembrance of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country, Hackensack Meridian Hackensack University Medical Center held a Memorial Day ceremony to honor all fallen servicemen and women, including team members who are also military heroes.

The solemn event, held at 1:00pm, in front of the hospital’s main entrance and flagpole, was conducted in military fashion by uniformed members of the Hackensack Meridian Military Honor Guard and Veteran’s Network.

During the service, a flag folding ceremony was held with a United States flag, which was presented to a representative from the Cardiac team, in recognition of a recently fallen comrade, a U.S. Army veteran, whose family was in attendance.

““The service members we honored today, came from all walks of life, but they shared several fundamental qualities – courage, pride, determination, selflessness, dedication to duty and integrity – all the qualities needed to serve a cause larger than one’s self,” said Mark Sparta, FACHE, president, Hackensack Meridian Hackensack University Medical Center. “They were called to be part of something bigger than themselves. They were ordinary people who responded in extraordinary ways and rose to the nation’s call because they wanted to protect a nation which has given them – and all of us – so

much.”

Additionally, Hackensack Meridian Hackensack University Medical Center displayed a Missing Man Table in the main hospital lobby, where tribute items were placed in honor of fallen, missing or imprisoned military service members.

“On this most solemn of days, the Veteran’s network and Hackensack University Medical Center are being presented with items that honor our fallen warriors,” said Daniel Dulude, United States Air Force. “The items that are being presented and displayed here each contain a story of bravery in the face of terror, steadfastness to complete the mission and the loss of our staunchest protectors.”

For more information, contact Mary.McGeever@hmn.org.

Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy Named One of The Nation’s Lowest Rates of Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections

Press Release 5/20/21
PERTH AMBOY, N.J. - Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy is proud to announce it has been named one of the nation’s lowest rated catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI), according to data from CMS.gov.

“We are pleased to receive this recognition as one of the nation’s lowest rated catheter-associated urinary tract infections,” said William DiStanslao, interim president, chief hospital executive; vice president, operations, Raritan Bay Medical Center. “This is a true testament to the incredible work

our team members put in each and every day.”

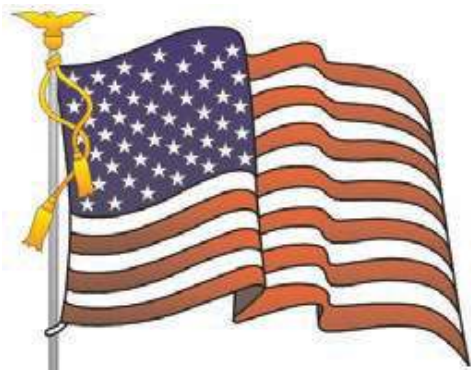
In New Jersey, Raritan Bay Perth Amboy is one of just four hospitals recognized for this achievement. Those hospitals include, CarePoint Health-Hoboken University Medical Center, Monmouth Medical Center and St. Luke’s Warren Hospital. These hospitals had a Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections score of zero. The figures represent data collected from Jan. 1, 2019, through Dec. 31, 2019. In total, 2,203 hospitals received a numeric calculation of the standardized infection ratio.

The Cannabis Summit

PERTH AMBOY – There will be a cannabis summit on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at Perth Amboy High School Auditorium, 300 Eagle Ave., Perth Amboy. An education forum with experts in a variety of areas including law enforcement, counseling/treatment, local government, and medicine/science who will discuss their specific knowledge and experience of the impacts of cannabis in their community.

Featured speakers are: Chief John Zebrowski Sayreville Police Department; Dr. Cynthia Vuittonet, Jewish Renaissance Medical Center; Dr. Bonnie Nolan, Division of Addiction Services of Woodbridge, NJ; Nicole LaChapelle, Mayor of East Hampton, MA. Moderated by Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown, Church Life at Cathedral International.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, seating is limited to 80 people. Social distancing procedures will be in effect and masks are recommended. Please RSVP by calling 732-826-0290 ext. 4004 or attend via Zoom.



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Customers Aged 12 and Older
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Vaccinations, Depending Upon Availability*

Press Release 5/18/21
ABERDEEN, NJ – Stop & Shop, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) and the New Jersey State Department of Health, today announced that 9 of its New Jersey pharmacy locations are now offering Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines to customers aged 12 and older; the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines have been available in Stop & Shop Pharmacy locations since January 2021. On May 12, 2021, the CDC authorized expanded use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to individuals aged 12 and older, and the New Jersey State PREP Act authorizes Stop & Shop’s qualified pharmacists to administer vaccines to this expanded age group.

Customers can now walk in or schedule an appointment on Stop & Shop’s website to receive a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at the following 9 pharmacy locations, though availability for walk-ins will be determined by supply levels.

- Bloomfield (8 Franklin Street)
- Elizabeth (801 Newark Avenue)
- Haskell (4 Union Avenue)
- Keyport (100 State Route 36)

- Madison (133 Main Street)
- Middletown (850 State Route 35)
- Morris Plains (245 Littleton Road)
- Pompton Plains (500 Route 23)
- Ridgewood (175 Franklin Ave)

The Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine will also be available at Stop & Shop’s 39 total Pharmacy locations across New Jersey. Vaccine availability varies by store, and customers should visit the Stop & Shop COVID-19 website at www.stopandshop.com/covid-vaccine for information on specific vaccine availability near them.

“Stop & Shop has been proud to support New Jersey residents throughout the pandemic, most recently by administering the COVID-19 vaccine,” said Jim Dinicola, District Manager New Jersey Pharmacy Operations at Stop & Shop. “We are excited to begin providing the Pfizer vaccine to our customers as young as twelve years of age to help protect members of the community against COVID-19.”

Written consent from a parent or guardian is required for a trained and trusted Stop & Shop pharmacist to administer the Pfizer vaccine to anyone aged

12 to 18. A parent or guardian must accompany any child under 16 to their vaccination.

In December, Stop & Shop announced a partnership with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to be among the first COVID-19 vaccine providers, making the shot available to its customers across the Northeast. The coronavirus vaccine is being administered at no out-of-pocket cost.

During immunization, customers will be required to wear PPE and pharmacists will be equipped with masks, gloves, and face shields. The pharmacy team utilizes the same thorough disinfection protocols for all patients, disinfecting and sanitizing between each patient to ensure the health & safety for all patients.

Flu, pneumonia, shingles and other immunizations are currently available to customers at all Stop & Shop Pharmacy locations. To find your nearest Stop & Shop pharmacy, visit www.stopandshop.com/pharmacy. For more information on Stop & Shop’s rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine, visit www.stopandshop.com/covid-vaccine.

VNA Community Health
Center Offers Healthcare and
Dental to Jersey Shore Artists
and Musicians
Governor and The Boss Applaud the Program

Press Release 5/24/21
ASBURY PARK, NJ - The VNA of Central Jersey Community Health Centers (VNACJ-CHC) is offering primary healthcare and dentals services to the women, men and others who make the Jersey Shore Rock.

Christopher Rinn, CEO of the health centers, announced his organization’s commitment to the health and well being of artists and musicians during the Asbury Band Aid digital concert benefit for musicians of the Jersey Shore on April 20, 2021 at the Stone Pony is Asbury Park. The concert was sponsored by the Vin Gopal Civic Association and the Stone Pony.

View Rinn’s announcement here.

“Access to health care is critical for the health and well-being of New Jerseyans, said Governor Phil Murphy. This VNA Community Health Center initiative will help eliminate health care cost and access barriers for those who may be uninsured or underinsured in our arts community. I applaud VNA for this program and for keeping the Jersey Shore healthy—and rocking. I also encourage those who are uninsured or underinsured to go to Get Covered NJ to learn more about affordable coverage options.”

The VNACJ-CHC provides primary healthcare for individuals and families at its four centers in Monmouth County—Asbury Park, Freehold, Keyport and Red Bank. They serve all without discrimination and regardless of the patient’s ability to pay.

The CHC remained open throughout the pandemic to ensure the vulnerable population it serves has access to healthcare. In 2020, completed 45,000 patient visits, in person and telehealth, for 14,000 Monmouth County residents.

Since late December 2020 through this week, the CHC and its partners have administered over 63,000 vaccines.

“Summer is coming,” Rinn said, “and the Jersey Shore is going to Rock this year. We all need our musicians healthy to health us heal and celebrate our coming out of the most difficult year most of us have ever experienced and hopefully ever will.”

Artists and musicians in need of affordable health or dental care should call the Health Center at 732-774-6333.

“The Community Health Center stands with our artists and musicians. We are here to help you. If you’re in need of primary care, dental, or other health services, but have trouble paying, are uninsured or under insured please contact the Community Health Center.”

“Over here on E Street, we are proud to support the Community Health Center and their essential work for our Jersey Shore artists and musicians,” Bruce Springsteen said in declaring his support of the healthy artists and musicians initiative.

“The VNA Community Health Center is a wonderful organization that has helped many people, including friends and employees,” said Caroline O’Toole, General Manager of The Stone Pony. We are proud to partner with them in promoting the health and well being of musicians, artists and those who work in the industry.”

Vaccination Hotline
& Registration

PERTH AMBOY - Effective April 14, 2021, the City of Perth Amboy has launched a dedicated phone number and online registration for city residents only, ages 19 and older, to register for a COVID-19 vaccination appointment.

PROTECT YOURSELF. GET VACCINATED. Register today! **CALL** or go **ONLINE** to the City of Perth Amboy's Vaccine Appointment Center **(732) 324-3521** from 8:30AM-4:30PM or online www.perthamboynj.org/community/vaccine_registration

Walk-in Covid
Vaccines

PERTH AMBOY - Beginning Monday, May 3, Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy will be accepting walk in's for the COVID-19 vaccine between 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Monday-Friday. Anyone interested in getting the COVID-19 vaccine can come to the front lobby of the hospital.

In-Home Vaccination Program

NEW JERSEY - The New Jersey Department of Health has launched a program that can provide in-home COVID-19 vaccine appointments for homebound persons and has begun accepting requests for this important service.

If you are unable to leave home to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, or you are the family member or caregiver of someone who is homebound, you may request an in-home vaccination appointment by completing a Request for In-Home Vaccination at <https://covid19.nj.gov/homeboundvax>

For assistance completing the survey by phone, please call the NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at 1-855-568-0545.

After you submit the request, the Department of Health will share your information with a home health agency, local health department, or other vaccination provider, and you will be contacted to schedule an in-home vaccination appointment.

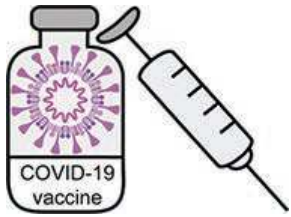
You can visit the webpage <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/testing-and-treatment/how-can-i-get-the-covid-19-vaccine-if-im-homebound> to learn more about this program.

If you are able to safely attend a medical appointment outside the home, we encourage you to book an appointment at an open vaccination site if such an opportunity occurs before an in-home appointment is available to you. Visit here to learn more: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>

Covid-19 Vaccines Visit a Megasite for
Walk-In Appointments

All six vaccine megasites are open for walk-in vaccinations during select times:

- Atlantic County Megasite (Atlantic City Convention Center, 1 Convention Boulevard, Atlantic City): 9 am to 4 pm
- Bergen County Megasite (Racetrack at Meadowlands, 1 Racetrack Drive, East Rutherford): 8 am to 12 pm
- Burlington County Megasite (Moorestown Mall, 400 NJ-38, Moorestown): 9 am to 5 pm
- Gloucester County Megasite (Rowan College of South Jersey, 1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell): 8 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 6 pm
- Middlesex County Megasite (New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison): 8 am to 12 pm
- Morris County Megasite (Rockaway Townsquare, 301 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rockaway): 8 am to 12 pm



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.

Vaccine
Schedule

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Schedule for Week of May 31st COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics in Middlesex County Wednesday, June 2 (Moderna) Youth Sports Complex 419 Joyce Kilmer Ave, New Brunswick (Mobile clinic) 10 am – 1 pm (Moderna) Middlesex County Office of Health Services 1 Ericsson Drive, Piscataway (Drive through) 10 am – 12 pm

COVID
Vaccine Update

As of 5/10/2021, Middlesex County will no longer accept appointments booked through NJVSS (covidvaccine.nj.gov). The County has launched its own dedicated scheduling portal for Middlesex County locations. Please be aware the County has created its own direct scheduling system for its vaccine sites and is no longer working through the state scheduling system.

Please follow the link to schedule in Middlesex County <http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/.../Covid-19-Vaccine.aspx>

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 1 | 7PM
Author Talk - K.D. Edwards
WPL is celebrating Pride with LGBT+ author K.D. Edwards, who will join us via Zoom to discuss his life, his writing, LGBT+ representation in Science Fiction, and more. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3ehq86R>

June 3 | 7PM
History of the Jersey Shore
Join author and photographer Kevin Woyce for a colorful tour of New Jersey's coastal history, from the long-ago days of light-houses and shipwrecks to the founding of today's most popular summer resorts. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/2QNH6RD>

June 7 & 9 | 12PM
Crafternoon Origami
Follow along as origami instructor Joy Ann leads a live virtual demonstration! Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/2QXaFzV>

June 8 | 12PM
What You Need to Know About Parkinson's Disease
Discuss what Parkinson's disease is, how it is diagnosed and treated, myths and misconceptions, and the difference between Parkinson's disease and essential tremor. Presented by Alyson Chananie, MS, CCC-SLP, Clinical Consultant-Speech Language Pathologist. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/2RNw4vD>

June 10 | 7PM
Planning for Your Child with Disabilities
This virtual seminar presented by attorney Tina M. James, Esq. covers special needs planning, including the importance of estate planning, the use of special needs trusts, options for selecting trustees, ways to fund a special needs trust, knowing when a guardianship may be appropriate, alternatives to guardianship, and an overview of government benefits like social security, Medicaid, other entitlements. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3b48Jg4>

June 14 | 7PM
You Are The Author Of Your Own Story
In this virtual discussion Activist, Public Speaker, and Founder of FIC Human Resource Partners, LLC, Jessi Purdy , will guide the audience to the realization that we've all given away authorship of our lives at some point, by sharing her own experience of being trapped by the expectations of others. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3nOtgKJ>

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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Woman’s Club Meeting Open House

PERTH AMBOY - On May 9, 1910, a group of 50 women visionaries banded together and formed the Woman’s Club, their purpose then, as it is still today, is “to advance in all lines of general culture and to further civic improvement”.

If you would like to know more about our organization, please join us Monday, June 7, 12 PM at the Barge Restaurant on Front Street, Perth Amboy. A Buffet Lunch, \$20.00 per person will be served and Sangria will be our treat.

Looking forward to meeting you, Linda Cruz, President.

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.

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.

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. 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.)

The Leonard Sendelsky 11th Annual Golf Outing

PISCATAWAY/PERTH AMBOY/SOUTH AMBOY – Team up & Tee off to help the Raritan Bay Area YMCA (rbaymca.org) at the Raritan Landing Golf Course, 491 Sidney Rd, Piscataway on June 9, 2021 at 1 p.m. EDT. Register today. Strengthening the foundations of community is our cause. Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure everyone, regardless of age, income, or background, has the opportunity to LEARN, GROW, and THRIVE.

Even if you don’t play golf, there are sponsorship opportunities at a multitude of levels and an outdoor cocktail reception at Sciortino’s Harbor Lights in South Amboy.

For more information contact: Jennifer Roche, Housing Director Raritan Bay Area YMCA: 732-442-3632 ext. 6513

Outdoor Flea Market Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks 784, 601 Washington Ave. is hosting an Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday June 26th & Sunday June 27th from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. Spaces are 8’ x 10’ each and require a \$20 donation for each space. You may purchase more than one, first come first serve. A special price of \$30 for two days is available if you reserve both days. All type of vendors are welcome, selling new, used or crafts etc. Please no served food stands. Food and beverages for purchase will be provided by the Elks only. Deadline to reserve is Sat June 19th. Rain date September 2nd, 2021. For more information, please call 732-727-7170.



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; Vladimir 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-

PAHS Class of 1971 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Class of 1971 50-Year Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 18th, 2021 at the Armory in Perth Amboy. The cost of \$85.00 per person. Contact Val Tarr’s email – voltarr@aol.com

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 12th and 26th 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, 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.

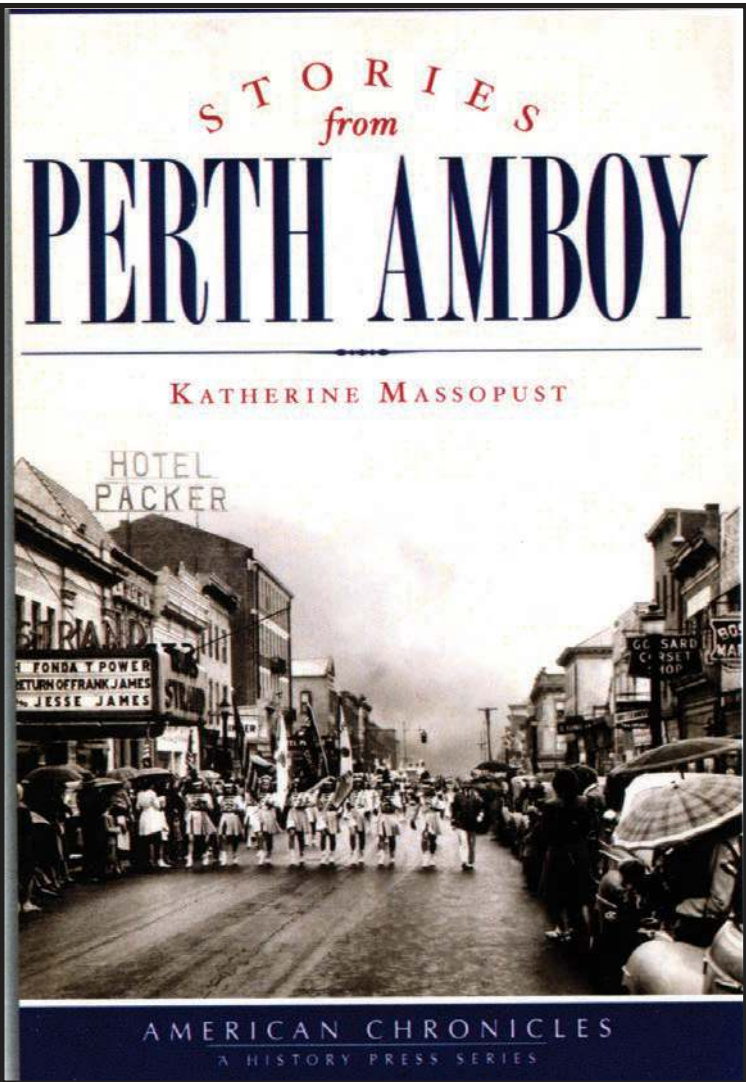


politan Opera Orchestra. Music includes Beethoven Symphony no. 6 “Pastoral”, Brahms Hungarian Dance, Bartok “Romanian Folk Dances” and Souvenir de Florence by Tchaikovsky. Viola Soloist Brett Deubner and Clarinet Solo by Gi Lee.

This event is free and open to the public. Bring your own chair. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund. Program funded by Middlesex County, a partner of the New Jersey Council on the Arts.

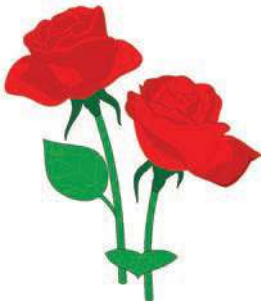
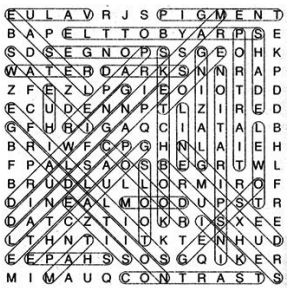
Novena to St. Rita

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

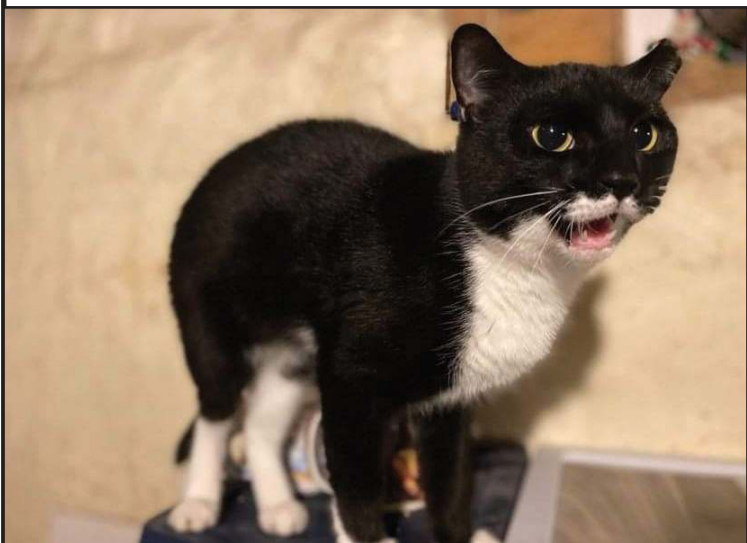


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Pets of the Week



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Have a Special Pet?

E-mail us your Pet Photos to 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.

LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Table Tennis at the Waterfront Recreation Department circa 1960's.
**Photo Courtesy of Perth Amboy Recreation Department
This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.*

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, June 3, 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.



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.

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 19th, 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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World War II - 75 Years Ago

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

On May 31, 1946, the submarine I-401, one of Japan’s two “underwater aircraft carriers” — the largest non-nuclear subs ever built, and one of two brought to Hawaii — is used as a target ship and sunk off Pearl Harbor by the submarine *USS Trumpetfish*. At 400 feet long, the subs were designed to carry three Aichi M6A1 *Seiran* torpedo bombers, which could be readied to fly once the sub surfaced. Configured as seaplanes, the bombers could be recovered and reused. *I-401* surrendered to the American sub *USS Segundo* on August 29, 1945. Her sister ship, *I-400*, — captured on August 27, 1945, by two U.S. Navy destroyers (*USS Blue* and *USS Mansfield*) — was also used as a target and sunk off Oahu by *USS Trumpetfish*, on June 4. A third sub, *I-402*, was completed in June 1945, but was converted to a tanker and never went to sea. It was taken to sea by the U.S. Navy and scuttled off Japan to prevent the Soviets from examining the vessel, as they were demanding. In England, London Heathrow Airport officially opens for civilian use.

By a 61-20 vote, the Senate on June 1, 1946, gives President Truman emergency powers to end strikes. The House had passed the bill the previous week. In the United Kingdom, television licenses are introduced (TV owners must have a license to legally receive a monochrome signal from the BBC). They cost £2 each (the equivalent of US\$8.07 in 1946, US\$105.00 today). Marshal Ion Antonescu, wartime leader of German-allied Romania, and three other Romanian leaders are executed by firing squad near Jilava. Assault wins the Belmont Stakes, becoming the seventh thoroughbred to win horse racing’s Triple Crown. The steed had won the Kentucky Derby on May 4 and the Preakness Stakes on May 11.

The Italian electorate in a plebiscite on June 2 votes to abolish the monarchy and establish a republic. Also elected is a new constituent assembly: Christian Democrats win the most seats. In the elections, Italian women vote for the first time. In France, elections for a new constituent assembly also take place. The Popular Republican Movement party wins the most seats, followed closely by the Communists and the Socialists.

In the case of *Morgan v. Virginia*, the Supreme Court of the United States on June 3 rules that segregation by race on interstate bus lines is unconstitutional. The case stems from a 1944 incident where Irene Morgan was jailed in Middlesex, Virginia, for refusing to give up her bus seat in what the driver said was the “white section” of the vehicle. Ch’en Kung-po, former president of the Japanese collaborationist Wang Jingwei Government of China, is executed in Soochow. In Tokyo, the International Military Tribunal for the Far East opens for the trial of 28 Japanese accused of war crimes.

Juan Perón Sosa replaces Edelmiro Farrell Piaui as president of Argentina on June 4. The U.S. Army recovers manuscripts and jewels belonging to members of the dynastic House of Hesse that were stolen in November 1945 from the Friedrichshof Castle, in Kronberg, Germany. The goods were taken by Women’s Army Corps Capt. Kathleen Nash (in charge of the castle, being used by the U.S. Army as an Officers’ Club), Col. Jack Durant (who later became Nash’s husband) and Maj. David Watson. The three mailed much of their loot to the U.S. in 30 boxes over a period of time — some to Nash’s sisters in California and Wisconsin, some to Durant’s brother in Virginia, and some to Watson’s parents in California. Prior to their return to the U.S. for separation from the service, the trio sold large amounts of gold and jewelry that they had kept with them to pawnshops and small jewelry stores in Northern Ireland and Switzerland. Unfortunately for the conspirators, the Army’s Criminal Investigative Division was on to them almost immediately, having received a complaint about the theft from members of the Hesse family. Arrested in the U.S., the “Hesse Three” were brought back to Germany and court-martialed. Each was found guilty on charges of larceny, dereliction of duty and conduct unbecoming of an officer. They were dishonorably discharged and sentenced to federal prison — Watson for three years, Nash for five years and Durant for 15 years. Only 10% of what they had stolen — valued at \$3 million — was returned to the Hesse Estate.

In Chicago, Illinois, a fire breaks out at 12:20 a.m. on June 5 in the LaSalle Hotel, killing 59 people. At the time, 1,059 guests and 108 employees are present in the 20-story building.

On June 6, after weeks of negotiations led by special envoy U.S. Gen. of the Army George C. Marshall, a 15-day truce in Manchuria is agreed to between the Chinese Communists and the Chinese Nationalists. President Truman nominates Treasury Secretary Fred M. Vinson to be the next Chief Justice of the United States. In New York City, the Basketball Association of America — a predecessor professional league to the National Basketball Association (established in 1949) — is founded. Three of the BAA’s original teams remain in the NBA today: the Boston Celtics, the New York Knickerbockers and the Philadelphia (now Golden State) Warriors.

The BBC on June 7, 1946, restarts its television transmitter at Alexandra Palace in London and resumes regular television service with less than 12,000 viewers. The first program aired is a Mickey Mouse cartoon that had been interrupted almost seven years earlier when the BBC suddenly shut down at noon on September 1, 1939, when war broke out upon Germany’s invasion of Poland. In Italy, riots by monarchists in Naples, Pisa and Rome result in four people dead and 35 injured. (The electorate had voted on June 2 to end the Italian monarchy.)

In Indonesia, President Sukarno on June 8 calls for anti-colonial defiance. In the U.K., the “Victory Celebrations” are held in London, consisting of a nine-mile-long military parade with a 300-plane fly-over by the RAF and nighttime fireworks displays. The event, held to celebrate the victories over the Axis nations, involved contingents from most of the Allies, including military units of the British Empire, the forces of the U.K., the U.S. and France, and units from Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Greece, Iran, Iraq, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nepal, the Netherlands, Norway and Transjordan. Not present are representatives from the U.S.S.R., Yugoslavia and, controversially, Poland.

Twenty-year-old Ananda Mahidol, King Rama VIII of Siam, is found dead of a gunshot wound in his bed in the Royal Palace, in Bangkok, on June 9. He is succeeded by his teen-aged brother, Bhumibol Adulyadej, as King Rama IX. It is unclear whether the king’s death is caused by murder or suicide, but under highly politicized circumstances, the king’s secretary and his two pages are tried 18 months later, convicted of assassinating the monarch, and executed.

The trial of Gen. Dragoljub Mihailović and 23 other Chetniks begins outside of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, on June 10. They are charged with high treason and war crimes. Rear Adm. Sidney W. Souers, USNR, ends his term as the first director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The U.S. Army’s Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg becomes the agency’s second director. Jack Johnson, the first African-American world heavyweight boxing champion is killed in an automobile accident near Franklinton, North Carolina. Johnson held the title from 1908 to 1915.

In Washington, D.C., President Truman on June 11 signs into law the Administrative Procedure Act, governing the judicial and rule-making functions of all U.S. government agencies.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin announces on June 12 that the United Kingdom rejects the unanimous proposal (made in April 1946) of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry to allow up to 100,000 European Jews to immigrate to Palestine. Following Bevin’s pronouncement, Zionist leaders begin a campaign of violence against the British in Mandatory Palestine. In Italy, with the Republic of Italy being declared, the monarchy of the House of Savoy formally ends as deposed King Umberto II — who reigned for 34 days — departs for exile in Lisbon, Portugal. (Umberto had ascended to the throne upon the abdication of his father, King Victor Emmanuel III, on May 9, 1946.)

An agreement on June 13 between the Iranian government and the breakaway province of Azerbaijan ends the standoff between the two. The Italian cabinet, announcing the official results of the June 2 referendum, states that Prime Minister Alcide de Gasperi is the head of state of the new Republic of Italy.



16th Annual Dad-Daughter Date Night

SOUTH AMBOY/SAYRE-VILLE – Dads, Uncles, Granddads, Step-dads! Have you Spent Quality Time with your Special Little Lady lately? Bring the Special Girl in your life to: the 16th Annual Dad-Daughter Date Night.

Make it a Date! Friday, June 4, 2021 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Sayreville Knights of Columbus, 775 Washington Ave, Parlin, NJ. \$60 per couple; \$25 for each additional special girl includes: DJ Wiz! Dancing & Fun; Dinner, Dessert, and Drinks; Professional Photographs Available for Purchase; Raffles & Giveaways!

It has been a long year for everyone. We hope to see you all at the dance!

Gentlemen should escort their favorite special girls to dinner, dancing and delightful doings. Due to COVID protocols seating is limited. Cash payment registration accepted in advance as space permits.

Contact Greg at 732-721-0400 or greg@customfinancial.org for reservations or with any questions.

Scholarship Fund Proceeds donated to community activities and humanitarian projects. The South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club has been “Serving Our Communities Since 1924”.

Please support your local Rotary Club by sponsoring our 16th Annual Dad-Daughter Dance. Sponsors are recognized in our ad book for this popular event attending by many local business leaders and their daughters, nieces, granddaughters, etc.

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- Supporting our Adopt-a-Family Program for a family in need with financial assistance.
- Funding our Dictionary Project for all third-graders in South Amboy/Sayreville schools.
- Sponsoring the high school InterAct Club and awarding college scholarships.
- Hosting local blood and food drives benefitting your neighbors.

Thank you for considering a sponsorship ad to support your local club and community.

Questions? Contact: Gregory Wyzykowski 732-721-0400. Checks and Artwork or Ad Words should be received by May 14, 2021 to: Rotary Club of South Amboy-Sayreville, P.O. Box 3001, South Amboy, NJ 08879 or email: sasyrotary@gmail.com

Poll Workers

Wanted

PERTH AMBOY/SAYRE-VILLE/SOUTH AMBOY - For people wanting to get involved in helping to have safe and fair elections. John Anagnostis, Regional Vice Chair of the Middlesex County Republican Organization is seeking Poll Workers from Perth Amboy, Sayreville, and South Amboy for the upcoming Primary Election June 8, 2021 and the General Election on November 2, 2021. If interested call 732-371-9967 and leave a message.

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.

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.

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.

Happy 91st Birthday to Lillian Rusin
4/30/21, American Legion
**Photos submitted*



PERTH AMBOY - Lillian Rusin (Chipper's Ma) celebrated her 91st birthday (Born April 30, 1930) at her surprise birthday party at the American Legion. Congratulations Lillian! May you have many more years ahead!

Home Grown Tomato & Potting Soil Donations
**Photos submitted by Jerry Yaros*



PERTH AMBOY - Jack Swartz and his son Josh of Metuchen, donated and distributed his home-grown tomato plants, along with bags of potting soil, to the Perth Amboy St. Vincent dePaul food pantry clients last Saturday (5/22/21). Pantry volunteer, Yolanda Rivera helped in the distribution.

Perth Amboy Fire Department Memorial Service, Alpine Cemetery,
Perth Amboy 5/19/21

**Photos by Ray Kawka, Jr.*



Hackensack University Medical Center Delivers All Kinds of Babies

**Photos Submitted*



Press Release 5/21/21

HACKENSACK – Hackensack University Medical Center is proud to announce the birth of Baby Hawkensack, born on the roof of our Medical Center on May 7, 2021, two weeks ago today. Team members anxiously watched for and awaited the newest member of our Hackensack University Medical Center family from a window overlooking the nest that mom and dad Hawkensack assembled in anticipation of their special delivery.

Having learned that red tailed hawks, like these, stay strongly attached to their nesting territory, we look forward to the Hawkensack Family being with us for some time.

As you can see from photos, both mother and baby are doing well. We hope you will help spread the news of the arrival of this fuzzy bundle bringing so much joy to our team members after one tough year.



Stop & Shop Looking to Fill Nearly
250 Part-Time Jobs Across New Jersey

Press Release
NEW JERSEY - Stop & Shop is seeking to fill nearly 250 part-time jobs across New Jersey. Store positions include roles in the bakery, deli, grocery, produce, seafood and meat departments. There are also openings on the night crew, as well as for cashiers, porters and baggers.

“We invite all who enjoy working in a fast-paced, rewarding and fun environment to apply,” said Michelle Castellana, Human Resources Director for Stop & Shop stores in New

Jersey. “Our stores are places where all associates feel they belong. Stop & Shop associates have a sense of pride in coming together to care for and make a difference for our customers, our associates and each other.”

The part-time positions provide for 12-28 hours of work each week. Part-time employees receive competitive pay, paid training, flexible schedules, a company discount, paid time off and career advancement opportunities. Cashiers, baggers and porters must be at least 16 years

old; the other positions require applicants to be 18 years of age.

Stop & Shop fills 80% of its open positions by promoting from within, giving all associates a chance to thrive and build a rewarding career. Stop & Shop prides itself on being an inclusive workplace, believing that the voices of our team members should reflect a diverse set of ideas, experiences and backgrounds.

Interested applicants can apply online at <https://stopandshop.reidsystems.com>



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PERTH AMBOY - Excellent investment opportunity to own this beautiful two family situated on a prime corner lot. it is fully rented featuring very desirable layout, 1st floor has a very large bedroom, LR, bath and beautiful kitchen, 2nd unit large LR, newer Bath, nice kitchen and 3 bedrooms. Huge fenced yard with lots of parking space, all separated utilities close to all major highways, schools and public transportation. and much more Hurry it won't last!!!! **\$415,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Beautiful new house too much to list. Must see to appreciate the finishes. **\$450,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Great investment two family fully rented in the heart of Perth Amboy only 3 blocks from NYC Train station and Business District. this property features 3 bedrooms each apartment, all separated utilities and much more. It is being sold strictly in AS IS condition Buyer is responsible for C/O, termites and all repairs. Hurry this is a unique opportunity!!! **\$425,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Amazing opportunity to own a piece of history with this multi level Victorian Home located in the Historic Waterfront section in Perth Amboy on High Street. Short distance within two blocks to the Marina and Waterfront. On the 2nd floor you have a total of 5 rooms, 3 are bedrooms and two are bonus rooms that could be used for a Den, Office, or anything you desire. Also access to a large Full size Attic. On the 1st floor after entering your front porch you have a wonderful staircase that leads to the 2nd floor. Here you also have a large living room with many windows to enjoy the view. High 9 foot ceilings on the 1st floor. From Living room you have access to dining room and a family room that is perfect for large gatherings and entertaining of your guests. Also here you will find a update modern kitchen which has a rear entrance for your yard along with a set of another set of stairs that lead to the 2nd floor (2 stair cases! to 2nd floor). **\$364,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Hard-to-find mint condition split level in this Spa spring location very quiet neighborhood, features 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, gleaming hard wood floors, beautiful kitchen with Quartz countertops, stainless steel appliances, family room, exercise room, above ground pool, patio, close to all major highways and Staten Island. Won't last!!!! **\$459,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Great move-in condition 2nd floor apartment showing begins 5/24/2021. **\$1,450 (rental)**



FORDS - Well maintained, spacious split level in LaFayette Estates section boasting 4 bdms, 2 full baths, family room, finished basement, updated kitchen w/granite and stainless appliances; Newer major systems including roof, windows, central AC, furnace and more. Very close to shopping, trains, and major highways! A Must see! Owner is a licensed Realtor. Showing starts 5/23/21. **\$439,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Great two family fully rented, close to downtown and train station and most public transportation and major highways. It needs some TLC. **\$399,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Beauty salon in business for more than 15 years, close to downtown waiting for new owner to star making money. **\$35,000**