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Saddling Up

7/12/21 Caucus & 7/14/21 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – Councilman Joel Pabon had a question involving Ordinance No. 2 (Public Hearing) which was a donor agreement with Kindermorgan to accept property located at Block 426 Lot 2 in the City of Perth Amboy.

“What is the plan for this land?” asked Pabon.

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “Right now, the city is working on getting the railroad property which is adjacent to this donated land.”

Pabon then wanted to know if the Special Police Officer Class I which is on Ordinance No. 3 (Public Hearing). “Do they carry weapons? And are they retired?”

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came up, “This class of officers can’t carry weapons and there are no requirements on the hours they have to work. They can’t do indictable crimes and they come up from the Auxiliary ranks.”

Pabon was then concerned about all the paving on State Street that’s going on now. “This was just done the prior week. Why do they continuously keep digging up State Street? Now, there are markings on Gordon to Market Street.”

Business Administrator Mike Green responded, “The mayor was upset about this as well. Any contractor who digs up a street within a 5-year timeframe has to put the street back to the original condition curb to curb.”

Pabon continued, “We know that there is an ordinance in place stating that, but there needs to be a schedule when they are digging up streets and who will be doing the digging.”

City Engineer Ernest Feist answered the question via Zoom, “There is an ordinance in place regarding repaving of streets. Anytime streets need to be dug up, we need to contact all the utility companies who will be affected by this to see if it will interfere with any of our utilities (gas, electric, etc.). Our water and sewer system are very old and sometimes when you use heavy equipment on the street, it may cause an emergency. Some streets are owned by the county, which we can’t control. Our ordinance is only

for city owned streets.”

Council President Petrick spoke up and stated that Elizabethtown Gas are laying down main lines.

Feist then concluded, “We work around what Elizabethtown Gas has to do when they are working with other utility companies.”

Councilman Joel Pabon then questioned why Ordinance No. 1 (First Reading – No Public Discussion) was about the zoning and land development to prohibit the operations of any class of cannabis business within the city.

He argued, “This should be the second reading.”

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch responded, “It was not advertised. You have enough time for a public portion.”

Law Director Northgrave then spoke up and told the council, “You can have a first reading, then it could be advertised for a public hearing.”

Pabon then questioned R-336-7/21 – A refund of tax overpayments on Kirkland Place to Vintage Title Company in the amount of \$2,398.80 for 100% totally disabled Veteran’s deduction allowance and allowing the collector to cancel future taxes for 2021/2022.

“Shouldn’t the Veteran’s name be on this?”

Kupsch explained, “It has to be paid to the entity that paid for it. That is why the Title Company will get the refund.”

Council President Bill Petrick questioned R-340-7/21 – Opposing Senate Bill S-3810 and Assembly Bill A-5862 entitled “Responsible Collective Negotiations Act”.

“Is this going to tie the hands of the local government?”

Northgrave responded, “I think it’s moot at this point, and it has not been acted on.”

Petrick then asked if R-342 dealing with the Duke Realty Company on Riverview Drive if the work was completed with the stabilization of Riverview Drive. “Because they are asking to receive some of the cash back on some of their bonds to ensure that this work was carried out.”

Petrick was assured City Engineer Feist that the work was completed.

Petrick also asked if any of the oil tanks were removed from that site.

Feist answered, “If the developer abandons a site, certain bonding has to be put into place. I will get back to you.”

Petrick then questioned why everyone who was being appointed to the Green Team all had their term expiring at the same time. “Shouldn’t those dates be staggered?”

B.A. Green responded, “There is nothing in the ordinance stating that, but we can look at this.”

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch said, “All the terms for the members of the Green Team expired at the same time in the past.”

Petrick still wasn’t satisfied. “Other municipal boards have staggered expiration dates for their members.” He then asked if anybody from the Green Team was present to speak about what they do.

Joel Rosa from the Mayor’s Office came up. “The Green Team was established in 2014. We identify areas in the city that can be strengthened for sustainability. We are able to get points that can enable us to give grant money. We work with the human services and other economic development. We have met informally over the past couple of months and are currently meeting via Zoom. The grant money we receive is used by the City of Perth Amboy. We also have money for advertising.”

Bill Petrick then questioned why R-357-7/21 – Qualifying public defenders who submitted responses to requests for qualifications for the calendar year 2021 should have been done earlier in the year.

Northgrave responded, “We are having trouble attracting people to work here, so we have to offer more money.”

Luis Perez Jimenez, Director of Operations at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) came up to speak about R-360-7/21 – A change order No. 2 - A shared services agreement between the Passaic Valley Sewage Commission and the City of Perth Amboy for

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Alameda BBQ for First Responders, Perth Amboy 7/1/21
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Repairs to Tennis Courts, Disgruntled Individual 7/14/21 Business/Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy City Council had their first live meeting since the Covid-19 epidemic which for the past year and half were conducted via GoToMeeting.

There were several questions on the consent agenda. Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked about Resolution No. 21-151 – Resolution awarding contract to athletic sport surfaces LLC for crack repair of tennis courts at John Zdanewicz Park. He asked why the tennis courts which were just repaired last year need more repairs.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski explained that the courts were infiltrated with ground water and need more repairs.

Another item on the consent agenda was Resolution No. 21-148 – Resolution to adopt procedures for administration and inspection of federal aid highway projects. B.A. Glenn Skarzynski explained that this resolution is for construction of the Ferry Terminal and that everything must be under compliance with federal regulations.

Resolution No. 21-155 – Resolution approving change Order #1 Final Payment #2 and bond release for building demolition of 131 S. Broadway – Tricon Enterprises Inc.

The council was pleased that this was finally going through.

Each item on the consent agenda was voted on separately. Council President Mickey Gross abstained on 144 and 154 due to conflicts with his employment in the health department.

Council Comments:

Vice President Christine Noble had no comments. Mickey Gross and the council each wished her a happy birthday.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, "It is good to have everyone back. We did a good job when we couldn't meet in person." She asked if the cameras on Broadway were operational.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski said, "They are not activated yet. They will be monitored downstairs at the police department. It will strictly be used for the police."

Councilman Brian McLaughlin said, "It's nice to be back in person. Thank you, volunteers." He then asked on the status of the Fire Chief's vehicle.

B.A. Skarzynski answered, "In 20 days we pick it up."

McLaughlin then asked about the new ambulances.

Skarzynski explained that the city will meet next week to do this.

McLaughlin then asked about the two new fire trucks.

Skarzynski answered that will be addressed in August.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski said that speed humps will be put on certain streets.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin then asked about the PILOT that was discussed at the meeting on June 30, 2021.

Council President Mickey Gross said, "I can tell you that I have issues and so does other council members. I will not put it on the agenda until we are ready. We will have at least one or two public hearings. It will not be rushed through. When we are satisfied, it will go through." Gross then spoke about the upcoming Irish Festival on September 25, 2021. "There will be vendors for wine tasting." Gross then adamantly stated, "Get vaccinated!" Gross then continued, "I lost a good friend to Covid. There is no one on this council that didn't know someone who died from Covid."

Public Portion:

The first person to speak was Owen Johnson. He began by stating that he believed that a South Amboy Police Officer violated his civil rights. Johnson stated he had 14 or more complaints against this officer. He explained that if he filed his complaint with another police officer in South Amboy, he would have difficulty. He stated that he had asked for the officer's name and badge number and the police officer refused to answer. He also stated that the officer took his phone and other property and charged him with felonies. "For a township, we are getting a ferry here. Thousands of people will come here. I don't understand this town."

When I tried to file a theft report, you cannot file a theft report against cops." Johnson asked what course of action he should take to pursue this complaint.

Law Director Francis Womack said that if he was not satisfied with the South Amboy Police Department that he should complain to the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office. B.A. Glenn Skarzynski suggested that Johnson go to the State Attorney General's Department.

Resident Larry Parsons spoke next. Referring to past agreements with PILOTs, he asked, "Is it possible for a PILOT program to be transferable? Can you do it during the negotiation process?"

Law Director Francis Womack answered, "You can do a lot of things during negotiations."

Resident Brandon Russell spoke next. He asked about the pending negotiations with the developer that is going on with the city and interested parties. "What is the next step with the PILOT?"

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski answered, "We are back to negotiations."

Council President Mickey Gross said, "We had a closed session with people involved in the PILOT. Any issues we had with professionals - we are extending our concerns to B.A. Glenn Skarzynski with our concerns."

Russell said, "The Board of Education is forced to forfeit their money."

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski added, "The council disapproves of the PILOT (as it stands). It is not the job of the city council to tax the school board."

Russell then asked, "What can we do to encourage more participation (at council meetings)?"

B.A. Skarzynski said, "An average person can navigate a website (to look up when meetings are)."

Russell asked, "Do we have anything to access remotely?"

Skarzynski answered, "Not as of yet. Maybe next year."

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Councilman Thomas Reilly and Mayor Fred Henry were absent.

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Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office: Shooting Under Investigation

News Release 7/19/21

Middlesex County Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone and Deputy Chief Larry Cattano of the Perth Amboy Police Department announced today that a non-fatal shooting is under investigation. On July 19, 2021 at approximately 12:40 A.M., authorities responded to the El Patio Bar located at 417 Fayette Street following the report of a shooting. Upon their arrival, officers located six individuals who sustained apparent gunshot wounds who were transported from the scene for medical attention. At this time, the individuals' injuries are not believed to be life threatening. Anyone with information or surveillance footage of the area is asked to call Detective Manuel Lopez of the Perth Amboy Police Department at (732) 324-3856 or Detective Mark Morris of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office at (732) 745- 3927

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certain services related to regulatory requirements imposed by the NJ Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Combined Sewer Overflow Permit.

He said, “The engineers did not have approval from the NJDEP. There were changes in the CSO’s. We also have to upgrade the webpage.”

Petrick then said, “We need to table Resolution R-362 – Moving the date of the annual School Board Election to the third Tuesday in April.

“The Board of Education does not want to have this done. I thought it would have been best because the citizens could have voted on the school budget separately. The Board of Education would have been more prominent instead of being buried with other elections. Other council members were on board to change it back to April.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “Maybe the residents should decide if the Board of Education elections should be moved back to April. No one expected to have a runoff election in December 2020 which was very chaotic. The turnout for the runoff election in December 2020 was very poor. We have four more years to decide about this.”

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “We will have a possibility of four elections in one year.”

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch said, “The county will pick up the tab for special elections.”

Torres then suggested, “Maybe we should have partisan elections.”

Councilwoman Rose Morales joined the conversation via Zoom. “I agree with the statements that Councilman Pabon (having the citizens decide) and Torres (having partisan elections) both made. We have a limited timeframe when you have a runoff election which would be very close to the general election. This should have been discussed with all the council members before putting this on as a resolution.”

Victoria Kupsch then spoke up, “If there is a change of government, there has to be a referendum by the citizens. You would need to have a charter and a discussion committee.”

Law Director Northgrave said, “This would require an ordinance before you had a general election if you choose or want to change the form of government we have. We are under the Faulkner Act. If you want to change the form of government, I will have to do more research, especially if we choose to go as a commissioner form of government. This could be a change of the charter which would be more involved.”

Council President Bill Petrick decided that R-362 should not be voted on so it was removed from the agenda.

Pabon then discussed the dedication of Second Street Park (The Borniqueneer Park). “It was dedicated a few weeks ago. I don’t see any trucks parked

there or any activity going on. I remember one of the Borniqueneers who was there and hoping that this park would be completed for him to see. We have been waiting a long time for this park.”

Department of Human Resources and Recreation Chair Ken Ortiz came up to speak about this, “We are at the mercy of the State and the DEP. We have to get one last permit from the DEP to start the work. I will email to you all the information that is holding us up.”

Pabon finished the conversation, “I remember on the day of the dedication that it was said that all the permits were already in place.”

Ortiz then spoke about the earlier conversation that went on regarding the donation of property from Kindermorgan, “The land donated is part of an expansion project. The released portion was part of Conrail’s property. Conrail does not want to give up any property. We have been in discussions with New York and New Jersey Port Authorities and our State and County Officials. We are trying to acquire the property around the Conrail train tracks. We are also in conversation about the school property we are trying to acquire and the Washington Street property that Conrail owns. We are also talking to City Engineer Jeffery Rauch.”

Law Director Northgrave spoke up, “They need to remove R-376-7/21 – A settlement in the matter of Idania Vazquez vs. the City of Perth Amboy in the amount of \$45,000.

“We need to have additional discussion about this matter.”

Councilwoman Rose Morales spoke up regarding the appointees of several members to the Perth Amboy Board of Adjustment. R-377 thru R-379. “This should have been discussed prior to putting this on the agenda.”

Council President William Petrick (who put these three resolutions on the agenda) spoke up. “There are only two changes. An alternate is going to be moved up to a regular member. People who made applications didn’t want to have hearings with only a few Board members present. Some of these people on the resolution are already on the Board.”

Councilman Joel Pabon voiced his opinion stating, “These should be council appointments. I don’t remember alternates automatically moving up to permanent positions. I don’t know if other people applied for this Board, and this should be voted on by all the council members.”

Councilman B.J. Torres spoke up and agreed with Pabon stating, “We need to all be included who should be on Boards.”

Petrick then reminded Pabon, “I think that you approved of some of these people before who are on this Board.”

City Engineer Ernest Feist returned on Zoom to let Petrick know that the concerns he had about the clean up at the sites he talked about earlier regard-



PERTH AMBOY - On April 26, 2021 approximately at 4:01 p.m. near 252 Smith Street, Geri Barcheski observed an unconscious person on the ground near the Conrail Bridge, responded to the emergency by stopping her vehicle and administered CPR and where Geri’s daughter, Katie, called 9-1-1, while Geri continued restlessly to administer CPR to the unconscious person, while requesting to passersby for Narcan, whom which, another heroic citizen supplied Geri with a dose to administer to the unconscious person until Perth Amboy Police officers arrived on scene. **Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



PERTH AMBOY - On Monday, July 5, 2021 at 3:21 P.M., patrol units responded to a crisis at the Victory Bridge, heard a male voice reasoning with a distressed person who was on the outside ledge and convinced the distressed citizen to come over safely; and upon gathering the information for the police report is when the officers learned that the concerned citizen was Vernon Uveges through his heroic efforts saved the young person’s life. **Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*

ing Resolution R-342 involving Duke Realty. “Everything that was supposed to be removed was done.” Public Portion for people in the council chambers:

Just before the public portion began, Mayor Helmin Caba came up to the mic. “I want to make presentations to two city employees: one current and one retiree who were separately involved in saving the lives of city residents.”

After Mayor Caba made the presentations, the City Council was invited to join Mayor Caba with those who were honored to take a photo.

The Meeting was then opened up to the public.

Resident Ken Balut came up first. He was not happy at the way those presentations were made. “First of all, it should have been on the agenda so that family members could have present and they also should have been recognized at the beginning of the meeting.” He then continued, “You don’t hold people’s feet to the fire.” He then asked if the taxes are going up. He also wanted to know what the qualifications of Mr. Nieves are who is the acting DPW Director. “Someone who rented one of Kushner’s apartments in the Landings was cited for not having a firestop. I’m sure our Code Enforcement Director doesn’t know what a firestop is. Two cops were suspended without any charges filed against them and now they are suing the city. You keep talking about the problems we have with Elizabethtown Gas (who keep digging up our streets), but you don’t talk about Kushner.”

Resident Vince Mackiel came up next. He first wanted to compliment the city for doing the curb improvements. “Especially on Market and Smith Streets.”



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He was then displeased that it is taking so long for them to complete or get any work done on the Market and Elm Street Bridge. “This was supposed to have been completed in an 18-month timeframe. The prior administration said the work should have been completed in 2018. Why don’t you ask NJ Transit if the engineering work has been completed? There are children and many people who have to use that bridge and it is very important. I’m again asking if the engineering work has been done because the people in Trenton need to know about this.”

Resident Lisa Nanton came up next. She said she agreed with everything that Mackiel said. She then pleaded that all people who speak, to please speak into the mic. She asked the council, “Please vote for R-373 – Concerts by the Bay. All music venues are open all around the state. This will bring people to the city. After the concert, people need a place to go to eat and the BID should have a list of all the restaurants available in town. Some of the showers are working at the waterfront, but some of them are not placed at convenient spots and should be moved. There is a bathroom trailer near the corner of Madison Avenue and Sadowski Parkway which is blocking a resident’s view and it is violating the zoning laws. Put that trailer in the Duarte Park which is by our community center.”

East Brunswick Resident Rinaldo Aviles came up next. He asked if the new public defender speaks Spanish.

Law Director Northgrave said he would find out.

Aviles continued, “All people appointed to Municipal Boards need to be here to be interviewed and appointed by

the council. No one trusts the process and it is secretive. The Board of Education should not be part of any partisan election. The recent runoff election held in December 2020 was not the problem. The problem is not the voters – it’s the politicians.”

The meeting was open to Zoom participants.

Several people spoke about the cannabis law and why they approved of cannabis sales. The first person who spoke was Hugh Giradaldo. He is a member of USW Cannabis Workers. We oppose banning good union jobs. As far as having a cannabis business, it will provide for good healthcare and benefits. The people involved in this have degrees in environmental sciences. The city of Bayonne has a great ordinance regarding cannabis. I can offer you a tour of a facility. The New Jersey Building trades are building facilities for cannabis operations.”

Petrick spoke up, “If we do nothing, we will surrender our rights to the State of New Jersey. This will be controversial. Our discussions will be lengthy, and then we will be running out of time.”

The next person to speak was Eatontown Resident Jeff King. “In your master plan, you can look at your zoning to see where can operate marijuana businesses. Cannabis businesses can open up good union jobs. We need to have homegrown rights. It is good for people who need it for medical needs. I’m disappointed you are not more proactive on this issue.”

The next speaker was a woman from Parlin. She said, “Between the ages of 1-4 years old, I suffered from a birth defect. In

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

We Can Do This!



Sometimes people wait for someone else to lead the way, but most of the time, it's best to take the reigns in your own hands and you be the leader. If we want to improve the town, we have to do it ourselves. We just have to know how to do this.

We don't have to look at other towns to bring people in.

Vince Mackiel is right about the Market Street Train Bridge. Other towns have their bridges fixed and train stations modernized years ago. How many train stations on the North Jersey Coastline have been upgraded more than once? It's been three administrations where they have promised improvements. The last upgrade to the train station was one under Joe Vas where when you left the train you embarked on elevator blacktop instead of gravel on the tracks. Under Wilda Diaz, the steps were repaired.

Why are we last on the list to become handicapped accessible? The Amboy Guardian has featured a number of articles on the need for modernization of our train station. Some suggestions:

Perth Amboy has a lot to offer if you just look. We have a beautiful waterfront – advertise it. Make the beach swimmable (We realize that is a tall order).

A suggestion from one Perth Amboy's resident is to take the empty storefronts of Landings and bring in an Art School or College Any kind of college program (marine biology, science, etc.) would do. Any unoccupied apartments in Landings can be converted to dorms. The beautiful setting of the waterfront is a perfect place for learn-

ing.

Market Perth Amboy's rich history. Perth Amboy is one of the ten most historic towns in the United States. We have sites such as the Proprietary House which recently was undergoing repairs, the Kearny Cottage, Ferry Slip Museum, and other historic buildings. These sites have attracted visitors from all over the world.

We have an old library. Restore what you can of the old building and keep it as a historical archive and museum. The most important part of the library is to get a qualified library director. Then we can get the grant money that other towns get the supplies of needed materials and eventually build a new state of the art library.

The YMCA has two pools: one recreational, one competitive, a gym, and exercise equipment. They offer other programs as well. It is a beautiful facility for a small monthly membership fee. Work more with the Y to encourage all ages to be more healthy.

Build a welcome center to focus on all of Perth Amboy's assets.

It is time that the people of Perth Amboy work together: Team Perth Amboy. Stop looking to others to come save the town. We must do it ourselves. It is our town. It is our home.

An old Chinese proverb is: *A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.*

Take that first step. We'll get there. Kudos to all who work in the city from different departments who have gotten grant money for Perth Amboy. We appreciate your efforts.

C.M. & K.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Perth Amboy OB/GYN Retires After 53 Years

In January 2021, Dr. Sheldon C. Turkish announced his retirement from the practice of medicine as an Obstetrician Gynecologist in Perth Amboy after practicing for 53 years. This article is a tribute to Dr. Turkish from his children.

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - Dr. Turkish's medical practice was on New Brunswick Avenue in Perth Amboy. He grew up in Brooklyn, NY and attended college at NYU. He then went to Chicago Medical School graduating in 1961. After graduation, he became an OB/Gyn resident at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn where he met his wife Barbara who he married in 1962. Dr. Turkish was Chief Resident from 1965 through 1966. He then served his country honorably as a Captain in the U.S. Airforce from 1966 through 1968. After returning from the Service, he joined the OB/GYN Group of Perth Amboy and Edison in 1968 where he practiced until his retirement this year. During his practice, he

faithfully served the Middlesex County and Perth Amboy communities, delivering thousands of babies and often treating generations of patients in the same family. He always went beyond the call of duty in caring for his patients, whether it meant driving in a snow storm to deliver a baby, doing emergency surgery to save the mother's and baby's lives, working nights and weekends, and doing whatever was necessary for his patients' benefit. He simply cared for his patients no matter what. Dr. Turkish pioneered the use of laparoscopic surgery at Raritan Bay Medical Center and was the first physician at the hospital to perform such procedures. He served for many years as Chief of the Ob/Gyn Department at Raritan Bay. He also was an attending physician at JFK Medical Center. In addition, he served as a Clinical Physician for rotating Robert Wood Johnson Hospital OB/GYN residents at Raritan Bay. His patients, staff and colleagues will miss him dearly. Dr. Turkish



Dr. Sheldon Turkish

plans to move to Boca Raton, Florida in the coming months with his wife, Barbara. He is the proud father of five children and 9 grandchildren. His son Jonathan will continue his medical practice in Perth Amboy. Congratulations to Dr. Turkish on a well-deserved retirement. Your family salutes you for your commitment, dedication and service to your patients and profession.

Pallone Announces Community Projects for New Jersey's 6th Congressional District Are Included in House Appropriations Bills

Press Release 7/13/21
LONG BRANCH, NJ – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that ten requests for Community Funded Projects he submitted to the Appropriations Committee for New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District will advance in the House of Representatives. These requests are included in House appropriations bills that are expected to receive a vote on the House Floor in the coming months.

The projects include:
•\$1.5 million to rehabilitate the Perth Amboy historic Public Library, which was originally built in 1903 and requires critical renovations and upgrades to meet the current needs of the community.
•\$8 million for maintenance dredging of Shoal Harbor near the Belford section of Middletown that will bring much needed relief to local boaters, businesses, and community members that depend on safe and navigable waterways.
•\$2 million for a Health Monitoring and Telecommunications Training Center in Long Branch, New Jersey that will be used to renovate buildings for the purposes of transferring the Long Branch Health Department and other important health services to more adequate facilities as a direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
•\$760,000 to assist New Brunswick in accelerating the com-

pletion of an important sewer line replacement project that will greatly improve the city's wastewater system and have a positive environmental impact on the region's waterways.
•\$480,000 to hire additional researchers at the James J. Howard Marine Sciences Lab at Sandy Hook who will study the impacts of environmental change on marine habitats and fisheries in New Jersey. Funding will also be used to create lab space to host underserved student populations at Sandy Hook.
•\$450,000 for research on coastal community resilience conducted by Monmouth University in conjunction with Naval Weapons Station Earle that will help improve our understanding of coastal resiliency to combat extreme flooding and bad weather events.
•\$300,200 to support the Agricultural and Aquacultural Workforce Training Program at the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools to develop the next generation of farmers and fishermen trained in emerging technology.
•\$420,874 to establish a Financial Opportunity Center in Perth Amboy through the United Way of Central Jersey, which will provide an integrated set of core services for families in need such as employment services, financial education and coaching, and access to income supports. These services will provide

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2017, I was diagnosed with cancer and my weight went down a lot. Medical marijuana helped me.”

Law Director William Northgrave said, “The ordinance on the agenda deals with recreational use only.”

Petrick then spoke up, “We don’t have the right to open up medical dispensaries.”

A woman named Jamie spoke next. “I am a medical marijuana advocate for chronic illnesses and pain. You can build up a tolerance for it. Medical marijuana could be used to treat depression, which a lot of veterans suffer from. A lot of veterans also commit suicide. You have a lot of bars in town and marijuana is being stigmatized. Narcan use is also up in your city.”

The next speaker was Edward “Lefty” Grimes who is an advocate for disabled rights. “We can’t afford delivery services (for marijuana). The industry is built on the backs of the sick and dying. You can have mom and pop dispensaries. Some veterans have to drive an hour to get medical marijuana. Some towns are banning it all together. Perth Amboy has very little wheelchair access. Consider the sick and the dying first. Veterans want to have their own homegrown dispensaries.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman was next. She talked about the Board of Education elections going back to April. “It will give us a chance to vote on the School Board Budget. It became politicized when it was moved to November with all the other elections. The council is the one who made the changes. If you want a commission (as elected officials), a petition by citizens is the way to go if you want to change elections from nonpartisan to partisan. Do your own research about changing the form of government.”

The next speaker was Maria Vera. She talked about an incident near her street where there were over 20 different types of bikes – motorized and others. “They were disrupting traffic. What kinds of equipment are they required to have?”

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to answer Vera, “Motorized vehicles have to have headlights, a license, and helmets which is required by state and municipal laws.”

Vera finished, “We need to have bicycle trails in town.”

Cattano continued, “There is some instances where it is unsafe to pursue some of the bicyclists.”

Councilman Torres spoke up, “I saw a video of that particular incident and those were adults on motorbikes, and they were burning rubber. You can hear them from blocks away.”

Cattano responded, “They purposely bait the police to chase them.”

Torres said, “Some of these people had no helmets on.”

Councilman Pabon spoke up, “A lot of these people have dirt bikes, and they take over the entire street.”

Cattano responded, “Depend-

ing on the types of bikes, they may not be under our municipal laws.”

Caroline Pozyski-Torres spoke next. She said, “According to an article in the Home News Tribune, it said Perth Amboy is getting ready to say “no” to cannabis. It is not your jurisdiction to do anything with medical marijuana.”

Law Director Northgrave responded, “Wednesday (July 14,2021) will be the first reading of the ordinance.”

Pozyski-Torres continued, “It is harming our community by not having any type of marijuana. Can we read what the full ordinance says?”

Northgrave replied, “The ordinance is very lengthy, and you (Pozyski-Torres) are reading from a newspaper article.”

Pozyski-Torres said, “You can follow what other cities are doing. I agree with previous callers who talked about how cannabis opens up good paying jobs. You make it seem complicated to put in a plan.”

Council President Petrick replied, “We are reviewing the ordinance which will be given to us by the lawyer.”

Northgrave ended the evening, “It is not an introduced ordinance, and it has substantial changes.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. All council members were present in person except for Rose Morales who joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m. via Zoom.

The regular council meeting began at 7 p.m. on 7/14/21. The public had a chance to speak on the ordinances that had a public hearing.

Ordinance No. 1 – Bicycles regarding licensing.

Resident Ken Balut came up first and talked about the incident that was on YouTube showing bicyclists ride recklessly in different locations in different towns. “There was an incident that happened in my area (Budapest section). “People in my area believe a bicyclist killed a cat. Everyone talks about that they were just children doing this. What about the poor lady in my neighborhood who was almost run over by them in front of her house? They are not innocent kids. Let’s bring the whole video here in the chambers for people to see. We used to have a very quiet neighborhood, but not anymore. They are zipping in and out of traffic. They are not innocent little kids. They are causing havoc in our town. If they had competent people in city hall, when the first incident happened and was put on YouTube, they could have addressed this.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up next, “One of these children came very close to hitting my car. He could have injured himself or me. They know they can get away with it because of their age.”

Councilman B.J. Torres spoke up, “This ordinance pertains to if the licensing should be mandatory or voluntary. You can’t confiscate their bikes or take them to jail. This ordinance pertains to bicycles only. Children under the age of 16 has to wear

helmets.”

Resident Alan Silber came up next, “We are talking about bicycles. A lot of them are electric bikes. They are dangerous and people are driving them without using their hands. Take a walk yourselves. It is not a pleasant experience to see them racing.”

Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak next, “Enforcement was too strong in the old ordinance. We need to respect the rights of the kids.”

The comments were opened up to Zoom:

Resident Caroline Pozyski spoke first, “In 2016, there was a plan for bicycles which we haven’t implemented. Read the recommendations about bike rights, bike routes, and bike lanes which are not set up. This is in the ordinance.”

Resident Dave Szilagyi spoke next. “You must do volunteer registration of bikes. The city police will have a list of licenses in case a bike was stolen. The bikes that were featured in the YouTube video interfered with traffic. The police officer who appeared in that video was having a bad day.”

A High Street Resident spoke next. This ordinance will make it easier for people to commute. That includes children and adults. The people who spoke earlier about the different incidents are making solid complaints, but it has no impact on this ordinance.”

Ordinance No. 2 – Donation of property from Kindermorgan.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski spoke first. He asked, “Who is responsible for the cleanup of this property?”

Director of Human Services Ken Ortiz came up to respond to Sierakowski, “If it is our property, we will have to pay for the cleanup.”

Council President Petrick disagreed with Ortiz, “The people who donated the property will have to clean it up.”

Sierakowski, “You are correct (to Petrick). Those who donated the land are responsible to clean up the property. Table this until you get the proper answer.”

Ordinance No. 3 – Police Department regarding Special Police Officer Class I.

Resident Ken Balut spoke. He asked Councilman Torres why he voted “No” on this ordinance. “These officers will be guarding your neighborhood 90% of the time. They will mostly be by the waterfront area and not the Budapest area of town.”

Councilman Torres responded, “I was against hiring out-of-towners for these positions.”

Balut continued, “I know a lot of out-of-towners who are very good. These officers are just getting stipends.”

Torres corrected Balut’s last statement. “These officers are paid and not volunteers.”

Ordinance No. 4 – Zoning and Land Development – to prohibit the operation of any class of cannabis business within the city.

Resident Vince Mackiel spoke first, “Imprisonment is not the solution. We need to have non-

traditional treatments. You need to have people who can meet up and maybe you can use some of the churches. The present system is not working.”

A resident, Mr. Rodriguez from Sheridan Street spoke next. “Marijuana was approved statewide and by the county. The marijuana businesses will eventually open up.”

Council President Petrick responded, “We don’t need to relinquish local control.”

Rodriguez concluded, “I just wanted to state that there is a large number of people who approved marijuana.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke next, “Has this ordinance changed from the time it was on the June 23, 2021, agenda?”

Petrick responded, “Yes.”

Resident Dave Szilagyi spoke next. “Drug transactions have been happening in the past even if you vote to restrict all marijuana businesses. The police even used my house to set up surveillance cameras to watch people make drug transactions. You are passing up a good opportunity (to bring in outsiders who may at first be hesitant to come into town). But they will get used to it. You could open up retail sales with laws in place such as you do with liquor stores and bars.”

Petrick reminded people that we are still under a time restraint.

Another resident from High Street spoke next. He said, “We have some ordinances in place to keep local control. We need the funds. It can bring in a huge amount of revenue that can be taxed. If other towns say “no”, we should say “yes” to bring in revenue. I don’t smoke marijuana myself. We have plenty of bars and cigarette sales in town.”

The next order of business was “The Hearing of Citizens”. Resident David Caba came up and gave a 10-minute presentation on the Kushner Landings Project. When he came up to speak, he had some materials to hand out to the council. “I have been a licensed realtor since 1997 and have lived in Perth Amboy for over 40 years. Look at what was promised at the beginning for the Landings Project. Kushner has abandoned a lot of the property he acquired. He has done this for over 15 years. I’m giving the current administration the benefit of the doubt because they are new.” He then went on to give some of the prices of Kushner’s property that sold in Perth Amboy and comparable properties sold in other towns. “The current stats I have are in Perth Amboy, the highest unit went for \$380,000 and the lowest went for \$195,000. In Long Branch, the highest listing was for \$4.9 million. In Asbury Park, the highest unit went for \$3.2 million. Now, Kushner wants to build 600 more units in Perth Amboy which is a plan he presented a few years ago. If those units are to be built, it would generate \$15 million a year to him. Kushner has made things worse. The former Mayor (Wilda Diaz) sued you (the council) more than she did any-

thing she did about Kushner. I wish the new administration the best. This guy (Kushner) is a multi-billionaire.”

Caba then asked the new Business Administrator Mike Green if he ever saw a police building boarded up in Newark.

Green replied, “No.”

Caba then continued quoting more statistics on how the real estate market differs between similar units in Perth Amboy versus other towns. “A 4-bedroom home in Carteret was listed for \$975,000. A similar home in Perth Amboy listed for \$705,000. In Asbury Park, a house sold for \$5 million on the waterfront. These towns are moving forward, and we are moving backward. Kushner will make money on 600 units every month. You should cancel Kushner’s contract if he doesn’t abide by his promise.”

Caba was applauded for his presentation.

Tashi Vazquez from the Office of Community Development came up to speak about the Green Acres Application under the State of New Jersey Department of the Environmental Protection Department for the Veteran’s Memorial Youth League Complex Development Project. “Recently, we had a girls’ softball team participate in a tournament on this field. It was 90 degrees, and some of the parents of these girls purchased a tarp to be put on the field. We have a shortage of playing fields and a lot of them are in poor condition. Sometimes we have to cancel games because of rain. We need to put in artificial turf. Some of the concept plans include redesigning some of the fields for multi-purpose sports. We need a complete overhaul which will include the dugout, trails, etc. We can have rain gardens to capture storm water. It is a \$5 million project with a match that was already approved by the council. The expected completion date is August 2023.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “I am glad to see trees implemented in the plan.”

Vazquez continued, “The parking lot will be upgraded and expanded.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada was pleased, “We are investing in our youth.”

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “I hope that this isn’t a trend with presentations being made at the last minute.”

Vazquez responded, “I started working on the application a month ago.”

Ken Ortiz came forward to make comments, “There was an extension for this application to be handed in.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next and told Vazquez that she did an outstanding job in a short period of time to get this done. “Let’s continue to get money that’s out there.”

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak about this project. “I’m worried about the turf. I heard it is not good for young kids, especially on their knees. Hopefully, there will be better facili-

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ties at the Band Shelter, and you need to get food vendors there. You have \$8.4 million in new money that you can partially use for the children.”

Pabon spoke up again, “This is a major park renovation. Drainage is always the biggest problem when it comes to parks. We have great fields, but they can be better.”

Maria Vera spoke via Zoom, “This is great for the kids, and they need the activities. Do they power wash the artificial turf?”

Ortiz responded, “We have the same turf at the Willow Pond facility and there are no health problems. There had been no injuries. There is less maintenance needed and it is more cost effective.”

Vera concluded, “My main concern is that the turf is not real grass.”

A resident from State Street spoke next (in person). He thought that Vazquez did a great job presenting this project. “I teach at the high school and my main concern is about any additional traffic.”

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

Resident Ken Balut spoke first. He questioned R-339 – 7/21 – Certifying to the Middlesex Board of Taxation a local tax levy in the amount of \$26,129,743 for the 2021-2022 school budget.

“Will there be a tax increase? We are getting no relief on our mortgages and water bills. I also want to object to Joel Rosa being appointed to the Green Team. I read his resume, and he has no clue about our town. You (the council) are voting on his character. It doesn’t mean anything.”

Balut then said, “If you vote for R-340 (Responsible Negotiations Act), you will be voting against the union.” He then asked about R-374 – 7/21 - E-Ticketing billing services for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 with a contract with the company G.T.B.M. Inc.

Balut questioned why the city was still paying for E-Ticketing billing services. “We were supposed to get rid of the info-cap.”

Stanley Sierakowski came up next. He noticed that there were 3 Late-Starter resolutions on the agenda. “Will there be any more added? I heard that there were supposed to be \$1 million property being sold to PARA for a dollar. Did former Mayor Diaz or any of her family members receive any compensation from Kushner? Is that why he ran roughshod over us?”

Resident Lisa Nanton came up next. She asked the council to approve R-373-7/21 – The special permit for Concerts by the Bay in Bayview Park.

Reinaldo Aviles came up next. He wanted to defend Joel Rosa who was asked not to be approved for the Green Team by a former speaker. “Rosa is being attacked. He is very qualified, highly educated, and always works his best for the public interest. He had worked in one of Eddie Trujillo’s Restaurants.

When he left Trujillo’s restaurant, business fell off slightly and Trujillo tried to get him back. We should honor our older citizens and show interest in our younger people. When you interview people, you always ask them what they have done in their past work to attract people to come to where they used to work. That is what Rosa has done in the past.”

The meeting was opened up to Zoom participants.

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke first. She commented on R-360-7/21 – A change order to the shared services agreement between the Passaic Valley Sewage Commission and the City of Perth Amboy for the provision of certain services related to requirements imposed by the NJ pollutant discharge elimination system and combine sewer overflow permit.

“I am not against improving our water/wastewater system, but there is not enough oversight. There should have been a presentation on this. This involves many towns.”

Petrack responded, “This is an ongoing contract, and it is a mandate for our CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow).”

After the public comments on agenda items only were closed, the council voted on the ordinances and the consent agenda.

For Ordinance No. 1 (bicycles) – moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda. Ordinance No. 2 (Kindermorgan property donation) – moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Ordinance No. 3 (Special Police Officer Class I) – moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Ordinance No. 4 (zoning and land development prohibiting cannabis businesses) moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Everyone voted “Yes” but Torres who voted “No”.

For the consent agenda, R-334 thru R-339, R-341 thru R-349, R-351 thru R-375, R-380 thru R381 was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda. For R-340 (Responsible Collective Negotiations Act) was voted on to be tabled (moved by Tejeda; seconded by Morales). For R-350 (Appointing Caroline Pozyski-Torres as a member of the Green Team for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/24) was moved by Pabon; seconded by Tejeda. B.J. Torres abstained. R-376 was voided.

R-377 thru R-379 (Appointments to the Board of Adjustments) needed to be removed because cases could not be heard without a full board. Councilwoman Tejeda stated that she needed more time to review this ordinance.

Councilman Pabon then commented, “We need to be uniform when it comes to appointments to municipal boards.”

For late-starter Resolutions R-382 thru R-384.

R-382-7/21- A contract for the Francis, Eagle, and Harnad Roadway improvements to Z Brothers Concrete contractors in an amount not to exceed \$500,869.26. - was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Petrick abstained.

R-383-7/21 – Settlement of the Workers Compensation

Litigation via an order approving settlement with dismissal in the matter entitled Reymond Lorenzo-Nolasco vs. the City of Perth Amboy in the amount of \$18,450.00 - moved by Pabon; seconded by Tejeda.

R-384-7/21 – Authorizing the purchase of electricity supply services for public use on an online auction website. – was moved by Pabon; seconded by Tejeda.

Council President Bill Petrick then commented, “We need to have a Policy Advisory Panel appointments to be put on the next agenda. We should look at getting something in place so that medical marijuana can be sold at all the pharmacies in town.”

Public Portion:

Stanley Sierakowski came up first. He asked Law Director Northgrave if he had a conflict of interest representing the city in certain cases.

Northgrave responded, “I’ve tried my best to ignore some of the comments lobbed at me the last couple of months.”

Sierakowski continued, “I want to read a communication dated July 14, 2021, that is from you dealing with Kushner’s property. You wanted this put on today’s agenda, but the clerk said no because it was too late. I just want to make sure when there are appraisals on property that they are proper. Go to the attorney general’s office to investigate Kushner’s deals on properties he controls.”

Resident Alan Silber came up next “I thought I heard construction going on at Kushner’s land. We will not have local control. Kushner was fined \$500,000 in the past and made large contributions to Democratic candidates in the past. We have rules when it comes to boarding up properties. At 395 Rector Street, it is worse now than when Wilda was mayor. I have a feeling that Kushner is coming back into town.” Silber concluded, “Maybe we can find places for marijuana sales like we do with liquor stores.”

Ken Balut came up next. “You make things easier for Kushner and nobody has the guts to take him on. From day one, the new administration should have been dealing with Kushner. We keep losing money on Kushner and his associations. When I was on the council, I could not get enough people who served with me to get on board with me to go after Kushner and the Y. The Band Shelter is bad. Get Pallone to wake up. The public is the only one who are concerned. Forget about special elections.”

Reinaldo Aviles came up next. “In the early days of the Diaz administration, I worked with Harry Pozyski from the Citizen’s Campaign. You need to have in-person interviews for people who are applying for municipal boards. Those who do not get on any boards should try again. The ordinance has to have requirements to be on a board and have to be properly advertised. Sometimes we lose control of meetings. There are slanderous remarks, and nothing

is done. You read the rules (of behavior) in the beginning of the meeting. We should not allow some of these outbursts.”

Vince Mackiel came up next. He talked about the train bridge on Market Street which still has not been repaired. “The Business Administrator contacted NJ Transit, but nothing has been moved on. There will be a coordinator regarding bridge improvements. The roadways belong to the town. Covid has left NJ Transit short staffed. We need access to this bridge. Things are not moving properly, and nothing has changed in six years.” The floor was opened to Zoom participants.

Sharon Hubberman asked that the Board of Education elections be moved back to April. “In November, it is politicized and confusing. 16 candidates ran for the Board of Education in the last election. Employees and teachers need to have a voice. The council is the one who moved the Board of Education elections from April to November. Voters were disenfranchised with this vote-by-mail. Streamlining voting is not always the best.”

Council Comments:

Rose Morales thanked all who voiced their concerns. She thanked David Caba for his presentation about the Kushner properties and his concerns. “Maybe this will light a fire.” She then congratulated the Perth Amboy Soccer Club U15 Wildcats for winning the US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidential Cup Championship. “We should honor them.”

Director of Recreation Ken Ortiz came up, “The Wildcats were in the national finals, but lost, but they were the winners of their Eastern Regional and New Jersey State Cup. We are looking to celebrate them sometime in early August.” Ortiz also mentioned that they now have movie nights and National Night Out is coming up soon.

Joel Pabon asked, “What is the status of the bridge by Shop-Rite on Rte. 35?” He also commented about the Fayette Street Bridge. “This bridge is owned by the city. NJ Transit is probably thinking if the city can’t even care about its own bridge, maybe that’s why they are slow on acting on the Market Street Bridge. Hopefully we can get money to fix up the Fayette Street Bridge.” He then asked for the BID to hire a landscaper to get the flowerpots on Smith Street taken care of. He then mentioned all the people who are retiring on the agenda. He singled out one retiree specifically: Officer Henry Rodgers. “He is a class act and an inspiration to so many. I worked with him in Safe Haven (a former youth facility in Perth Amboy). You cannot say one negative word about him. If you had a troubled kid, you could send them to Officer Rodgers, and he would straighten them out.”

Milady Tejeda thanked all who came to the meeting in person and on Zoom. She mentioned that a lot of times Officer Rodgers would be one of the

Three Kings at PRAHD. She asked that anyone that comes to the mic to speak to please respect others. “We need to work together. Thank you and have a good weekend.”

Councilman B.J. Torres urged all to please get vaccinated. “I’m glad we are moving forward with medical marijuana. I went with the League of Municipalities to take a tour of a cannabis facility in Maplewood. They hire within the community, and it has been a boost to their businesses. We should move forward with licensing marijuana. I told the BID that we need adult use facilities. In Maplewood, facilities are currently only for medical use. They work with their police department. They just sell the products.”

Business Administrator Mike Green wanted to make a couple of comments. “The city received \$8.4 million that was received in May, but there are restraints. You can use it for lost revenue in some instances. You can use it in some cases for sewer and water infrastructure. You can use it to advert layoffs and grants for businesses and residents and some Covid related issues. Because of more Covid cases arising, you may want to extend having Zoom meetings for one more month.”

Bill Petrick said, “We had a contractor for the Fayette Street Bridge, but there were some problems with the utility and high-tension lines. I hear there was a pump failure by the marina in the Second Street Station. We only have a 40% vaccination rate here in town. I hear the Moderna and Pfizer give the most protection.” Petrick then asked, “Have we heard about any payment from Kushner on the repaving that we did on Rector Street that is part of his property?”

Northgrave replied, “We should have an answer within two weeks.”

Petrack responded, “We deserve to get paid for the work that we did repaving his road.”

Northgrave continued, “Some of the utilities needed to be disconnected first, but we should be getting the payment soon.”

Petrack said, “We need an evaluation on our old city buildings on Fayette and Rector Streets so we can market it to others. Kushner was given extra time by former Mayor Diaz. Some of these old buildings include the Fire Department, First Aid, and Police Department. We need to move on this. We need to have the Redevelopment Agency here to see what is going on.”

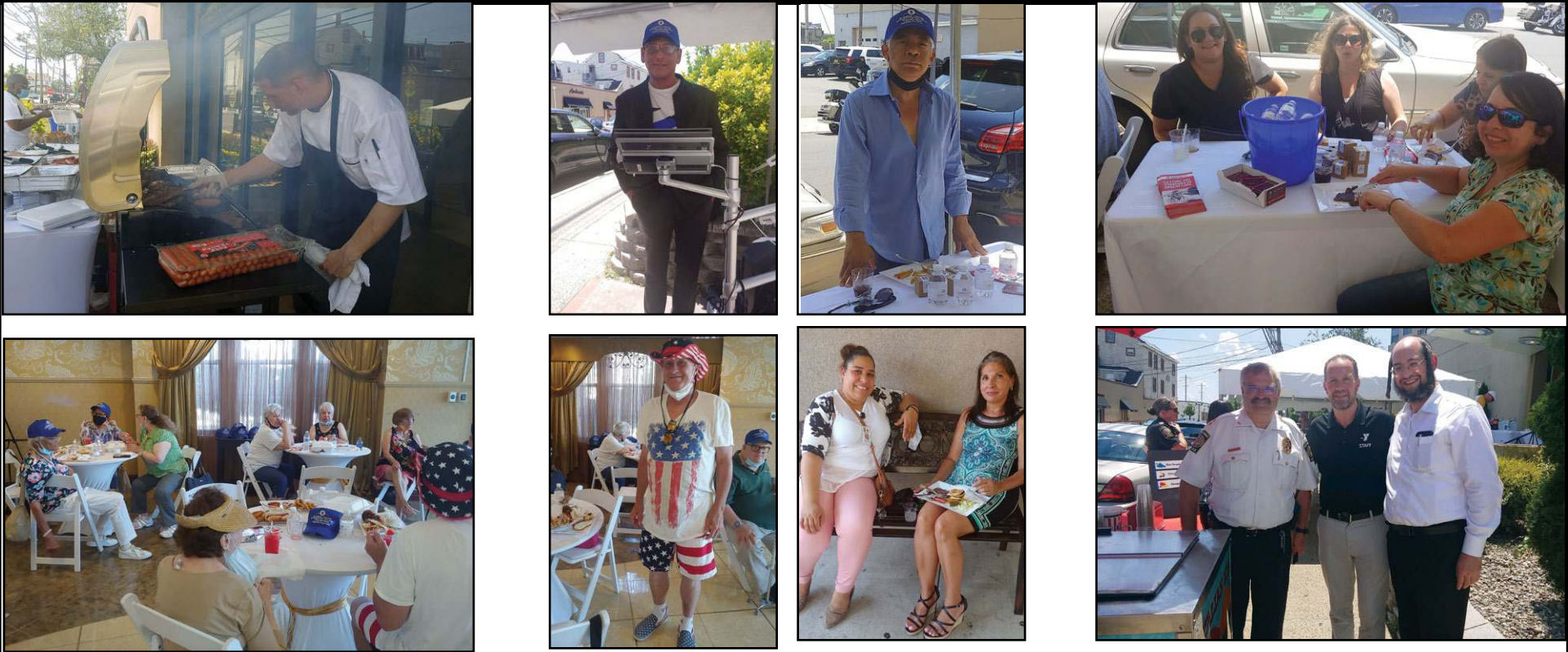
Northgrave questioned, “Do you need the developer and PARA here?”

Petrack responded, “Yes”.

Northgrave said, “I can do that. It is the city’s property. The city can give it to PARA for \$1. This property can be developed to benefit the city.”

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m. All council members were present in person.

Alameda BBQ for First Responders, Perth Amboy, 6/30/21 *Photos by Katherine Massopust & Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - After one year off because of Covid, Alameda resumed their annual cookout honoring the First Responders. This year they also presented plaques of appreciation to Police Chief Roman McKeon and Police Sergeant Richard Zaleski who recently retired.



LGBT Flag Raising, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy, 6/28/21 *Photos by Paul W. Wang





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On July 12, 2021, Mayor Helmin Caba recognize
Geri Barcheski and Vernon Uveges
for their heroic actions and selfless courage in the act of saving lives





11th Annual Pasta Night & Tricky Tray



Door Prizes & 50/50 Raffle

JEMMS Foundation Inc.



Date: September 17, 2021
Time: Dinner 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Followed by Auction at 8 p.m.
Place: Hungarian Reformed Church Hall
347 Kirkland Place,
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
Dinner Cost: \$10.00 Adult
\$6.00 Children under 12
(Tricky Tray tickets sold separately)
Tickets available by email –
Lisametzger143@gmail.com or
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Roman McKeon, Police Chief, 33 years | Richard Zaleski, Police Sergeant, 21 years
Henry Rodgers, Police Officer, 29.5 years | Jeffrey Kuchie, Police Officer, 20 years



Cool Yard Sale
Saturday July 31st 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
178 Market St., Perth Amboy
Comic Books, Books, Painted Soldiers,
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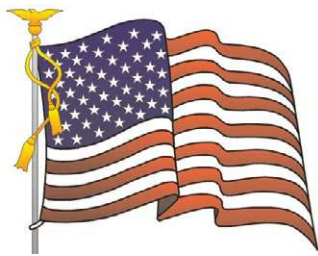
Police Blotter:

****ARREST ANNOUNCEMENT****

The Perth Amboy Police Department would like to announce the capture of this wanted fugitive, Raul Leon that has been eluding Law Enforcement in several jurisdictions for weeks. Raul Leon was spotted by members of the Perth Amboy Police Department Special Investigations Unit while Raul Leon was a passenger in a moving motor vehicle. After a brief foot chase, Raul Leon was captured by responding Officers and Detectives.

Raul Leon was charged with numerous counts of robbery in Perth Amboy and another municipality as well as New Jersey State Parole violations.

I would like to thank the members of this Department that never gave up in the pursuit of justice for the victims of these crimes. With the help of our community, we continue to make Perth Amboy a safer place for all of us.



Concerts by the Bay

PERTH AMBOY – To be held in Bayview Park from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday Afternoons from August 8, 2021, to August 23, 2021.

Ice Cream Social

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Police Community Services Unit is having an Ice Cream Social. Come meet and greet our Community Relations Officer's and have some free ice cream!! And Be Sure to Stick Around for Our Social Media Group Picture. The Social is at Carvel, 284 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wed. July 21, 2021.

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.

Library Open

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St. has reopened. Hours are: Adult Library: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Wed & Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Children’s Library: Mon, Tues Thurs: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wed & Fri. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Upon entry, MUST have temperature check, sign in at the front desk, use hand sanitizer, use masks, and observe social distancing. TIME LIMIT: Computer Use: ONE HOUR; Browsing: HALF-HOUR. Study period available by request.

For more information call the library at 732-826-2600.

FED UP! Is Going LOCAL! International Overdose Awareness Day

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Municipal Alliance is hosting an International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31st that is calling for an end to our nation's epidemic of addiction and overdose deaths attributed to opioids (including heroin) and other prescription drugs.

Tuesday, August 31, 2021, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at South Amboy Middle High School, 200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy.

Speakers – Resource Tables – Memoria Vigil

If you have lost a loved one to substance use, feel free to bring a photo to display.

Hosted by the South Amboy Municipal Alliance. Contact Information: Kim Seber – 908-565-4415.

Summer Concert Series 2021

PERTH AMBOY – Enjoy the Summer Concert Series with free live music: Ryan Tomski, Thursday, July 22, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; The Voice, Friday, July 30, 2021, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bayview Park, 250 Water St., Perth Amboy. For more information, call the Dept. of Recreation: 732-826-0290 ext. 4305.

Family Trip To Great Adventure

PERTH AMBOY – There will be a family trip to Six Flags: Great Adventure on Friday, August 13, 2021. Cost: \$30 per person; \$10 children under 2 years old. Non-Resident fee applies. Money Order Only. Bus Departure Location: Youth Complex (Behind Wendy’s), 500 Dorothy Ave., Perth Amboy. For more information, contact the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 xt.4305.

Family Trip to the Turtle Back Zoo

PERTH AMBOY – There will be a family trip to the Turtle Back Zoo on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Cost: \$15 per person. Non-Resident fee applies. Money Order Only. Bus Departure Location: Youth Complex (Behind Wendy’s), 500 Dorothy Ave., Perth Amboy. For more information contact the Office of Recreation: 732-826-1690 xt. 4305.

National Night Out 2021

PERTH AMBOY – Tuesday, August 3, 2021, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Washington Park, New Brunswick Avenue & Lee Street. Family Fun, Games, Crime Prevention. Free Giveaways, Food, Music, and More!

A national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnership. For more information, contact the Perth Amboy Community Police at 732-324-3534. Police-Community Partnerships. Together, making our community safer and a more caring place to live.

Movie Review: Space Jam: A New Legacy



By: Anton Massopust III

“Taking care of the people you love - that's what's important! That’s all, folks!” - Bugs Bunny.

It has been a long time since the Looney Tunes characters played basketball with Michael Jordan in the original “Space Jam (1996)”, and now it is time for an upgrade in “Space: Jam A New Legacy”. First, let's talk about the original “Space Jam” and one sort of sequel, “Looney Tunes: Back in Action”. Then, we will talk about the new film.

In the original “Space Jam”, Michael Jordan is recruited by Bugs Bunny to save Looney Tunes from a group of aliens that grow very, very big, so they need the best basketball player in the world to save them before they're taken to Moron Mountain. Of course, Michael Jordan helps them, and they save the day. In the sort of sequel, “Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003)”, Actor DJ Drake (Brendan Fraser of The Mummy fame) helps Bugs and Daffy track down DJ’s father, Damien Drake (Timothy Dalton) to stop Acme before they turn everybody into monkeys. The movie fair, but nothing too special.

In “Space Jam: A New Legacy”, legendary Basketball King, LeBron James is kidnapped by evil AI-G Rhythm (Artificial Intelligence) played by Don Cheadle. AI-G also kidnaps with LeBron’s son, Darius James (Ceyair J. Wright) who loves to play video games and wants to be a video game designer - not a basketball player.

AI-G takes Darius’s video game (NBA and WNBA) using a scanner to make images of them and put them in the game as video game characters, but they are supervillains with special powers. The Goon Squad created Brembo bronze son video game and gives NBA players evil upgrade. AI-G sends LeBron James into the Looney Tunes world for him to get a team together to play a basketball game against AI-G’s team, “The Goon Squad”. LeB-

ron meets Bugs Bunny who is all alone in the Looney Tunes world and wants to get his all his friends back together again. They gather his friends from across the Warner Brothers Universe to get the squad back together. LeBron tries to teach the Looney Tunes the fundamentals of basketball, but soon realizes that he must let them be themselves to play the game of basketball their way. The Toon Squad is even turned from the old hand-drawn form into CGI characters. This video basketball game has its own rules, and you have to use upgrades and style points in order to win.

This film is way too complicated and has the feel a super expensive giant video game. I do like all the cameos of famous Warner Bros. characters from old television series and movies. Also featured are classic Hanna Barbera characters (in the audience) scattered throughout the film. I think I'd rather play this game than watch this as a movie. The jokes fall flat. As for the Looney Tunes themselves, everybody has a chance to shine, but the only characters that are actually given something to do are Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck (who gets all the funny lines) and Lola Bunny, a character whom Warner Bros. greatly improved, making her more sporty and fun. They tried to make her character dumb in the Looney Tunes Show (2011-2014) but it didn’t work. Bugs Bunny is given a more noble character (a hero’s role) as time goes on throughout the film. AI-G Rhythm would be more interesting if he was more of a threat and a real villain.

“Space Jam: A New Legacy has a lot of good parts and bad parts. It could have been greatly improved upon. It’s one of those movies you forget about a few days after you’ve seen it. I think little kids will enjoy it more for the ride. Older kids and adults may not find it interesting. That’s what’s up, doc!

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.

Irish Festival September 25, 2021

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy in partnership with the South Amboy Parade Committee will host an Irish Festival on Saturday, September 25th at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. The festival, which will begin at 2pm, promises to be an exciting and family friendly event and will include music, food and craft vendors, kid friendly activities, and will conclude with a firework display at dusk.

There will be live entertainment throughout the event including appearances by renowned Irish Musicians Willie Lynch and Andy Cooney, step dancers from the Lynn Academy of Irish Dance, as well as our very own Colonel DB Kelly Pipes and Drums.

Parade Co-Chairman Mickey Gross said, “Now that we are finally beginning to emerge from the pandemic, we are excited to hold this event as a preamble to the parade’s return in March 2022.”

The City of South Amboy has hosted an annual Saint Patrick’s Parade for many years and the event has grown to one of the largest in New Jersey. Mayor Fred A. Henry said, “I promise you that our dedicated Parade volunteers and our City employees will ensure that this is an event to remember.”

South Amboy is conveniently located at the nexus of Route 9 & 35 and is home to a convenient NJ Transit rail station that is only a short walk to the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. Rain date for the event is September 26th.

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.

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

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.

21st Annual Car Show

SOUTH AMBOY - Join us for the 21st Annual Car Show, hosted by the Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1, on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 140 North Broadway from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is FREE for the General Public.

Vehicle Registration and Lineup on Broadway by the Firehouse

Advanced Entry Fee \$5 per Vehicle/ Day of Show Entry \$15. Pre-Registration Deadline: July 31, 2021.

Barbecue Fundraiser

SAYREVILLE - There will be a fundraising barbecue at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ, on Saturday, August 14, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$12.00. Lunch Includes: Barbecue Chicken, Potato Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll, Soda or Water. Hot Dog also available for an additional \$2.00. We are accepting pre-orders. Walk-ins are welcome.

Please contact Winsome at 732-432-9072.



A.C. Bus Trip St. John Paul Parish

PERTH AMBOY - Resorts Casino, Wednesday, August 11th, leaving promptly at 10 a.m. from back of parking lot on Mechanic St. Cost Is \$35 with \$20 back in slot play. Call Bobbi 908-510-2029 for reservations.

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, August 5, 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.

Thanksgiving In July Dinner

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

Call 732-727-7170 from 5-10pm on Fridays for tickets. All other days leave your name and number and your call will be returned. Last day for advance tickets is Friday July 16th. Thank you in advance for your support.

Ukrainian Embroidery Exhibit

WOODBIDGE - The Ukrainian National Women's League, Branch 98 is sponsoring an exhibit on the art of Ukrainian embroidery. The exhibit is being held at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. It will run from July 1 thru August 27, 2021.

On display are beautiful traditional women's and men's clothing; folk costumes; pillows, and other textiles, displaying unique regional motifs and types of stitches. There will also be an illustrative lecture available online via a link on the "Barron Arts" Facebook page. For more information, call 732-634-0413.

Christmas In August Ham Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks are hosting "Christmas in August Ham Dinner" on Thursday August 26th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner includes Roasted Ham, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans and Dessert. Adult tickets are \$15.00 in advance (by 8/20) or \$18.00 at the door. Kids 6-10 \$6.00, 5yrs. and under are free for the Ham Dinner only .Kids option 2; 3 pc chicken tender with fries is \$6.00 All children will receive a gift from Santa, bring your camera for photos. This event benefits our Peer Leadership Program. Bring a hygiene or paper product for a door prize ticket. We are located at 601 Washington Ave. For more information call 732-727-7170. Thank you in advance for your Support! Elks Care, Elks Share!

Pet of the Week



Shamrock the Morkie, Love the Cleaver Family

Have a Special Pet?

E-mail us your Pet Photos to Amboy-Guardian@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.

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.

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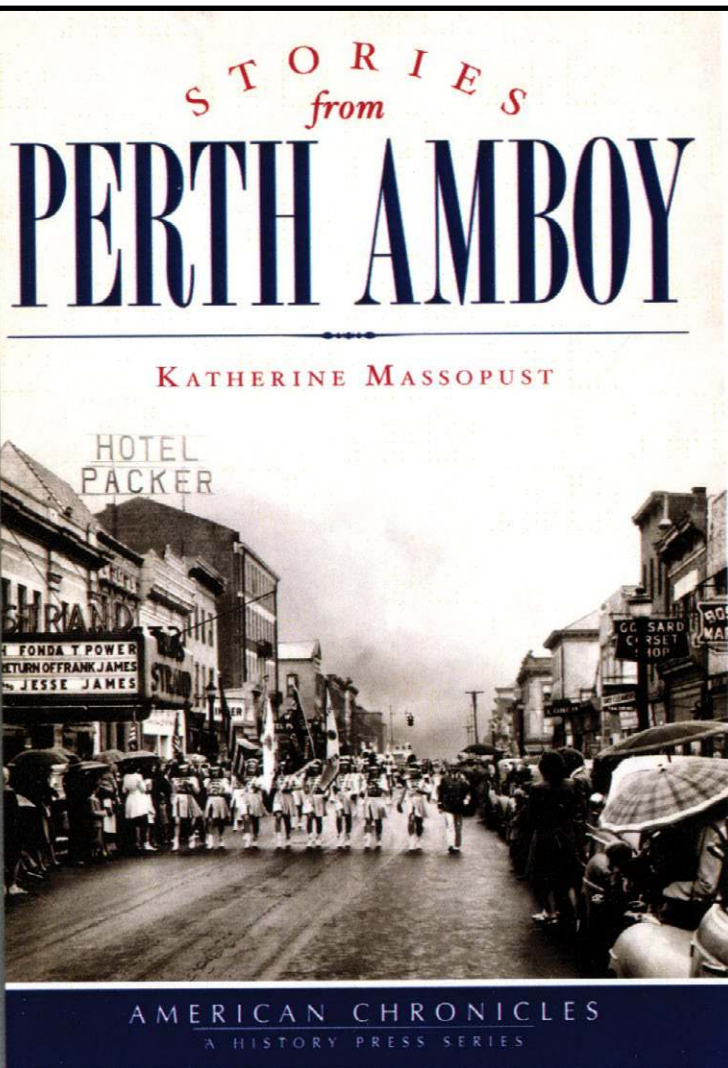
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Sexton Motor Company on the corner of Fayette and Maple Streets. It became the Unemployment Building for many years. Now it is owned by Eddie Trujillo and is a mixed use commercial/ residential apartment complex.

**Photo Courtesy of Perth Amboy Free Public Library
This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.*



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

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33. Alda or King

34. Middle Eastern country

36. Spud

38. Makes (a knot)

39. Put cargo on (a truck)

41. Spider's snare

42. Some birds of prey

44. Forehead

46. Kin of a 13-Across

48. Indy 500 entrant

52. San Francisco treat?: 2 wds.

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62. Upshot

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DOWN

1. Tired, old horses

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10. Winner takes _____

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22. Parkway fee

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25. Cat's weapon

26. Ms. Hepburn, to pals

27. Snooty one

28. Accompanied by

29. India's locale

30. Made a picture with crayons

32. Shadowbox

35. Invite

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40. Get

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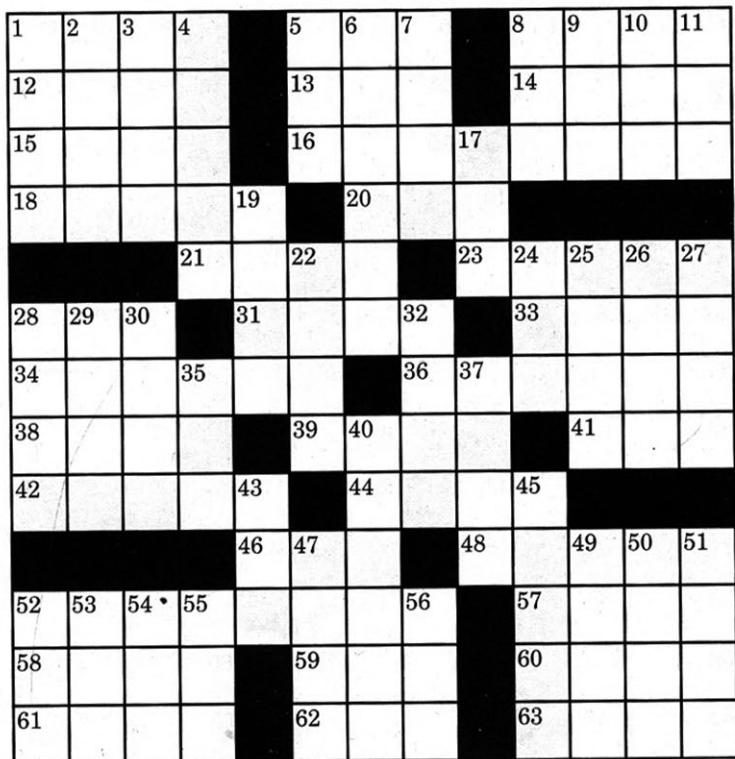
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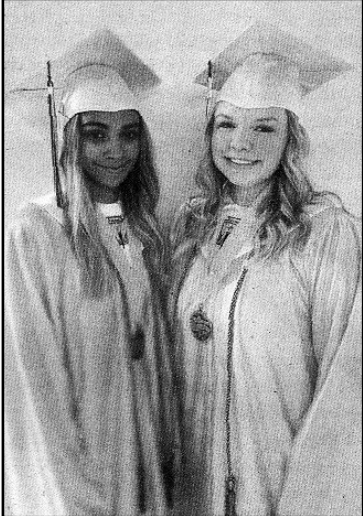

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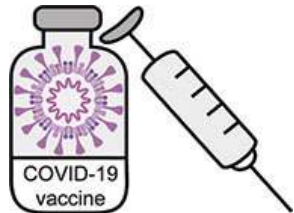
			
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31st Annual Raritan Bay Anglers Club Fluke Tournament, Waterfront, Perth Amboy, 7/10/21

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First Prize Mike Mangual - 7.60 lbs.	Second Prize Jake Linder - 7.00 lbs.	Third Prize Daniel Nykforuk - 6.95 lbs.

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.

Endorsed by President Harry Truman, an Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (re-introduced each year since 1923) on July 19, 1946, fails to pass by three votes in the Senate. A two-thirds margin is needed for passage.

In Washington, D.C., the "Report of the Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack" is released on July 20. It states that, despite charges and allegations to the contrary, the Committee has found no evidence that President Roosevelt and key Cabinet members "tricked, provoked, incited, cajoled or coerced Japan into attacking this Nation in order that a declaration of war might be more easily obtained from the Congress." The report places the blame for being unprepared for the attack on the two senior military officers in Hawaii at the time: U.S. Navy Adm. Husband Kimmel and U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Walter Short.

Off Cape Henry, Virginia, on July 21, U.S. Navy Lt. Cdr. James Davidson becomes the first American to land a jet airplane — an FH-1 Phantom — on an aircraft carrier (USS Franklin D. Roosevelt). Lt. Cdr. Davidson had earlier taken off from Roosevelt. For the first time in the history of the United Kingdom, bread is rationed, due to a wheat shortage.

On July 22, the militant Zionist organization Irgun, led by Menachem Begin (who would later become the sixth prime minister of Israel), bombs the British administrative headquarters for Palestine, located in the southern wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. The blast kills 91 Britons, Arabs and Jews and injures 46. A constitution for the World Health Organization (WHO) is signed in New York; it will become effective on 7 April 1948.

The last 1,385 of some 375,000 German prisoners of war being held in the U.S. at the end of the war are released to return home on July 23.

Andrei Gromyko, Permanent Representative of the Soviet Union to the United Nations, on July 24 tells a closed session of the UN Security Council that the U.S.S.R. will not accept a plan to ban further production of nuclear weapons. After days of negotiations, the seven U.S. Marines captured by the Communists in Hebei Province, in northern China, on July 13 are released.

Off Bikini Atoll, on July 25, the United States detonates an atomic bomb underwater for the first time. "Test Baker" — the second of three planned tests of "Operation Crossroads" — is the first underwater test of a nuclear device. Ten target ships are sunk. The difficulty (in some cases, impossibility) of safely and successfully decontaminating 18 target ships and 61 support ships — contaminated by highly radioactive water spray from the test — causes the scheduled third test ("Charlie") to be canceled. "Operation Crossroads" itself is terminated on 10 August. At the Club 500 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, singer Dean Martin and comedian Jerry Lewis perform their first show as a comedy team.

President Truman on July 26 issues Executive Order 9981 that forbids discrimination in the U.S. Armed Forces "on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin." In Austria, the First Nationalization Act creates government control over all heavy industries in an effort to control the nation's inflation.

Meeting in Bombay, India, the Executive Council of the Muslim League on July 27 votes unanimously to reject the plan proposed by the British government to grant independence to British India while keeping the country unified.

On July 28, U.S. Assistant Secretary of War Howard Peterson announces that, in addition to the 123,000 American and Filipino military who died in combat, over 131,000 American and Filipino citizens — mostly Filipino civilians — died as a result of 72 instances of war crimes in the Philippines between December 7, 1941, and the end of World War II.

India's Muslim League on July 29 calls for the partition of India into a Hindu state and a Muslim state. In coastal Hebei Province, in northeastern China, 300 soldiers of the communist People's Liberation Army ambush 41 U.S. Marines escorting a supply convoy. In the firefight that follows, four marines and at least 15 Chinese are killed.

The first rocket to attain an altitude of 100 miles above the earth's surface is launched from White Sands, New Mexico, on July 30.

Deputy Foreign Minister Herbert Morrison of the United Kingdom and U.S. diplomat Henry Grady propose a plan — endorsed by both President Truman and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee — to partition Palestine. The proposal would set aside 17% of the land for 100,000 Jewish immigrants; 43% of the land would go to Palestinian Arabs and the remainder of the land would remain under British control as a "neutral zone." Jewish and Arab groups both reject the proposal.

In Austria, the Salzburg Music Festival on August 1 opens for the first time since the Anschluß (the annexation of Austria by Nazi Germany on 12 March 1938). In the U.S., President Truman signs the McMahon Act creating the Atomic Energy Commission. The Act transfers nuclear weapons and technology from military to civilian control to foster the peacetime development of atomic science and technology. Andrey Vlasov — the Red Army general captured at Leningrad who then defected and led the Russian Liberation Army that fought alongside the Wehrmacht — is executed in Moscow for treason. In Hungary, the forint becomes legal tender, replacing the pengő. The exchange rate for gold is set at 13.21 forint per gram of gold. (For comparison, gold costs approximately \$1.10 per gram in the U.S. at the time. Thus, US\$1.00 equals approximately 12 forint.)



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 July 24th, August 14th & 28th 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.

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Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — The summer fun has begun, and everyone at the Dowdell Library is having a blast! The library is now open for browsing. Make sure to stop by, find a good book, participate in summer activities, use a computer or utilize one of our many on-line resources! Please see the new extended summer hours below or at Dowdell.org.

Children can visit the library and enjoy weekly crafts and activities! Every Monday and Friday from 2:00-3:00 pm, stop by for fun staff-assisted crafts, and then every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 - 3:30 pm, drop in for self-guided activities that will include crafts, puzzles, chalk, bubbles, and more!

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for Celebrity Storytime at the Waterfront Park Gazebo off O'Leary Blvd. The summer's final Storytime will take place on August 10 (rain date August 17) and will feature Suzanne Ryan as Mother Goose. Storytime starts at 11:00 - 12:30. There will be games, music, and PRIZES! Please bring a beach towel to sit on under the gazebo.

Adults and teens can stay busy the rest of the summer, too! Test your knowledge with a trivia contest or participate in Family Tales, where you can discover your genealogy and create your family tree using Heritage Quest. Please pick up your trivia board and the genealogy worksheet at the library or find it on the website. There are also planned crafts at 2:00 pm every Wednesday in August inside the library. Make a beaded keychain or button canvas art! Check dowdell.org for all the details.

Join us from 6:30 - 8:00 pm on Thursday August 12 in the parking lot of the library for an awesome Drive-in Music Concert! The free concert will feature artist Justin Ryan and guest vocalist Dorothy Dobkowski and include instruments from Hawaii, Europe, and Trinidad. Don't forget to bring your beach chairs!

Prizes and giveaways are still happening! Details and information about each program are posted on our website: Dowdell.org, and shared on our social media pages. You can also sign up for our monthly newsletter on our website and have all the program information sent directly to your email!

Expanded Summer Hours: Monday 10 am - 8 pm, Tuesday & Thursday 12 pm - 8 pm, Wednesday & Friday 10 am - 5 pm.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

Woodbridge Public Library Events

Free Virtual Events - All are Welcome to Attend

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

July 21 | 7PM

The Adorable and Absurd History of Presidential Pets

A lot of animals have lived in the White House over the last 235 years. Andrew Hager of The Presidential Pet Museum is dedicated to telling their stories. Hear some of the most amazing anecdotes virtually followed by a Q&A session! Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3vgecrd>

July 23 | 3PM

Mystery/Thriller Book Club

Join us virtually for a discussion of The Second Mother by Jenny Milchman. Copies of the book are available at select branches and through the MURAL library system. Some copies are available in large print too for those who prefer it. This event is free and open to all. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/2SEnujE>

July 27 | 7PM

Stories of Travel by Stagecoach & Horse

This virtual program brought to us by the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts looks at various aspects related to horse-powered travel, including primary source document accounts of what it was like to travel by stagecoach. It will also explore the wide range of horse-powered vehicles that were on the road in the 19th century and what it meant to have a horse as your "engine." Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/35dxYZO>

All of July

Adult Book Boxes!

Book Boxes allow you the chance to read a library book you may not have picked yourself. For each month our librarians have selected a theme and will put books across all genres into these boxes that follow our theme. Participants will still need to check out the book like they would any other library materials and loan periods still apply. No registration is required, first come first served. For July we have selected All About Animals! This month's book boxes are all about animals! Some animals are the main character, some are the sidekicks, some help to get the plot going. Check out these books across all genres!

Annual Summer Reading Club!

Our annual summer reading club begins June 21 and runs through August 13. Participants are welcomed to read any book they like. Submit a brief review of the book and be entered to win a weekly prize. All participants of the club will also be entered into a grand prize drawing! You are welcomed to sign up in person at one of our locations or online at tinyurl.com/WPLAdults21.



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PERTH AMBOY - Beautifully remodeled 3rd floor unit. Don't miss out on this 2-bedroom dream apartment. Brand new counter tops in kitchen along with a fully remodeled bathroom to match. **\$1,500 rent**



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SOUTH AMBOY - Great move-in condition 2nd floor apartment. a must see. **\$1,600 rent**



PERTH AMBOY - Huge colonial featuring 4 bedrooms 2 full baths in the heart of South Amboy lots of rooms, very spacious very close to NYC Train and business district. needs some TLC. buyer is responsible for C/O. and repairs. Hurry!!! **\$339,000**



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PERTH AMBOY - Beautifully remodeled 2nd floor apartment. Cozy and ready to move-in. Kitchen features newly installed quartz countertops with stainless steel appliances. Parking on-site. **\$1,850 rent**