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Interviewing of Citizen Public Safety Advisory Board Candidates & Misuse of Handicapped Parking Permits Among Topics Discussed 9/8/21 Caucus/Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – Several applicants were on the agenda to be interviewed to be placed on the Board for Citizen's Public Safety. Two candidates: Samantha Castro from Frontline Youth and Zaria Moore were the only ones not present. The rest of the candidates (four of them) were current or former city employees. David Benyola, who is retired from the Department of Human Resources has always been involved with the city's residents through his former employment. Seth Nanton has been a resident of the city for many years and said he has positive and negative interactions with the police. Captain Miguel Pellet said he will have 25 years as a police officer in October 2021. He has been involved in community policing for most of his career and the residents know him when he used to walk the beat of city streets. Detective John Marcinko told the council that unfortunately he will not be able to take the place on the Board due to his wife's objection. His wife said he had too much on his plate as it is and that in this case, family has to come first. Kenneth J. Puccio gave a very impressive list of his involvement from day #1 as a police officer. He also coached in the Perth Amboy Youth League. He is retired and is still a Special #2 Officer and is the President of the Board of Education. He has 30+ years experience in the police department. He has also been a volunteer firefighter. He has taught at several New Jersey Universities involving different productive police practices. He has been very involved in the Juvenile Justice Department in the detective division and is one of the founders of the DARE Program. "A lot of current police officers were involved in some of the programs that I was head of. I am also a cancer survivor and have been free of cancer for 10 months," stated Puccio.

After the candidates that were present spoke, there was a discussion regarding handicapped parking misuse and removal procedures. Council President Bill Petrick spoke about this, "There are concerns that there is a person who has a handicapped parking sign in front of their residence and instead of parking there will park in another parking space. We should let the police know about this. They can take care of this matter."

Councilman Joel Pabon then spoke up, "I talked to Police Officer Montalvo about this particular person abusing their handicapped parking permit and I am waiting for the officer to get back to me. We have more handicapped parking in Perth Amboy than towns that are even bigger than us. People are abusing this privilege. I know of a police officer who lives next to someone who abuses their handicapped parking spot. We need to put something in writ-

ing to address this particular situation. Maybe after giving the abusers several warnings, something more drastically can be done."

Attorney William Opel responded, "I don't know if there is anything in an ordinance pertaining to this."

Petrick then suggested, "Maybe warnings should be issued. After that, tickets should be issued."

Pabon said he talked to a person who had a handicapped spot. "I told him that he was abusing it. That person then challenged me and said, 'Show me something on the books that says I can't do this.'"

Opel then told the council that he has to look at the ordinance and he would get back to them.

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch spoke up and commented, "The handicapped placard has a number that is attached to the particular vehicle when they filled out the application for a handicapped spot. That hanger is for that particular vehicle and for that particular spot. That parking space is then designated for the vehicle. You can take the placard and put it in another vehicle if they are transporting that handicapped person (who owns that placard) someplace."

On Ordinance No. 5 – Authorizing the transfer of a to be subdivided block 95, lot 1 (More commonly known as 590 Smith Street).

Petrick stated that this is where the car wash is.

Lawyer Opel talked about Ordinance No. 2 (First Reading) – Adopting an amendment to the Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for Area No. 1 (Gateway) in accordance with the local redevelopment and housing law. "This property by the gas station/car wash on the corner of Convery Boulevard and Smith Street, has a permitted use."

Ordinance No. 3 (First Reading) Entitled "Taxicabs" RE: Rates.

Council President Petrick said, "Taxicab rates are going up by \$1."

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch then added, "It's a dollar per zone."

Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up to talk about the Resolution R-432 thru R-434 regarding grant involving replacement of Marine 5 and Port Security Grants. "The last grant that we received has been maxed out. We have \$900,000 going towards a new boat and capital funds would be needed. We expect a new boat to be received by June 2023. The old boat can be traded in or given to an interested party."

Council President Petrick spoke up, "I was very impressed by all the grants the Fire Department has been getting from the Port Security Program."

Mullen spoke up again and stated that, "Some of the grant money was used for maintenance purposes and the Dive Team received Port Security

Grant. We've had 15 years of Frontline service, and I am proud of this. The new boat that we will be getting has a 10-15 year lifespan. It will be for emergency responses, and it is 4 feet bigger than the old marine boat. The two Buckeye Terminals and the Kindermorgan terminals are very important in providing port security."

Council President Petrick then had a discussion regarding R-438 (The Perth Amboy Self Storage LLC located on Block 427 Lot 3 & 4) "I am very pleased with this project. It came out very nice."

Pabon spoke up, "After this project was completed, I noticed that there is an existing street that is existing that was supposed to be a part of the railroad, but that street has no name attached to it."

City Engineer Ernest Feist joined the conversation via Zoom, "The street you are talking about is supposed to be a private road for the developer of that project."

Petrick was concerned because that road goes through the e-port property.

Feist responded, "It's supposed to provide access to all the factories in that area, but I will get back to the council when I get more information on that private road."

Petrick then questioned R-439 thru R-442 where the tax collector placed liens on several properties for charges incurred by the Department of Public Works for cleanup. Petrick stated, "The building on Rector Street was razed to the ground, but the yard still needs to be cleaned up. This building that was razed is across from Kushner's property and maybe we should send the bill to Kushner."

Pabon then spoke up, "There is an enclosed property on Rector Street that has become a dumping ground for mattresses and other garbage. This was supposed to have been written up. There are fire hydrants by this property, and I wonder if they are even working."

Petrick then stated, "I'm looking at resolutions where people are getting liens on their properties because people have to do cleanups (R-439 thru R-442). Yet, we let Kushner get away with all of his properties (being in disarray for all these years)."

Petrick then said, "Resolution R-448-9/21 – Authorizing the proper city official to apply for the Middlesex County Art and History Program Support Grant in the amount of \$5,000 has to be pulled because they (Office of Economic and Community Development) are not ready."

Acting Chief of Police Larry Cattano came up to talk about R-471-9/21 – The submission of an application to the State of New Jersey Office of the Attorney General bolstering police/youth trust program grant in the

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amount of \$16,500.

Cattano stated, “It’s an extension from a state grant. It is an entrepreneurship program for at risk youth.”

Tashi Vazquez from the Department of the Office of Economic and Community Development spoke via Zoom to clarify what is in this resolution, “This is a new grant for the community and the youth, and it is family friendly. Four events will be taking place (bicycling and bicycling paths) for families as well as for our youth.”

City Engineer Feist spoke via Zoom to add more information about R-438 (Self Storage and unknown street), “That Street is designated as a right-a-way for existing businesses.”

Petrick then questioned if this roadway has curbs.

Feist explained that it has curbs and drainage.

Pabon spoke up, “It only seems that tractor trailers are parked on that road. If that road belongs to us, we should be able to enforce the laws on that street.”

Attorney Opel asked Feist if that roadway meets community standards.

Feist responded, “It does, and it was part of the application for the city roadway standards. If you draft this ordinance, you can name that street because at one time it was an existing roadway. You’ll need to have streetlights on that road.”

Acting Police Chief Cattano came up and stated that the police department has received numerous complaints about that roadway. You (the council) need to do something so we can take over that street.”

Pabon spoke up again and said, “There is a driver training business located on that street.”

Cattano continued, “Businesses located on that street are disputed as to who really owns that street.”

Opel finished the conversation, “I will work on getting the ordinance together.”

Public Portion:

Resident Ken Balut came up and questioned if the city had received the \$16,000 check from Kushner for work that the city did on one of his properties.

Opel responded, “Yes, the check came in, but it was for \$49,000.”

After Opel gave that amount, Balut applauded him by clapping loudly. Balut then asked if the report came in on the Government Strategy Group (on the work they did for the city and how much they charged the city).

Council President Petrick responded, “The report has been received, but it has not been made public yet.”

Opel spoke up, “Once the report on the Government Strategy Group is finalized, it will be made public.”

City Clerk Kupsch said, “The report should be done by the next council meeting.”

Balut continued, “Code Enforcement is not doing anything about the Kushner properties and other properties (which are environmental hazards). Kushner is friends with past politicians and a lot of politicians that are presently serving which allow him to get away with a lot. A lot of his condominiums in the city have no firestops built in and they are fining the tenants instead of Kushner. I keep bringing this up, but Kushner never gets fined. Is the county controlling us?”

Resident Vince Mackiel came up next. He questioned, “What kind of safeguards do we have to protect the city? What exactly are the threats to the city? We are undergoing a lot of climate disruption. Why are we having all these fireboats in the Arthur Kill and Raritan Bay? We spent over \$1 million in 4 years for all this equipment that has to do with the marina and fireboats. What is the justification and threat? This needs to be explained. Speedway Gas Station on Smith Street just closed to make improvements.”

Chief Mullen came forward, “The person who just spoke made positive questions. There are 3 large petroleum facilities in the area as well as terminals, waterfront properties, and warehouses. We are the closest for port security, but we need to have more boats. We have saved 41 lives of jumpers in a short period of time. Our dive team has also helped with people who have OD’d with opioids.”

After Mullen spoke, Lisette Martinez from the Office of Aging spoke via Zoom, “We want to give the council information on R-453 regarding the Middlesex County Department of Senior Services Assistive Technology Grant for Calendar Year 2022 in the amount of \$10,000 with no matching funds required. This is for our senior citizens. They can get technical assistance and attend workshops to help them navigate through social media outlets. It will also help to update our technology at the senior center on Olive Street.”

No one from the public spoke through Zoom.

Councilwoman Rose Morales was absent because of illness. Councilwoman Milady Tejada joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:45 p.m. The council went into closed session at 6:54 p.m.

The Council came back into the chambers at 7:42 p.m. to adjourn the Caucus Meeting. The council portion started at 7:43 p.m. Councilwoman Milady Tejada was there in person. Councilwoman Rose Morales was the only person to miss both meetings.

The ordinances were opened to the public to speak on. For ordinance No. 1 – Stormwater management, no one from the public spoke. It was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejada. Ordinance No. 2 – Handicapped Parking additions, no one spoke from the public. It was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejada.

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Ordinance No. 3 regarding donations of property located at 215 Riverview Drive donated to the city by Duke Realty LLC which contains the new amphitheater park and renovated lab building. Resident Lisa Nanton spoke on this ordinance via Zoom, “Duke Realty said this was not an amphitheater built on the property. I see that our Business Administrator Mike Green is not at the meeting. I wouldn’t call this as having an amphitheater. Why don’t you just call it a stage with a little roof over it?”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada said, “At the last meeting we had, they were supposed to have a change on the ordinance and strike the word amphitheater from the description.”

Council President Petrick said, “It looks more like a flat platform.”

Attorney Opel cautioned the council and said, “Amphitheater is what in the description of the property. If you change the wording, it may cause a big problem.”

After the ordinance was closed for public discussion, it was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejada.

Ordinance No. 4 - entitled “General Development Land Administration”. No one spoke from the public. It was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejada.

Ordinance No. 5 – authorizing transfer of a to be subdivided block known as 590 Smith Street. No one spoke from the public. Councilman B.J. Torres had a problem with this ordinance. He was unhappy with the intent to build a Wawa on that property which is the gateway to the city. “This is a piecemeal development. This is a main artery to our city. There is a 7-11 nearby and will it be a hardship on that business?”

Attorney Opel responded, “PARA is putting together a site plan which includes part of that parcel which can accommodate this kind of enterprise. They are looking at a traffic analysis.”

Torres continued, “It seems like this is already planned, and I am not sure that this is the right direction for the city. We already had a lot of accidents happen in that area.”

Opel said, “When it comes to plans for that property, the Planning Board will be involved.”

When it came to vote on ordinance No. 5 it was moved by Councilman Joel Pabon and seconded by Councilwoman Milady Tejada. Councilman B.J. Torres was the only one to vote, “No.”

Ordinance No. 6 – entitled “Police Department”. No one spoke from the public. It was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejada. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

Resident Vince Mackiel came up first. He spoke about Communication No. 5 – NJDEP submitted a suspected hazardous substance discharge notification

regarding the contamination of water with oil resulting from a fire and explosion of a vessel while docked at the Kindermorgan Perth Amboy Terminal. Mackiel said, “This was a drill on the Arthur Kill. I would like a report on this drill to be distributed to the council and Business Administrator. We’ve had environmental stress due to Covid and other stressful situations. Drills are supposed to be conducted four times a year. You want to prevent disasters. This was a drill that took place and maybe the spill was occurred during the drill. You need to prevent disasters because eventually it will happen.”

The council then voted on the Ordinances (First Reading). No public discussion.

Ordinance No. 1 RE: Fixing and establishing a schedule of salaries and salary ranges in increments regarding Perth Amboy Fire Officers Association Local# 4070 January 1, 2019, thru January 1, 2022. It was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejada.

Ordinance No. 2 – Adopting an amendment to the Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for redevelopment area 1 (gateway) in accordance with the local redevelopment and housing law. It was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejada.

Ordinance No. 3 – An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, “Taxicabs” regarding rates. It was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejada.

The Council then voted on the consent agenda. R-430 thru R-447 and R-449 thru R-469 and R-471 was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejada. R-448 was removed during Caucus. R-464 thru R-470 were for the appointments of people to serve on the Citizens Public Safety Advisory Board. All those who were on the list to be interviewed for a position were appointed with the exception of Detective John Marcinko who declined the appointment (R-470). Marcinko’s appointment has to be filled by another member of the Police Department who has to be recommended by Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano.

Public Portion:

The first person to come up to speak Retired City Employee Dave Benyola. He wanted to thank the council for appointing him to the Citizens Public Safety Advisory Board. He also wanted to know, “What is the status of the work to be done on the bridge by ShopRite (on Rte.

35)?”

Acting Chief Cattano came forward, “They expect to have the work started again in 6 months.”

City Engineer Ernest Feist joined the conversation via Zoom, “There had to be a sub-service investigation first. There were unknown obstacles which cause some parts of the project to be redesigned.”

Council President Petrick said, “I know that they were worried about the force main and vibrations happening.”

Retired City Employee Bob Percelli, “I want to congratulate the Office of Aging which is doing an excellent job. They have exercise programs and other activities for the seniors. I urge all senior citizens to come to the senior center to see all they have to offer.”

Petrick then remarked, “I know that the senior center also provides bus service.”

Percelli confirmed, “Yes, they do.”

No one from Zoom spoke.

Council Comments:

Councilman Joel Pabon had no comments.

Councilwoman Milady Tejada said, “I decided take a walk down to the Waterfront. I was surprised at all the garbage on the street. I am asking the residents to please stop doing that when there are garbage cans all over the place. Do your part to keep the city clean. Keep vigilant about getting vaccinated. The schools are back in session, and I wish the students and teachers well.”

Councilman B.J. Torres had no comments.

Council President Bill Petrick said, “I see that we have three meetings coming up on September 20th, 21st, and 22nd. I would like to ask the council if they would like to have a double meeting on the 20th and cancel the council meeting on the 22nd because there is another event at the same time on that day that we may need to attend.”

All the council members present agreed that they were okay with that change.

Petrick also said, “It is up to the community to keep the city clean and not public works. We have a lot of garbage cans available around the city. If you see someone dumping garbage, take photos so they can be sent to the proper departments (to investigate). Please mask up if you haven’t had the vaccine. Let’s all work together.”

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



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Looks like Mr. Biden's soap opera is going crazy with his COVID mandate, but here's something odd - the American Postal Workers Union and National Association of Letter

Carriers gave about \$ 3 Million to Biden and other political parties in 2020 election, if it's true. Also, the American Postal Workers Union was claiming: "Is not the Federal Government to mandate vaccinations". Are those Postal Workers EXEMPT from getting the vaccine? So, who running this crazy soap

opera on COVID vaccines? I guess will never get a straight answer. YES - clowns at work. Also, it's been 20 years ago. What happened on 9/11?? Still no straight answer?? What a "Shame!"

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

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Social Security Board of Trustees: Combined Trust Funds Projected Depletion One Year Sooner Than Last Year

Press Release 8/31/21
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The OASI Trust Fund is projected to become depleted in 2033, one year sooner than last year's estimate, with 76 percent of benefits payable at that time. The DI Trust Fund is estimated to become depleted in 2057, eight years earlier than last year's estimate, with 91 percent of benefits still payable.

In the 2021 Annual Report to Congress, the Trustees announced:

- The asset reserves of the combined OASI and DI Trust Funds increased by \$11 billion in 2020 to a total of \$2.908 trillion.
- The total annual cost of the program is projected to exceed total annual income, for the first time since 1982, in 2021 and remain higher throughout the 75-year projection period. As a result, asset reserves are expected to decline during 2021. Social Security's cost has exceeded its non-interest income since 2010.

- The year when the combined trust fund reserves are projected to become depleted, if Congress does not act before then, is 2034 – one year earlier than last year's projection. At that time, there would be sufficient income coming in to pay 78 percent of scheduled benefits.

"The Trustees' projections in this year's report include the best estimates of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Social Security program," said Kिलolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. "The pandemic and its economic impact have had an effect on Social Security's Trust Funds, and the future course of the pandemic is still uncertain. Yet, Social Security will continue to play a critical role in the lives of 65 million beneficiaries and 176 million workers and their families during 2021."

Other highlights of the Trustees Report include:

- Total income, including interest, to the combined OASI and DI Trust Funds amounted to \$1.118 trillion in 2020. (\$1.001 trillion from net payroll tax contributions, \$41 billion from taxation of benefits, and \$76 billion in interest)
- Total expenditures from the combined OASI and DI Trust Funds amounted to \$1.107 trillion in 2020.
- Social Security paid benefits of \$1.096 trillion in calendar year 2020. There were about 65 mil-

lion beneficiaries at the end of the calendar year.

- The projected actuarial deficit over the 75-year long-range period is 3.54 percent of taxable payroll – higher than the 3.21 percent projected in last year's report.

- During 2020, an estimated 175 million people had earnings covered by Social Security and paid payroll taxes.

- The cost of \$6.3 billion to administer the Social Security program in 2020 was a very low 0.6 percent of total expenditures.

- The combined Trust Fund asset reserves earned interest at an effective annual rate of 2.6 percent in 2020.

The Board of Trustees usually comprises six members. Four serve by virtue of their positions with the federal government: Janet Yellen, Secretary of the Treasury and Managing Trustee; Kिलolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security; Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Martin J. Walsh, Secretary of Labor. The two public trustee positions are currently vacant.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TUES. Sept. 14	BID, 4 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Sept. 20	City Council, Caucus, 5:30 p.m. City Hall, High St. & Zoom • City Council, Regular, immediately following Caucus City Hall, High St. & Zoom
THURS. Sept. 30	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Sept. 15	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall N. Broadway
WED. Oct. 6	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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PERTH AMBOY CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, Sept. 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, take notice that the Council Meeting of **September 20, 2021** will follow the Caucus Meeting of the same date at **5:30 p.m.** will be held in the Council Chambers, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy. The meeting will also be held VIA A ZOOM ON-LINE CONFERENCE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

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Spotted Lantern Fly, Perth Amboy 9/5/21

**Photo by Louis Petro*



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Gym Membership Reimbursement, Air Purifiers, New High School Groundbreaking, Covid Vaccine Mandate Topics of BOE Meeting

8/31/21 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – The Board of education meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. The Board immediately went into a closed session at 4:11 p.m. and returned 4 hours and 1 minute later at 8:12 p.m.

There was a brief presentation by Yolanda Gomez, Director of Personnel on gym membership reimbursement for teachers and staff at a qualified health facility. “There is a membership for two family members who can go to a gym and a reimbursement,” stated Gomez.

It was noted by Superintendent Dr. David Roman that this program is at no cost to the staff or the district.

Assistant Superintendent Delves Rodriguez stated that there were three types of air purifiers throughout the school depending on the needs of the room or area: Aera Max, Trio Plus, and Carrier Opti Clean.

Dr. David Roman stated that this was something that the district decided to do on its own and it was not mandated by the state.

Dr. Delves Rodriguez also stated that the state will have over 30,000 disposable masks for distribution to the students and staff.

Dr. Roman added, “The district has gone above and beyond to make sure that filters are in place. I think we have the best custodians in the state.” It was also noted by Dr. Roman that anyone who comes to visit any building in the district must have an appointment and their temperature scanned. “We must have qualified personnel to see what is going on.”

Public Portion: There was only one public portion. The only people who spoke was Perth Amboy American Federation President Pat Paradiso and District Representative Lynn Audet. Here are their statements: Pat Paradiso: We are very concerned about some of the large class sizes in the district. In the

elementary schools, we have large bilingual classes, and some empty classrooms available. We were wondering if you had any plans to have any of the supervisors or instructional leaders cover classes for the safety of our students... at least until we can hire more teachers.

In a similar vein, we were finally able to get a copy of the Perth Amboy Collaborative Monitoring Report from May 2021 that resulted in the district being put on a Corrective Action Plan. One of the recommendations from the Department of Education stated that the district should “create pathways for paraprofessionals to gain bilingual/bicultural certification to address the bilingual teacher shortage, in coordination with Title II and Title IV funds.” We were wondering where the district is in planning for that. We have always advocated for a pathway to certification for our paraprofessionals and included language in our last negotiations regarding reimbursement of tuition. Too many of our ELLS are being taught by non-Spanish speaking teachers, particularly at the middle and high school level. It puts them in a difficult position. We have the best paraprofessionals in New Jersey and an obvious great need for bilingual teachers. Let’s make this happen.

On a final note, we are very concerned about assembling large groups of staff members on September 1 & 2 for professional development. All last year professional development was conducted remotely; We know that it can be done that way safely and effectively. We are requesting that you reevaluate that decision. It does not make sense to risk an outbreak before instruction even begins.

Thank you.
Lynn Audet: On August 31, 2021, I addressed the Perth Amboy Board of Education at their monthly meeting. I must begin

by saying that the Executive Session was four hours long that night... I feel that the public portion of the Board meetings should occur before Executive Session. It is unacceptable to make members of the public wait that long to be heard. I feel it is a thinly veiled attempt to deter the public from participating in and listening to the meeting.

I began by wishing our students and staff the best of luck for a safe and productive school year. The past year and a half have definitely been a very difficult time for all. Our entire staff has been amazing throughout the pandemic! I just wanted to thank them for all that they do every day for our students!

I was very pleased to see in a letter sent out by Delvis Rodriguez, that the air purifiers at our schools without HVAC are being replaced with appropriate units for the size of the classrooms. The issue of ventilation is something that Union Leadership had been very passionate about being rectified since we learned that the units that were being used were not sufficient to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Next, I made a formal request for the Board to adjust our school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year to include a day to observe Juneteenth.

I also addressed Governor Murphy’s mandate for all staff members to be vaccinated for Covid by October 18, or to be tested at least once a week. It is my understanding that a majority of our staff members are vaccinated. We do, however, have a large number of staff members that for various reasons are not vaccinated. These staff members according to the Governor’s mandate are going to be required to be tested for Covid at least once a week beginning October 18. I requested that the Board negotiate with the AFT as to how this testing will be carried out. We want to make

sure that the process of testing will be as easy as possible for our staff members.

I suggested for AFT Leadership to be included in the decision-making process when it comes to all procedures and protocols that will impact the staff. All too often I feel as if AFT Leadership is not included in the planning stages, which forces us to attempt to rectify problems that could have been avoided in the first place after directives are made public to our staff.

I gave an example of AFT Leadership not being included in the decision making when we found out “through the grapevine” that there was a Safe Return Planning Committee Meeting scheduled for June 22, 2021, to discuss plans for the upcoming school year. AFT Leadership was not invited to participate in this meeting. We had to push Central Administration to be included.

This practice is not productive and leads us to having to file grievances to be heard. This is something that I have been asking for since I took over as the District Representative.

I pointed out to the Board of Education that we are not the enemy. We want to work collaboratively to help move the Perth Amboy Public Schools forward, as well as always making sure our members are safe and treated fairly. We are the ones talking to staff members daily and listening to their concerns. We wish to be proactive, not reactive.

Board President Ken Puccio wished everyone good luck in the upcoming school year. It was noted that Board Member Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe lost her mother, Nilda Rivera, and former principal Gerald Chismar has passed away.

Dr. Roman received much applause when he announced that the groundbreaking of the new high school will be on Monday, September 27, 2021.

“Many people do not realize the amount of work that the Board does. I’m grateful you volunteer for us. We may not agree how to get there – we gave children an opportunity – your children are safe. We will do what is best. We got you – Here we come!”

Board Member Junior Iglesia stated, “The groundbreaking ceremony – we would like everyone can be a part of that moment.”

Board President Puccio then said, “I thank two of the hardest working people who keep the district going: Maritza and Milagros. They are two of the most hardest working people I know.”

It was noted by the Board that all district employees must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 or take a Covid Test once or twice a week. This will take effect on October 18, 2021. A copy of the policy was available at the Board Meeting.

Everyone voted yes during the roll call votes for the supervisors on the agenda.

Board Vice President Tashi Vazquez stated, “I want to thank our school staff for the vaccination clinic and thank the AFT for distributing books.” She emphasized the importance that parents should fill out the free lunch application. “Even though every child will get a free lunch, there are other benefits that become available and we have accurate counts when the application is filled out. I encourage everyone to get that completed. When you see the lines at the food pantry, there is a need.” Vazquez then said, “I encourage students to get library cards. Thank you AFT for being there. Let’s have a safe school year.” Vazquez then added, “Uniforms are available at Kid City. It is mandatory for students to wear uniforms.”

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. All Board Members were present.

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.

Join the Cub Scouts!

FORDS – Pack 53 wants you to join the cub scouts! For boys K thru 5. Our 70th year. Sign up now! Be ready to start up in September! Our 2021-2 Plans are done and ready for the Scouts to have lots of fun! These pictures are our scouts and some of the numerous activities they participated in last year. Fishing, hiking, BB guns, archery, service time (planting, Scouting for Food, Cleanups, and toy collections), parades, Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta and much, much more.

We are Pack 53 Fords Clara Barton, but scouts are from all over. We are Sponsored by Fords Fire Department, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and Fords Middle School. See our website: pack53fordsnj.shutterfly.com for more information! Send me your email to pack53cs@gmail.com for more information.

Opening of Thomas Mundy Peterson Park

PERTH AMBOY – Celebrate the opening of Thomas Mundy Peterson Park on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entrance on High Street between Washington St. & Buckingham Ave. (across from Middlesex County VoTech – use 457 High St. for GPS).

This Park honors Thomas Mundy Peterson, a resident of the City of Perth Amboy and the first African American to vote in a U.S. election after the 15th Amendment was ratified. Ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. followed by: games, crafts, food vendors, historic lectures, Vo-Tech and Middlesex College Open Houses.

Hardy Mum & Pumpkin Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will hold a hardy mum and pumpkin sale the weekend of September 17-19 in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy (across from Sacred Heart Church).

Locally grown 8” hardy mums in assorted colors will be available for \$6 each or 3 for \$15. Pie pumpkins, also known as sugar pumpkins, which are used for cooking, baking and seasonal décor, will also be sold.

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2021 Greek Festival

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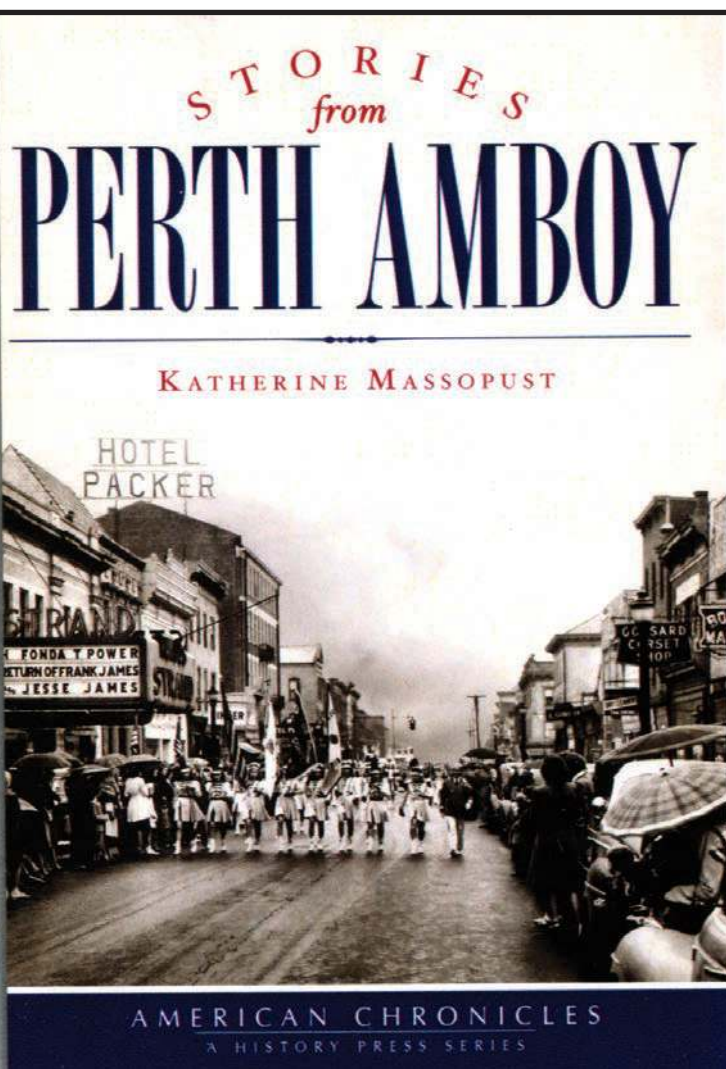
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World War II - 75 Years Ago

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

Lt. Gen. Takashi Sakai, who commanded Imperial Japanese Army troops that captured Hong Kong, is executed in Nanking, China, on September 13, 1946. Extra-dited from Japan to China by U.S. occupation authorities, Sakai was tried and found guilty of command responsibility for the extrajudicial murder of Chinese civilians. At Kraków, Poland, former *SS-Hauptsturmführer* Amon Göth, Austrian commandant of the Kraków-Płaszów concentration camp — where between 8,000 and 12,000 inmates were murdered — is executed by hanging. Tried by the Supreme National Tribunal of Poland, Göth was convicted of membership in the Nazi Party, ordering the imprisonment, torture and execution of individuals and groups of people, and homicide “for personally killing, maiming and torturing a significant, albeit unknown, number of people.” (Göth, portrayed by actor Ralph Fiennes, was a central character in the 1993 film *Schindler’s List*.) The Soviet government issues a decree initiating “Operation Osoaviakhim” to relocate over 2,200 German rocket-production scientists (over 6,000 people in all, including family members) and facilities from the Soviet Occupied Zone of Germany to the U.S.S.R.

On September 14, the British government orders gas and electricity cut off in all buildings throughout the country that are occupied by squatters. Before leaving the Fontainebleau conference outside of Paris, Hô Chi Minh, representing Vietnam, is forced to sign unfavorable accords with the French government. Hô had visited the U.S. embassy in the French capital several times seeking assistance but was unsuccessful.

Vasil Petrov Kolarov on September 15 takes office as the first Provisional President of the Republic of Bulgaria, following abolition of the monarchy. In the U.S.S.R., a drought and a poor harvest add to an ongoing famine. The government on September 16 issues a decree that doubles the price of meat and dairy products and triples the price of bread.

In the U.S., mass production of television sets starts on September 17. RCA begins making sets with 10-inch screens at its facility in Camden, New Jersey. Squatters begin to evacuate apartment houses and hotels in London that they had settled in, in the face of an eviction order from the courts, plus the shutting off of gas and electricity.

Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, Croatia, is arrested by Yugoslav authorities on September 18. He is charged with treason and collaboration with the pro-Nazi, fascist Ustaše regime.

In a speech at Zurich, Switzerland, on September 19, former British prime minister Winston Churchill proposes an idea that will ultimately result in the European Community: “ . . . We must build a kind of United States of Europe. . . . If Europe were once united in the sharing of its common inheritance there would be no limit to the happiness, prosperity, and glory of which its 300 or 400 million people would enjoy.” In Washington, D.C., six civil-rights activists meet with President Truman to ask the federal government for help in ending violence towards African Americans, referencing several recent lynchings. Horrified by the details, Truman directs U.S. Attorney General Tom Clark to develop a “policy to prevent such happenings.”

The British government on September 20, 1946, announces a program to house 20,000 homeless people in empty military facilities. In Washington, D.C., President Truman requests the resignation of Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, due to Wallace’s comments about Soviet-U.S. relations on September 12. Truman says: “The government of the United States must stand as a unit in its relations with the rest of the world.” On the French Riviera, the first Cannes Film Festival opens.

In a war of a different sort, Vincent “The Don” Benevento, a wealthy manufacturer of Italian cheeses, dies on September 21 after being shot seven times by gunmen who burst into a cabin occupied by him and his wife at a resort in Lake Zurich, Illinois, a Chicago suburb. Benevento, the self-styled “Cheese King” — a long-time rival of Tony Accardo, who heads the “Chicago Outfit” founded by Al Capone — has been engaged in a struggle for control of the Italian-cheese market in the Windy City. In 1945, Benevento had amazingly survived a previous attack at his cheese factory, in which he had been shot 10 times but couldn’t identify the shooters. Police suspect the gunmen were the same in both instances.

The Iranian government reports on September 22 that a rebellion has begun in Fars Province in the country’s southwest. The rebels demand autonomy similar to that granted to Iran’s Azerbaijan Province. Three days of protests against the war in Indonesia begin in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. A ship carrying 600 Jewish refugees is stopped and boarded by British forces off Palestine. In a scuffle that ensues, one Jew is killed, and some are injured. The ship is taken to Cyprus and the passengers are placed into internment camps.

In accordance with a plebiscite held on September 15, the Assembly of the Faroe Islands votes 12-11 on September 23 to create a nation independent of Denmark. The Scandinavian nation has ruled the islands — in the North Atlantic, roughly midway between Iceland and Norway — since 1816. In Yugoslavia, Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb is indicted for aiding the Ustaše and the Axis puppet state of Croatia.

In Copenhagen, King Christian X of Denmark on September 24 dissolves the Assembly of the Faroe Islands and negates the body’s independence vote of the previous day.

Bushehr, Iran, a port on the Persian Gulf, falls to rebels from Fars Province on September 25. On September 26, in Rangoon, Aung San agrees to become part of an interim government that will guide Burma to independence. Long a leader in efforts to overthrow British colonial rule over Burma, he had allied with the Japanese for years prior to switching sides at the very end of the war. British governor Maj. Gen. Sir Hubert Rance is chairman of the Executive Council, with Aung San as the deputy chairman.

The U.S., the U.K. and France on September 27, 1946, establish the Tripartite Commission for the Restitution of Monetary Gold, to be headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. The Commission’s mission is to recover gold looted by the Nazis from other countries and return it to the rightful owners. (After recovering all the gold it could, and receiving claims from 10 nations, the Commission found it did not have enough resources to pay each claim in full. As a result, each claimant received approximately 65% of their claimed losses. Its work completed, the Commission was formally dissolved in September 1998.)

King Georgios II of Greece returns to Athens on September 28 from his four-year absence, spent first in Egypt and then in Great Britain. At a press conference in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, U.S. General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower says that nuclear weapons should be made illegal. “I believe the outlawing of the atom bomb is the outlawing of wars . . . I think the time has come when humanity is intelligent enough to do away with war.”

The French Constituent Assembly on September 29 passes a new constitution for the Fourth Republic. In the U.S., the St. Louis Cardinals and the Brooklyn Dodgers both lose their final scheduled game of the season in the National League. The teams finish with identical 96-58 records and force the first tiebreaker playoff in Major League Baseball history. (The Cardinals sweep the first two games of the three-game series.)

On September 30, the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, returns verdicts for 22 top Nazi leaders being tried for war crimes. This includes Nazi party secretary Martin Bormann, who has been tried *in absentia*, neither he nor his body having been found. (Bormann’s remains are ultimately discovered in Berlin in 1972. With his time of death determined to have been May 1945, Bormann is believed to have been killed while fleeing from the *Führerbunker* and trying to leave the city.) Three of the accused — Hans Fritzsche, head of the news division of the Nazi Propaganda Ministry, Franz von Papen, ambassador to Austria and Turkey and former vice-chancellor of Germany, and banker and economist Hjalmar Schacht — are acquitted. Individual sentencing of those found guilty will take place tomorrow. (Originally, 24 top Nazi leaders were indicted, but two were not tried. One, Gustav Krupp, chief executive officer of Friedrich Krupp AG, an industrial conglomerate that produced munitions, was erroneously included instead of his son, Alfred. Gustav had been paralyzed since 1941 and his son ran the company for him for most of the war. The other, Robert Ley, head of the German Labor Front, committed suicide before the trials began and was neither found guilty nor acquitted, as his trial never went forward.)

On October 1, 19 of the 22 high Nazi officials accused in the Nuremberg War Crimes trials having been found guilty — of conspiracy to wage aggressive war, crimes against peace, crimes violating the laws of war, and crimes against humanity — are sentenced. Condemned to death are: *Luftwaffe* commander Hermann Göring; foreign minister Joachim von Ribbentrop; *SS* member and *Gestapo* chief Ernst Kaltenbrunner; head of the *Wehrmacht* High Command Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel; minister for occupied territories Alfred Rosenberg; governor of Occupied Poland Hans Frank; Protector for Bohemia and Moravia Wilhelm Frick; publisher of the anti-Semitic newspaper *Der Stürmer* Julius Streicher; forced-labor chief Fritz Sauckel; head of the Wehrmacht General Staff Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl; *Reichskommissar* of the Occupied Netherlands Arthur Seyss-Inquart; and (in absentia) Nazi Party secretary Martin Bormann. Sentenced to life imprisonment are: Deputy *Führer* Rudolf Hess; Reichsbank director Walther Funk; and *Kriegsmarine* commander Grand Adm. Erich Raeder. In addition, *Gauleiter* of Vienna Baldur von Schirach is sentenced to 20 years; minister of armaments Albert Speer receives 20 years; former foreign minister and Protector for Czechoslovakia Constantin von Neurath receives 15 years; and Grand Adm. Karl Dönitz receives 10 years. In North America, the Eleventh U.S. Army Air Force becomes the Alaskan Air Command and moves its headquarters from Adak Island in the Aleutians to Elmendorf Field in Anchorage, Alaska.

Faraway Hill, the very first “soap opera” broadcast on U.S. network television, premieres on the DuMont network on October 2. The 30-minute program, budgeted at \$300 per episode, airs for 12 weeks. Broadcast live, the program has no commercials — and makes no money.

All 39 people aboard an American Overseas Airlines flight from New York to Berlin, with stops in between, are killed when their Douglas DC-4 slams into the side of a hill ten minutes after taking off from Stephenville, Newfoundland, Canada, on October 3. It is the worst civilian air crash to date.

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 8 a.m. 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.

Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021. All are welcome to attend.

Clothing Bin Now Open

SAYREVILLE - The Clothing Recycling Bin located at First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville, 172 Main Street, across from Borough Hall has been reopened for donations. With ART, the recycling company, one may donate in 3 ways: 1.) Usable clothing is donated directly to the needy. 2.) High-quality clothing is given to organizations that sell to those who cannot afford new clothing. 3.) Unusable clothing is washed and sold for industrial use and leftovers are used in the auto industry as seat stuffing for large trucks. They also help charities, schools, police departments, fire departments and non-profit organizations. If you have clothes, shoes or other fabrics please consider using our recycling bin. Thank You.

Woodbridge Public Library Events

Most of our programs this month will be in-person! We will also continue to stream the programs live over Zoom. Please make sure to check the location of the event for in-person events.

September 20 | 2:30PM | Virtual Program
How to Avoid Getting Scammed!!

A representative from the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs tells us how to AVOID GETTING SCAMMED. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3skqfnJ>

September 27 | 7PM | Iselin Library
Covid-19 Special Enrollment Program

Join us for a seminar that will provide you with important information on how to obtain affordable health insurance through the NJ GETCOVERED marketplace and how to use your health insurance. Registration Required.

September 28 | 7PM | Main Library
Hispanic Trailblazers and How They Changed America

Join us as we take the time to look at prominent Hispanic trailblazers and all of the contributions they have given to society with Director of Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) Kim Ruiz. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3m9O54o>

September 30 | 6:30 PM | Inman Library
Mystery/Thriller Book Club

Join us at the Inman Library for a discussion of The Sanatorium by Sarah Pearse. Registration Required.

September 30 | 7PM | Main Library
Medicare Workshop

This workshop presented by Michael Salum of Medicare Planning Services will give you the 2021 Medicare information you need. Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3sttR6L>

Movies at Main | Fridays at 2PM

Join us every Friday at 2PM to catch a free movie! This 7 week series is themed is Hits You May Have Missed.

Computer Classes

Our Free computer classes are at the Main Library are back! Classes are offered at various times and cover different topics such as...

- Introduction to Computers
 - Microsoft Office 365 Word
 - Microsoft Office 365 Excel
 - Microsoft Office 365 Publisher
 - Microsoft Office 365 PowerPoint
- Registration is required!

Annual Friends Book Sale!
Sept 23 - Sept 26 | Main Library

The Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township Annual Book Sale is back! Friends of the Library members get special early bird access on Thursday evening! Join early or right at the door!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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Dowdell Library

Summer Round-up at Dowdell

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — The Library’s Tales and Tails summer program was fun for all! Thank you to everyone who participated. There were more than 100 programs, 1000 participants and 477 books read this summer! The summer started off with a splash at our Summer Splash program and ended on a high note at the outdoor music concert. Thank you to musicians Jerry Smith and Dan Toye for your entertaining performances! Here is a big shout-out to all the summer winners! Adult raffle winners: Muriel S. and BLANK. Adult trivia contest winner: Vickie S; and teen winners: Isabella V. and Joseph D. The top readers this summer are Rachel D., Anyssa F., Noah D., and Kipling J. Congratulations!

The Library’s expanded Fall Hours are Monday 10 am - 8 pm, Tuesday & Thursday 12 pm - 8 pm, Wednesday & Friday 10 am - 5 pm, and Saturday 12-4 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.

9/11 Exhibition at Dowdell

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — This September marks the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks on the nation. The Dowdell Library was honored to receive and display the limited-edition poster exhibition "September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed The World." The poster exhibition is curated by the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, and it includes a series of 14 posters. The display depicts the events of September 11, 2001, the immediate aftermath of the attacks and the nine-month recovery period, and the ongoing repercussions of 9/11 to this day. Archival imagery, artifact photography, and individual stories accompany the explanatory text to give visitors a deeper understanding of a critical moment in modern American history. This poster exhibition has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

To commemorate the 20th anniversary and share the 9/11 poster exhibit we invite our patrons to write a short note or create artwork to honor the hero in your life. Police officers, firefighters, doctors, paramedics & others risked their lives to help those who needed assistance during and after the 9/11 attacks. Do you have a hero in your life? Have you ever had someone go above and beyond for you? Stop in and share you story.

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Fall @ Dowdell

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — The Dowdell Library will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month from September through mid-October. This year they are showcasing Hispanic and Latino art. Stop in anytime during the month to create a paper flower craft and help us decorate the Frida Kahlo mural. On Monday, 9/27, at 6:30 pm, join us in celebrating Hispanic music, arts, and culture during our open house event. Mrs. Marcia Mercado will be presenting a bilingual Storytime with music and a craft. There will be music, Paletas- Mexican popsicles, dominoes and you can enter to win the door prize!

The October Exhibition will feature local artist Ashleigh Heyder. Ashleigh is a 20 year old artist who finds liberation from the neuro-typical world thought her art. She enjoys creating things with her hands, painting, and making jewelry and is continuously exploring art with new media. Stop by the Dowdell Library to view Ashleigh’s work or for more information you can visit her website at ashleighheyder.com

Invest more time into yourself! The Dowdell Library offers free virtual classes through the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Classes include Virtual Guided Imagery Relaxation Sessions, Tips to Help You Prevent Digestive Problems, Stretching and Flexibility workshops, and many more! You must be pre-registered. For more information or to pre-register, please email Susan.capolongo@rwjbh.org or kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org. Find details about each session on Dowdell.org.

The Dowdell Library proudly supports local businesses and will host a Business Fair in December. Register your business to attend the fair online at Dowdell.org or in person. Registration is only \$25.00 per table. Enjoy a fun holiday shopping opportunity!

Coming up in October: Fire Prevention Week is October 4. The Video game challenge also continues in October, and there will be a Halloween costume party on. Continue checking Dowdell.org for the latest information, dates, and times.

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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 September 25th 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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Annual Church
Flea Market

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having their Annual Flea Market on September 18, 2021, from 8am-2pm. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville, directly across from the Borough Hall. There will be multiple vendors in addition to the Church Table, which will be filled with treasures of every kind. We have books, clothes, household goods, toys, etc. The rain date will be September 25, 2021. If you would like more information, please contact the church at 732-257-6353 or email us at churchoffice172@optimum.net. Hope to see you there.

Elks Host
Food Drive

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks are hosting a Food Drive for the month of September. Drop off days are Thursday & Fridays from 5 p.m. -8 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 p.m.-4p.m. In addition to food, the Pantries have requested personal hygiene products, Men’s and Women’s toiletries and paper products. All food items must be Non-Perishable! If you need assistance dropping off or need more information, please call 732-727-7170 Thank you in advance for your donations. ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE!

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Fundraiser

FORDS/WOODBRIDGE - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus, Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring a fundraiser at Strawberry’s Pub on Wednesday, September 22, from 2p.m. – 8 p.m. Strawberry’s Pub is on 110 Amboy Ave., Woodbridge. 20% of all sales will be donated to Knights of Columbus, Council #9199, which helps us donate to worthwhile charities, like St. Jude’s Children Hospital, Deborah Hospital and more. Just mention “K of C Fundraiser” when you first get there and enjoy your meal!



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32. Feathered hunter
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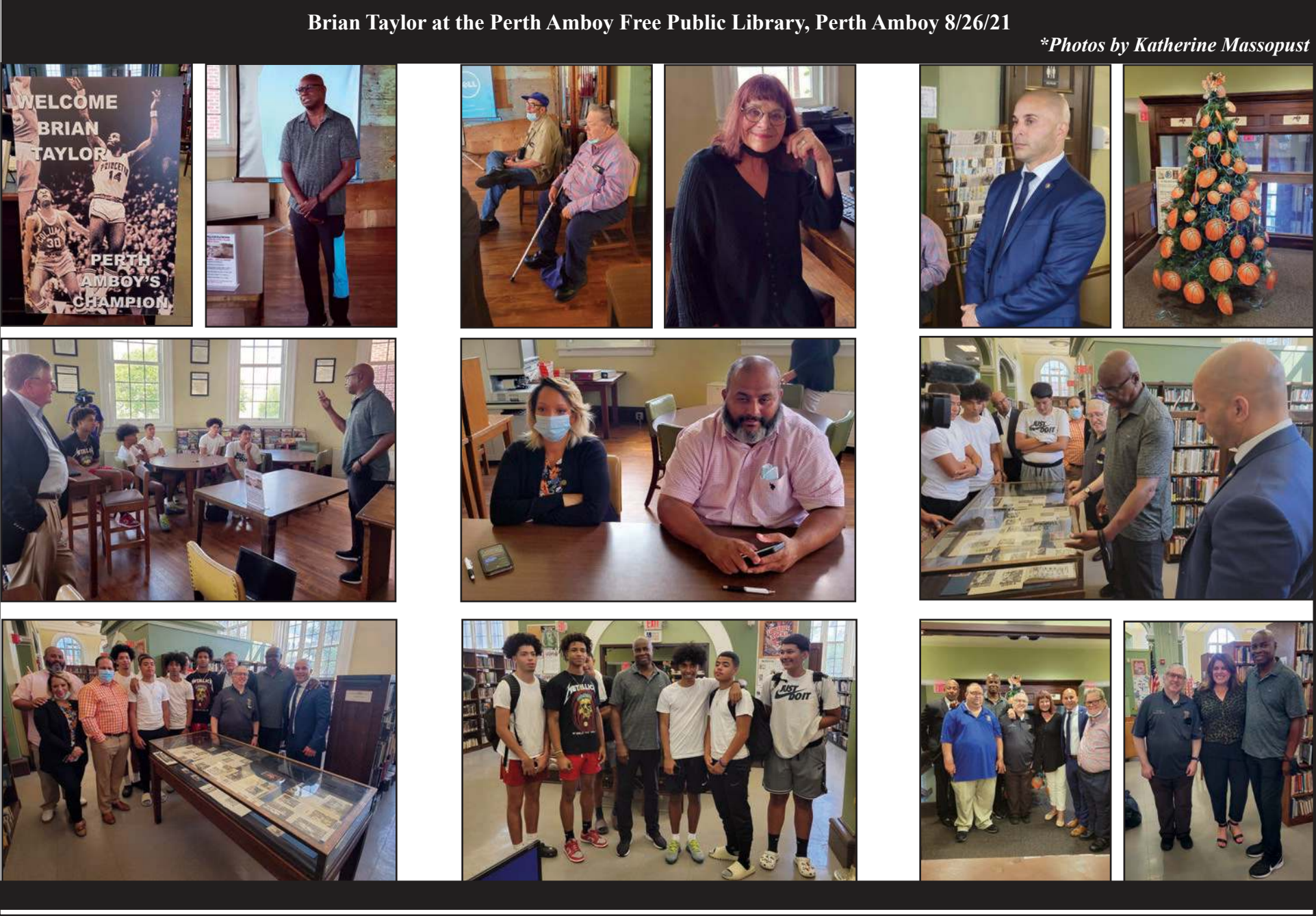
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Novena to St. Rita

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

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Prayer to St. Jude

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly *(Here make your request)* and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

Thank you, Saint Jude I.N.S.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Fall Community Cleanup

PERTH AMBOY – Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at 9 a.m., Francis St. Park, 96 Francis St. For more information, visit www.perthamboynj.org

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Fishing Derby

PERTH AMBOY – Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at 9 a.m. Harborside Marina, 260 Front St. For more information, visit www.perthamboynj.org

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

A.C. TRIP

Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City, Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Cost is \$35 and \$20 back in play. Bus leaves Church parking lot (625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn) at 10:00 am. Any questions please call Connie at 732-442-4978.

A.C. Bus Trip Time Change!

San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephen's Church (St. John Paul II) Parking Lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy at 11 a.m. 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.

You Must Reserve Your Seat!

You must pay with exact amount of ticket and before you board the bus. We will not be able to give out change.

Pets of the Week



PPerth Amboy, NJ RESCUES PERTH AMBOY - ADOPT A KITTY rescued from the streets that only needs love. This kitty or another will be waiting patiently for you. Can't adopt, then maybe consider fostering. They're fixed, vaccinated, dewormed, microchipped, have their nails trimmed, are deflead and fully vetted. Visit Allfor-the-paws.org for adoption ap-



plication and email to Vmoralespps@yahoo.com. Donation fee applies. Upon approved application, adoption will take place at adopter's home. Rescue will transport. Text 1.732.486.6382 for questions.

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.

Middlesex County Offers Career-Related Services Virtually Through One-Stop Career Centers for Job Seekers

Federal Extended Unemployment Benefits for 19,200 Middlesex County Residents End September 4

Press Release 9/7/21

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – As of September 4, pandemic-related unemployment benefits will end, impacting 19,200 Middlesex County residents. To assist unemployed and underemployed County residents with their job search, Middlesex County's One-Stop Career Centers within the Office of Career Opportunity are offering virtual career-related services.

In addition to accessing the One-Stop Career Centers for assistance with job searches, resume reviewing, career counseling, and career services for low-income residents, job seekers and underemployed residents are encouraged to sign up for SkillUp, a free online training portal with more than 5,500 courses focusing on business, project management, accounting, human resources, information technology, and customer service. To sign up for SkillUp, please visit <http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/BDE/Pages/SkillUp.aspx>

“With pandemic-related unemployment benefits ending on September 4, we encourage all unemployed residents to begin their job search and to utilize the resources available to them through the County. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the employment landscape for employees, but Middlesex County is here to help our residents find employment in any way we can,” said Director of the Board of County Commissioners Ronald G. Rios.

Fortunately, for those who are looking for jobs, Middlesex County and the State of New Jersey are ready to assist by connecting job seekers to the thousands of open positions around the region and offering a variety of services through the One-Stop Career Centers. With greater competition for open positions, many industries are offering increased hourly wages and sign-on bonuses to attract and keep workers.

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development also recently launched Job Source, offering a variety of tools designed to help fuel a successful job search experience. Users can create a free account and get tips and templates for job search, resume writing, cover letters and many other free services.

State-run One-Stop Career Centers are currently only operating remotely, with career-related services available virtually and by telephone. A return date for appointment-only services at the state-run centers has not been determined.

For more information, contact the Office of Career Opportunity at 732-745-3970 or if interested in job training contact Middlesex County One-Stop Career Centers at 732-745-3955 (New Brunswick) and 732-293-0642 (Perth Amboy) to schedule an appointment. More information can be found here: http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/BDE/Pages/Office_Workforce.aspx

LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Catalog Sales 1940's

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PERTH AMBOY - Immaculate split-level house many upgrades located near Washington Park, most public transportations, Major Highways and shopping malls, featuring one car garage, lots of parking space, 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, hardwood floors full basement. this Gem is a truly move-in condition. **\$399,000**



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**



SAYREVILLE - Don't miss the opportunity to own this completely renovated property. finish basement, Stainless steel appliances, back deck and patio and much more. Storage Shed sold As Is. **\$399,000**



BURLINGTON - Approved Short sale @\$250,800 as per bank - this 4 bedroom 1-1/2 bath home is located on cul-de-sac in a well-manicured neighborhood with loads of potential. Unique floor plan with large open kitchen. home features lots of closets and storage. needs some TLC. Buyer responsible for CO and all repairs and termite cert. Short sale subject to third party approval. 50% commission split subject to lender approval. **\$199,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Stunning 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, waterfront Condo, large airy living room, lots of upgrades, beautiful kitchen granite countertop, freshly painted. One parking space, a must see to appreciate. Hurry!!!! **\$269,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Beautiful large 1/2 duplex High School section, features 4 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, possible off-street parking, it is being sold strictly in AS IS condition buyer is responsible for C/O and all repairs. **\$270,000**



LAKEWOOD - You will love this beautiful 2-bedroom 2nd floor unit with its own enclosed front porch facing this stunning lake view. A must see. Hurry!!!! **\$112,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Great opportunity to become your own boss. Located in downtown Business area. All equipment included on sale. Central air. **\$100,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Great investment property 1st floor is Grocery Store a well established business for many years, 2nd floor is owner occupied living room, kitchen, 2 full baths and 4brs.4 car garages. **\$449,000**