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## Joyful Celebrations



PERTH AMBOY - July 9, 1980 The Duane Marine/Cableworks fire which burned for 9 days.  
*\*File Photo by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - September 25, 2021 The Thomas Mundy Peterson Park was dedicated on the former Duane Marine/Cableworks site (pictured above)  
*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



SOUTH AMBOY - September 25, 2021 Irish Festival celebration at the South Amboy Waterfront.  
*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - September 29, 2021 Middle Passage Port Marker Unveiling Ceremony at the Harborside Marina. Historic Commissioner Anna Daily does the honors. *\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - BOE President Ken Puccio holds up a sign declaring that the paperwork was going through to build the new high school at the 3/9/17 BOE Meeting. *\*File Photo by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - September 27, 2021 Ground-breaking of the new high school to be built on Convery Boulevard with student Julia(L) (with her father Brian Bonilla and grandfather George Bonilla and fellow student Destiny(R)).  
*\*Photo by Katherine Massopust*

## A Breakdown of Our Supplemental Debt Statement 9/20/21 Caucus & Council Meetings

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – The meeting opened up with Council President Bill Petrick explaining what Ordinance No. 2 (Public Hearing) (To adopt an amendment to the Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area I (Gateway) in accordance with the local redevelopment and housing law) involves

“This is regarding the car wash located at the corner of Convery Boulevard and Smith Street.”

Councilman Joel Pabon then requested that there be a breakdown of the monies provided on the Debt Statement. “We (the council) have in depth information, but I think it is important for the public to have more information.”

Business Administrator Michael Green spoke up and provided more information in depth, “For the various parking utility improvements, \$131,500 would be for the parking garage repairs. The water/wastewater utility improvements – the NJIB

Funding of \$1.8 million are capital expenditures for a series of meters throughout the city. For the water utility improvements, a \$3,904,000, this is serious revenue that is needed. The doors at the Runyon Facility need to be renovated. They have sludge facilities that will be needed to dry any floods coming in. Money is also needed to replace handguns and tasers for the police department. Monies are also used to update the mobile data terminals and the storage building that holds forfeiture items. Part of the money in this debt statement would be for the library. They will need new furniture for the handicapped and security for Covid protection such as hand sanitizers, etc. Items also include expenditures for firetrucks, Marine 5, mobile refueling to be used for trucks, replacing fire engines. A lot of the information that I am giving out is already on the website. I assume that the directors will be here for the council portion of the meeting. IT items will also be part of what is on the debt

statement.” Green then pointed out that the new Interim DPW Director Matthew Nieves was in the audience. Green also said, “Matthew (Nieves) always responds to any questions and is also quick to point out that it is the DPW crew that deserves all the attention.”

Nieves then came up to introduce himself, “I have been employed in the city since 2008 and started out as a sanitation worker. I then transferred over the Parks Department as a Maintenance Supervisor for 5 years. I ran the Sanitation Department for 1 year while still doing work at the Public Works Department.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said that he was impressed with Nieves and was glad that he worked his way up.

Nieves replied, “It is an honor to be the head of the DPW.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda said, “I am glad to meet Nieves and knowing how you worked your way up.”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “I am glad Nieves came up

to introduce himself.”

B.A. Green then gave information regarding Ordinance No. 1 (first reading) – Providing for the acquisition for water meters for the water/wastewater utility in and by the city of Perth Amboy appropriating \$1,800,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$1,800,000 of bonds or notes to finance the cost. “These were funds for wireless water meters utilizing new technology.”

CFO Jill Goldy came forward regarding a question of Ordinance No. 3 (first reading) – A bond providing for various improvements in and by the city of Perth Amboy appropriating \$7,890,040 and authorizing the issuance of \$6,210,347 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost.

“The reason why there is a discrepancy on the two amounts is because we already have \$76,000 of funds on hand for one of the items.”

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned why Resolution R-482-9/21 – Consenting the extension of the Interim appointment of Deputy Chief Lawrence Catta-

no as Acting Chief of Police for a period no longer than 60 days from October 2, 2021, would even be on the agenda.

“I thought it was up to the mayor to make the decision, and not the council.”

Law Director William Northgrave responded, “I will look into this. Because, like you said, it is usually the mayor who would decide on this. This would be the mayor’s appointee, the same as when a mayor would appoint directors.”

Pabon then quickly referenced Resolution R-484-9/21 thru R-488-9/21 which listed various properties that had liens placed on them because DPW had to do cleanups of those properties. He then asked, “What is the status of the properties (in disarray) on Rector Street? It is not fair that the little guys are penalized by us, and the larger property owners get away. Finally, after 12 years, one of his (Kushner’s) properties came down.”

Code Enforcement Direc-

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# Ferry Contract Moving Forward, Live Streaming Discussed 9/15/21 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust  
SOUTH AMBOY - Before voting on the consent agenda, there were brief explanations given of the resolutions and ordinances on the agenda.

For 21-198 (add-on) – Law Director Francis Womack stated that it was for the Independence Firehouse to be considered a historic site has been submitted to the planning board. “This resolution states we intend to move forward. Th ordinance is not ready. This resolution is to go ahead to designate it as a historic site.”

Council Members Tom Reilly, Brian McLaughlin, and Christine Noble were all pleased that this resolution was moving forward. “It will tie up all loose ends,” stated Reilly.

All council members approved the consent agenda except for the release of the minutes of which Councilman Brian McLaughlin abstained. Council Comments:

Councilman Tom Reilly thanked the First Responders and food pantry workers and donors. “The Food Pantry needs people to help out. It is the same people every day. I went to the First Aid Squad. It is good to see young kids as cadets. I’ll encourage anyone to join the First Aid Squad. I want to thank the Fire Department for the 9-11 ceremony. There were a lot of good speakers.” Reilly noted that the Friends of South Amboy are having a 50/50 raffle.

B.A. Skarzynski said, “At the October 20, 2021, Council Meeting, there will be 4 people who will each receive proclamations. They were identified two years ago.”

Vice-President Christine Noble noted that she had a lot of compliments on the South Amboy Beach Front.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin thanked the South Amboy Fire Department and all the Emergency Service workers. He noted that Mary Porcello was recognized by NJ Governor Phil Murphy. (see press release)

He congratulated Rob Sekerak as being voted in as President of the First Aid Squad. Reilly then thanked all the food pantry workers and donors. He asked Business about the status of the ferry service.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski answered, “We are wrapping up selection of operators. We are currently sending out RFP’s for construction of the terminal. By the end of November, we will know.

Council President Mickey Gross asked what the surplus is in South Amboy.

CFO Dan Balka answered, “\$3 million.”

Gross reminded everyone that the Irish Festival starts at 2 p.m. and the fireworks are at 8:20 p.m. He then explained why the St. Patrick’s Day Committee voted to have the parade on Sunday, March 20, 2022. “It is no longer a little parade. There is too much to do in one day. It is one of the biggest parades in the state.” Gross then mentioned the beach sweep on the weekend. “Hats off to the Public Works Department.” He then added about the pandemic, “You hear a lot on TV. Is there a third shot? If you know anyone who is not vaccinated, tell them to go to get the shot. The County Health Department has been making plans for a third shot.”

Mayor Fred Henry said, “I want to congratulate Bob Sekerak as President. The First Aid Squad is made up of all volunteers. I want to thank the South Amboy Fire Department and Mary Porcello. On October 9, 2021, there will be a citywide yard sale. I am proud of the DPW. The North Jersey Transportation Authority released funds to get us started with the Ferry. We got \$1 million more from the state. We will have a contract with the county for an operator.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski thanked everyone responsible for the recent arts festival. “We have new fire trucks. One will be departing for Wildwood (for

the NJ State Fireman’s Convention Sept. 16-18).” He thanked the DPW for recent cleanups.

Public Portion:

Resident Greg Babolak spoke first. He asked if the agenda could be put up any earlier on the website.

City Clerk Deborah Brooks answered that she posts the agenda the Monday before the Wednesday meeting. “We post 48 hours (before the meeting).”

Babolak stated that he wished to see the agenda in advance. He asked if the council members get enough time to read the agenda before the meeting.

City Clerk Brooks explained that what South Amboy does is standard (two days before). “It is up to you to go over that agenda,” she stated.

Resident Brandon Russell spoke next. He asked, “How do we stand on live streaming?”

Council President Gross answered, “It will be a council decision. It will not be the business administrator’s decision. It will be the council’s decision.”

Russell asked how everyone stands on it (live streaming).

Law Director Francis Womack stated, “It is not a vote.”

Councilman Reilly stated, “I am open to the idea if it is made clear the cost.”

Councilman McLaughlin said, “If it is (reasonable) I’m for it.”

Council Vice President Noble said, “When it is brought up, it will be brought up.”

B.A. Skarzynski explained that there is a difference between a virtual meeting and a live stream. “A virtual meeting is low cost. Live stream is still experimental. Live streaming has more cost. We will produce a quote and more for we did not add to the agenda till next year. When it is approved, we’ll consider it. That will be put in front of them to make a decision.

The meeting went into closed session at 7:36 p.m. Councilwoman Zusette Dato was not present.

# Damaged Wells, Furnaces and Septic Systems May be Covered by FEMA

Press Release 9/30/21  
TRENTON, N.J. – If you are a New Jersey resident whose home was damaged by the remnants of Hurricane Ida, FEMA recommends inspecting your heating, ventilation, air conditioning system (HVAC), furnaces, septic systems and/or wells to see if they were affected.

You may be eligible for financial assistance under FEMA’s Individuals and Households Program. What type of assistance is available?

•For private wells, HVAC systems, furnaces, and septic systems, FEMA may provide assistance or reimbursement for the cost of a professional, licensed technician’s estimate of the re-

pair or replacement of these items.

•You also may receive assistance for the actual repair or replacement of these items not typically covered by homeowner’s insurance.

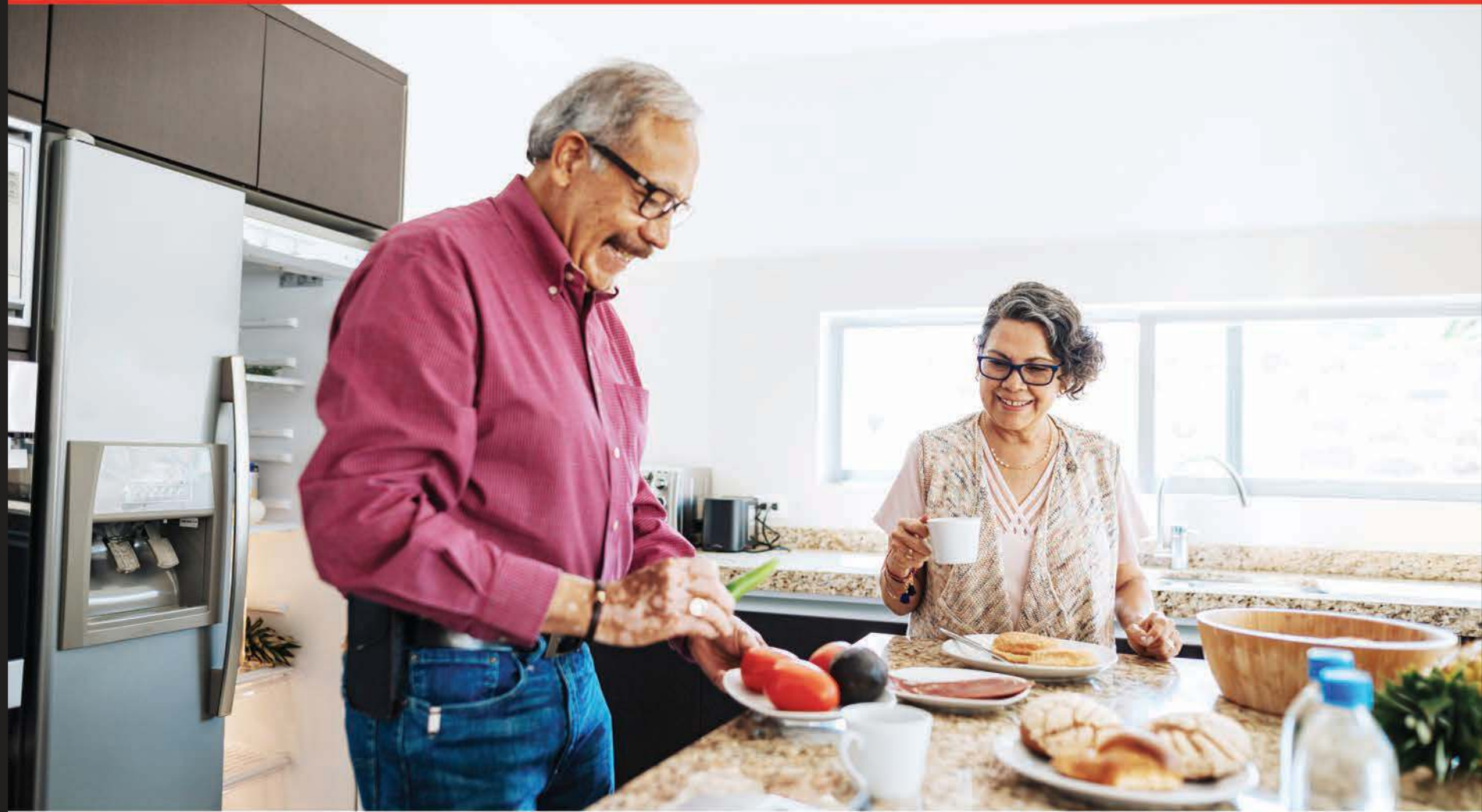
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Every applicant may appeal FEMA’s decision. Appeals must be submitted in writing within 60 days of the date of FEMA’s letter determining eligibility. Survivors of Hurricane Ida who registered with FEMA may have received a determination letter regarding eligibility for assistance. Read the letter carefully. It may not be the final answer. FEMA may simply need additional information or documentation to process your application.

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Please join us for these virtual events!

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, join us on **Wednesday, October 13** for a Latin-infused cooking class! In each class, you'll learn about ways to support brain health. Then, Chef Carolina Moratti will lead you through instructions on how to prepare a delicious, healthy, Latin-infused meal. You'll receive the recipe via email prior to the class. Space is limited and registration is required. For more virtual events that celebrate New Jersey's diversity, visit: [aarp.org/CelebrateNJ](https://aarp.org/CelebrateNJ)



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

From the Beginning  
The Key to Thomas Mundy Peterson’s Historic Vote

Thomas Mundy Peterson was interviewed by the local newspaper regarding his historic vote. As reported in that article, Thomas Mundy Peterson had no intention of voting that day. It was because of white residents who advised him to exercise his right to vote. Once Peterson knew that the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment had been ratified, he decided vote. Years later, he would be awarded a medal from the citizens of Perth Amboy, for his mark on history. Not only that, he became active in local politics and proudly served as a member of the Republican party.

In October 1989, Resident Dorothy Carty-Daniel was the main speaker at a ceremony to rename Public School No. 1 as the Thomas Mundy Peterson Elementary School. As a member of the Perth Amboy Board of Education at the time, she is the one who found out about Thomas Mundy Peterson’s historic vote and approached Frank Sinatra, who was the then Superintendent of Perth Amboy Schools to have this done. He was more than glad to do so. The other Board of Education members unanimously voted in favor of honoring Thomas Mundy Peterson by having his name on the school where he was a custodian from 1871-1877. In attendance at the ceremony were several schoolchildren, residents, and government officials.

When Dorothy Carty-Daniel was speaking, in front of her was a large portrait of Thomas Mundy Peterson that was later placed inside of the school. Daniel was quoted as saying, "Memorials are often tributes to lives that symbolized an idea, philosophy or effort to correct injustice. I look on the life of Thomas Mundy Peterson as one that symbolized the fulfillment of the dreams and hopes of millions, the cure of philosophical cancer that was and unfortunately still is in some people that we all fear." Daniel saluted Peterson for who he was and what he stood for.

Superintendent Sinatra said, "It will instill pride to the children of Perth Amboy." Former Superintendent of Schools Austin Gumbs portrayed Thomas Mundy Peterson at the ceremony.

For many years, St. Peter’s



Then Board of Education Member and Chair of School Renaming Committee Dorothy Carty-Daniel at the rededication ceremony of Number 1 School which was renamed the Thomas Mundy Peterson School \*Article & Photo from Front Page Home News Tribune October 23, 1989 - Courtesy of Dorothy Carty-Daniel

Episcopal Church and The Proprietary House Organization would hold a fundraiser called “Cemetery Alive” where actors portrayed historic figures from Perth Amboy that were buried either in St. Peter’s Church cemetery, other Perth Amboy cemeteries, or who lived in Perth Amboy and gave significant historic contributions. Thomas Mundy Peterson was one of those figures who was portrayed.

On June 14, 2013 there was an unveiling of a plaque in front of Thomas Mundy Peterson School. The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission had announced the continuation of the Historic Marker Project. The Freeholders’ initiative gifts historic markers to local historic sites and communities throughout Middlesex County. The Cul-

tural and Heritage Commission is coordinating the project on behalf of the Freeholders. The Thomas Mundy Peterson marker was one of those markers. This was done through cooperation with the PAHPC.

Unfortunately, Thomas Mundy Peterson fell into hard times, and he had to pawn his precious medal for financial reasons. After he died, it was auctioned off and it was bought by Xavier University where it is still located today.

Dot Daniel was so taken by Thomas Mundy Peterson’s historic vote that she persuaded Xavier University in Louisiana to loan Thomas Mundy Peterson’s medal to be displayed for the public to view at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Rector Street under heavy guard on June 3, 2017.

In 2018, the Perth Amboy Historic Commission under Chair Reinaldo Aviles was instrumental in getting the large pictorial plaque that was unveiled in a ceremony in June 2018 at St. Peter’s Church and it hangs proudly in its final place on the wall in City Hall Council Chambers where Thomas Mundy Peterson cast his historic vote. Local business Buckeye donated a large portion of the money for the plaque after a request from

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

New Benches!  
Enjoy It!

Perth Amboy city residents: how is the mayor doing? I also noticed there's new or refurbished benches on Smith Street - How nice. These benches are to enjoy and appreciate - not to destroy it... We all know Perth

Amboy needs to clean up its act. The problem is our city elected officials need to listen and learn from those concerned residents. Remember elected officials can be replaced. Whether you love or hate Perth Amboy - enjoy what's there.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Just Look Up!

Wanting to take a break from looking at Perth Amboy's official bird - the pigeon, an attractive young lady and I agreed to take a walk down to Sadowski Parkway and check out the sea gull population - noisy creatures to say the least! On our stroll back we decided to take Brighton Avenue and were surprised by the number of homes that have an air conditioner in

their attics! Don't tell me that there are people living up there! Wouldn't that be illegal? Hopefully the code enforcement department does not read this letter, or some homeowners may get into trouble! What a field day the inspectors would have! Thank you!

The Honorable,  
Michael Rusznak

Nothing to Fear  
but Fear Itself

I was watching a special on TV the other day about great speeches made by great men. This quote is one by President Franklin Roosevelt ranked up there with the Gettysburg Address and the like, but it rings true today as it ever did.

It was in the inaugural speech he made when he won the presidency in 1933 and it is said that he was referring to the economic difficulties of the great depression that gripped the world at the time. It was thought that it was meant to stem the tide of the rushes on our banks and the panic people were in about being broke, but it could ring true today.

When people are afraid you can get them to do most anything. If you don't believe that, just look at the Patriot Act. That act would have never passed if the people were not afraid of terrorism. Had the people stopped and thought for a moment they would have realized that the bipartisan act was put into place a little more than two months after the terrorist attacks of 911, as though it was a plan waiting to be put in place already, all it needed was a reason, a name, and someone to blame.

Flash forward to today. Today it's COVID-19 not terrorism that is at the forefront of our fears. All you have to do is find a reason, a name, and someone to blame.

Well we have a reason already and that is COVID-19. Let's make it sound as bad as we can. There have been 4,813,944 deaths worldwide. Well with a population of around 7.7 billion that's roughly .06 percent, for those who like percentages. Not bad enough, we have to make it sound worse.

Let's try positive cases. There were 235,577,590 positive cases worldwide, wow that's a

little worse, but when you see that there were 212,434,326 recoveries worldwide it doesn't seem so bad. Not to mention that most of the deaths were among the elderly with pre-existing conditions and that our early treatments of the disease were actually killing people.

I know, let's blame the unvaccinated, or to put it another way, the people who would not drink the “Kool-Aid”. That's it, we will use the fear to vilify them and blame them for the spread of the disease. After all it will be easy with this country divided as it is. We'll just turn the “Sheeple” against the people who didn't drink the “Kool Aid” so they really won't see what's happening and by the time they do it will already be too late.

What is happening you ask. Big Pharma and their partners are making billions of dollars. That's what's happening. If you want proof, ask yourself this:

1. Why did Biden make it mandatory for all federal employees to get the Pfizer vaccine except for congress, oh yea, and postal employees? Are they somehow immune? It is said that presidential executive orders can only apply to the executive branch and not the legislative branch. I say balderdash.

He made a mistake with the postal employees. Seems that they were not covered under the federal employees mandate so he rectified that by using the Labor Department and OSHA. Look it up. That still leaves congress.

2. Why did the FDA give authorization to the Pfizer vaccine, (now called Comirnaty), without publishing the clinical efficacy and safety reviews with the letter of authorization like they normally do.

But getting back on topic. We now have a reason and someone to blame, all we need is a name. Well how about Mandatory Vac-

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## 2021 Amboy Guardian Publication Dates

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October 20  
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November 17  
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December 15

## Community Calendar

### Perth Amboy

TUES. Oct. 5 PARA, 6 p.m.  
via Zoom (see below)  
WED. Oct. 13 City Council, Caucus, 5:30 p.m.  
City Hall, High St. & Zoom  
• City Council, Regular, immediately following Caucus  
City Hall, High St. & Zoom  
TUES. Oct. 19 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.  
PAHS, Eagle Ave.  
THURS. Oct. 28 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

### South Amboy

WED. Oct. 6 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway  
WED. Oct. 20 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway

*\*All meetings are subject to change. Check the City Website or [www.amboyguardian.com](http://www.amboyguardian.com) to see if the meeting will take place via phone or video conference or for updates on meeting times, places, and details how to participate.*

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### PARA MEETING

**October 5, 2021 at 6 p.m.**

**The meeting will also be held VIA A ZOOM ON-LINE CONFERENCE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87833219124?pwd=Q1Q4dHBzdE0wZzk4bnpHLytoQUdRUT09>  
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**Passcode:** 610954

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All members of the public are invited to participate.

### Spotted Lantern Fly, Perth Amboy 9/5/21

*\*Photo by Louis Petro*



Photo of a Spotted Lantern Fly. They are considered an Invasive Species and it is recommended to kill it on sight. To report a sighting, email [SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov](mailto:SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov).



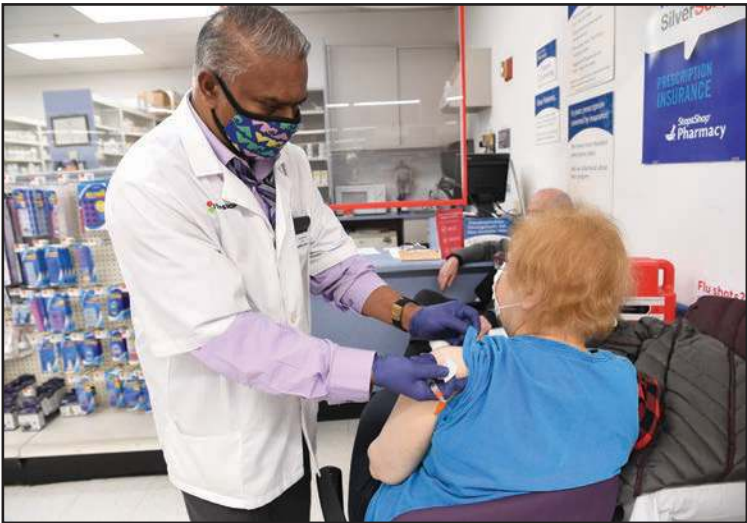
## Flu Shots Now Available at New Jersey Stop & Shop Pharmacies *Flu Vaccine May Be Administered Alongside First-Time and Booster COVID-19 Vaccines*

Press Release 9/29/21  
ABERDEEN, NJ – With the CDC urging everyone 6 months and older to get a flu vaccination by the end of October, Stop & Shop today announced that flu shots are now available at its pharmacy locations across New Jersey. Per the State of New Jersey, Stop & Shop’s trained and trusted pharmacists are authorized to immunize patients 10 and older without documentation from their physician, and those 7 to 9 years of age with a patient-specific prescription and parental or custodial consent.

Customers in need of a COVID-19 vaccine or Pfizer COVID-19 boosters can receive both the flu and COVID-19 vaccine at once as the CDC has indicated that these vaccines may be administered alongside one another with no need for a waiting period. Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines are available to patients 12 and older, and boosters to eligible individuals, all depending on individual store supply.

Stop & Shop is taking extensive health and safety precautions at its pharmacies and has secured additional stock of the flu vaccine, anticipating higher demand because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Stop & Shop has enhanced its health and safety protocols for vaccinations at all its pharmacies. To receive a flu, COVID-19, or other vaccine, customers will be required to wear face coverings, and pharmacists will be equipped with face coverings and gloves. The immunization area will have strict disinfecting and sanitization measures in place between each patient.

“Stop & Shop is ready to take care of its communities across New Jersey this flu season,” shares Jim Dinicola, Manager of Stop & Shop Pharmacies



in New Jersey. “We are well-stocked and offer same-day immunizations without appointments. While prices associated with vaccinations are dependent upon customers’ insurance plans, most flu shots end up being low or no-cost. Stop & Shop aims to make it easy for everyone to get the care they need this fall.”

Stop & Shop offers several types of flu vaccines, and its licensed, trained, and trusted pharmacists can help each patient select the type that is best for them to address any concerns about allergies, preservatives, or potential adverse

effects. Stop & Shop pharmacies also have an ample supply of COVID-19 vaccines, Pfizer COVID-19 boosters, shingles, pneumonia, and tetanus vaccines available, and customers should consult their local Stop & Shop pharmacist on all other immunizations that may be available and valuable to them and their families.

To find a Stop & Shop Pharmacy near you, to view which vaccine is available in your local Stop & Shop Pharmacy, or to schedule a vaccination appointment, visit [www.stopand-shop.com/covid-vaccine](http://www.stopand-shop.com/covid-vaccine).

## New GPS-Like Technology to Detect & Help Treat Lung Cancer at Hackensack University Medical Center

Press Release  
HACKENSACK - As we approach this year's World Lung Day, September 25, 2021, a day to encourage the importance of lung health, lung cancer is still the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women in the country, in part because it is so difficult to detect early.

Certain lung lesions may be at high risk for complications or impossible to detect with traditional biopsy methods. As a result, lung cancer can be advanced before it is even detected.

While lung cancer screening and CT scans have been able to detect abnormalities or potential cancers in the lung earlier, now, lung specialists have a new tool. Called Ion, the novel technology enables thoracic surgeons and pulmonologists to navigate the human lung which consists of intricate tissue and a vast

network of narrow and delicate airways to access hard-to-reach nodules. The minimally invasive, robotic-assisted tool, shown in this video, can help doctors identify lung cancers earlier and more accurately than with existing technologies, allowing patients to start effective treatment sooner and obtain better outcomes - nobody knows this better than lung cancer survivor Kathleen Keenan Weil.

“Nearly 20 years ago I was diagnosed with lung cancer after doctors cut 8 inches from just under my right armpit down to my rib cage,” explains Kathleen who recently developed a new lung cancer. “This time, the biopsy was performed with the assistance of the Ion which pinpointed the cancer so my doctor could create a treatment plan and I could get on with my life.”

“It makes all the difference in the world,” says thoracic sur-

geon, Dr. Geoffrey Pelz, who compares working with the technology to driving with a GPS. “The Ion is so advanced, it helps guide you directly where you need to go, anywhere in the lung. I can use the technology either for biopsy, or to put dye in the lung nodule to localize it. In combination with the DaVinci Surgical Robot, I can resect the nodule in question during the same trip to the operating room saving time and unnecessary steps for the patients. It allows me to perform more lung sparing surgeries and help patients recover much faster and get back to living their lives cancer free.

## Obituary: Right Reverend Monsignor Leon A. Mosko, Mitred Archpriest, age 91, died September 21, 2021 in Stamford, CT.



Right Rev. Msgr. Leon A. Mosko  
Mitred Archpriest

PERTH AMBOY - Msgr. Leon was born November 19, 1929 in Perth Amboy, NJ and belonged to the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption. He graduated from Perth Amboy High School in 1947; and was inducted into the Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame in 1988 for education and religious service.

He graduated with a B.A. degree from St. Basil College, Stamford, CT in 1952, completed theological studies and graduate studies in English and Drama at The Catholic University of America in 1956, earned an M.A. in Education at Fairfield University in 1962, and continued graduate studies in Education at St. John’s University. He was awarded a doctorate, honoris causa, from St. Basil College in 2004. He did not allow his years of blindness to curtail his continuing education, listening to some 800 books for the blind.

Msgr. Leon was ordained June 14, 1956. He served in the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford for his entire career, 65 years. Msgr. Leon was an English teacher from 1956 to 1964; then, from 1964 to 1981, was the principal; and from 1969 to 1981, was the rector of St. Basil Prep School in Stamford, CT. Msgr. Leon later served as rector of St. Basil College, Stamford, CT; rector of St. Josaphat Seminary, Washington, DC; rector of St. Vladimir Cathedral, Stamford; editor of the Stamford eparchial newspaper, “The Sower,” for two decades; and chancellor of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford.

Msgr. Leon will be best remembered for his role in the formation of priests and the education of students who have become positive contributors to American society. He was known for his eloquence when preaching, teaching, and giving speeches, and for his part in making the eparchial newspaper, “The Sower,” a world-class Catholic newspaper. The parish enjoyed his engaging, often witty, speeches at banquets and his profound sermons. He was the first priestly vocation from his parish. Msgr. Leon retired from active priestly duties in 2008 due to health, yet continued to minister to friends and family until his death.

## Letters to the Editor \*Continued from Page 4

cinations, yea that sounds right. And not just any old vaccine it has to be Comirnaty. Who is in whose pocket?

You may say, “we are following the science”, that seems to be the catch all. But there are drugs that are used to treat COVID-19 that do an exceptional job, but no, you have to be vaccinated or nothing.

There is a province in India with 240 million people in it. It is impossible to social distance, yet they have declared that they are now COVID free because of

Msgr. Leon was the son of Thomas Mosko, whose parents were Leon and Alexandrina (Chowanec) Moszczar, ethnic Lemkos from Labowa, Nowy Sacz, Galicia, Austria-Hungary; and Mary (Suszko) Mosko, daughter of Antoni and Salomea (Pastuszek), Greek-Catholics from Dudynce, Sanok, Galicia, Austria-Hungary; both locations are in present-day Poland. The Moszczar, later Mosko, family was one of the first Slavic families in Perth Amboy, NJ, settling there in 1883.

Msgr. Leon was predeceased by his brother John and his wife Helen T. (Guido/Gajdos) Mosko, and three infant siblings: Adam, Thomas. Jr., and Mary Irene. He is survived by nieces Rosemary Mosko; Janice H. Mosko, who selflessly devoted a year and a half to care for him; and a nephew and advisor, John T. Mosko and his wife Pamela and their children Jonathan; Alexander, who is studying for the priesthood with the Philadelphia Oratory as Brother Joseph; and Elizabeth.

His lifelong devotion to service and duty, his whole-hearted dedication to the students and staff at St. Basil's, his reverence for liturgy and the sacraments, his dignified magnanimity, and his forbearance with his serious health issues, all testify to a relentless trust in Christ throughout his life, one which was spent entirely in service to the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church.

Funeral services have been completed. Interment is in the family plot at the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption Cemetery, Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn, NJ.

an anti viral drug they are using. Is this a lie or are we not following the science, or is the science not to the liking of the “powers that be”?

Look, I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again. If you want to get the vaccine, get the vaccine, more power to you. But if you got it don’t look down your nose at me because I won’t “drink the Kool-Aid”

Joe Bayona



# A Breakdown of Our Supplemental Debt Statement

## 9/20/21 Caucus & Council Meetings

*\*Continued from Page 1*

tor Irving Lozada spoke via Zoom, “A couple weeks ago, I and Councilman Joel Pabon met to discuss some of Kushner’s properties. Kushner was issued notices, and summonses were sent to the court.”

Council President Petrick then asked, “Are the procedures the same whether it is property owners or developers?”

Lozada responded, “Yes, but sometimes it takes longer if the properties are abandoned. We may have to go to the banks, which may take longer.”

Northgrave then added, “If the properties have a fence, it may be viewed as trespassing as if going through a gate. It is a very thin line. It doesn’t matter if you are cleaning up something that is 37 acres versus a small property. The process should be the same regarding cleanups.”

Lozada spoke up again, “All the properties listed on the agenda are not fenced in. Most of Kushner’s properties that need to be cleaned up are fenced in.”

Councilman Bill Petrick said, “The house that was torn down that belonged to Kushner had no fence.”

Department of Human Resources and Director of Recreation Ken Ortiz spoke about R-491 via Zoom. R-491-9/21 – Authorizing a submission of application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the 2022 Recreation Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant. “This is for all children and it will be used to help those to participate in the arts, the teen center, sporting events, and to increase staff hours.”

B.A. Michael Green then explained R-494-9/21 – A contract with the IPS Group for the purchase of 4 pay stations for State Street from Smith Street to Fayette Street in an amount not to exceed \$33,274.84. “These are the same pay stations as we currently have.”

Council President Petrick said, “Are they the same kind of pay stations that are by the Parking Deck on New Brunswick Avenue? Because a lot of them are not operational.”

Green explained that with the new technology in place, they can spot which pay stations are not functioning.

Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to speak, “One of the pay stations on Smith Street is out of service because of an accident. Alerts and emails will go out if a signal goes out on a pay station.”

Petrick then questioned, “If a pay station unit can’t connect to a tower, it can’t function.”

Cattano answered, “Yes, that is true, but also it will not take your money. I have a meeting scheduled with the company that operates the pay stations.”

Councilman B.J. Torres had a question regarding R-495 -9/21 – Authorizing the city of Perth Amboy to make an application to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation

Fund for a grant to perform additional environmental services on the former Harry Goldberg and Sons Scrap Metal.

“Why is the Department of Recreation listed as putting this on the agenda?”

Petrick responded, “Because it is going to be made into a park.”

B.A. Green then added, “They are applying for grants for this remediation.”

Ken Ortiz spoke up via Zoom, “They need an overseer while doing this remediation work. While they were digging, they found a bazooka round that turned out to be inactive. You need a company on site for safety precautions for the contractors. The DEP will cover this 100%. I am a liaison between all the parties involved.”

Green then explained R-496-9/21 – An agreement between Middlesex County and the city of Perth Amboy to jointly provide for the modification of the traffic control signal at the intersection of Smith Street and Goodwin Street.

Green stated, “This new signal will cost \$1 million, and our part of the contribution will be \$300,000.”

Councilwoman Tejada said, “I am glad to see this. It is needed. I always cross the street in that area.”

Council President Bill Petrick stated that regarding R-497-9/21 – Authorizing compensation for 280 hours of unused vacation time to former Mayor Wilda Diaz in the amount of \$14,859.60 should be added to items to be discussed in closed session.

The meeting then was opened to the public (in-house first).

Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak. He referenced Ordinance No. 2 regarding Redevelopment of Area No. 1 (Gateway). “I see they are looking to put in a new filling station and a new store by the car wash. I agree with Councilman B.J. Torres’s concerns.” He then referenced Communication No. 4 -Regarding results of soil samples taken at the Speedway Gas Station at 679 Convery Blvd. which reflected the concentration of lead levels higher than residential standards and Communication No. 8 – A press release regarding the Murphy Administration moving toward an electric vehicle future including new efforts to encourage EV Charging Infrastructure in every New Jersey Municipality. “People in this city use that extension (area of Convery Boulevard and Rte. 35) to go to different places in and out of the city. You first need to do a traffic study. I’ve used that car wash in the past. That intersection of Smith and Convery Boulevard is very tight. I even saw a truck that tried to back up at that corner. You have to take those two communications (4 & 8) very seriously. Thank you.”

No one spoke via Zoom and the council went into closed session at 6:26 p.m. The council came back at 7:14 p.m. from the closed session to close the caucus portion of the meeting. The council meeting started at 7:15

p.m.

The meeting was opened up to the public for of the ordinances that had a public hearing. No one from the public spoke in person or via Zoom.

Public Comments on agenda items only (In-person first):

Resident Vince Mackiel came up and again referenced Communication No. 8 (filling stations). “We need to go in another direction instead of having filling stations. Have consideration for the children and citizens. If need be, you should be taking a lead on this.”

The council members then voted on the ordinances. Ordinance No. 1 – Regarding fixing and establishing a schedule of salary and salary ranges on the Perth Amboy Fire Officers Association Local No. 4070 January 1, 2019, thru January 1, 2022, was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Ordinance No. 2 – Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan (Gateway) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Ordinance No. 3 – to Amend an ordinance entitled “Taxicabs” regarding rates was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada

Ordinance No. 1 (first reading) – Providing for the acquisition of water meters for the water/wastewater utility was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. B.A. Michael Green spoke about this ordinance. “This will be for 4,000 meters. We just have to get more information how many will be for residential and commercial.” Ordinance No. 2 (first reading) – A bond ordinance providing renovations to the parking deck was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Ordinance No. 3 (first reading) – A bond ordinance for various improvements to the water/wastewater utility was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Ordinance No. 4 (first reading) - A bond ordinance providing for various capital improvements in and by the city of Perth Amboy was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Ordinance No. 5 (first reading) – Designating restricted parking spaces for use by handicapped persons regarding additions was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada.

For the consent agenda, R-473 thru R-497 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. When it came time to vote on the consent agenda individually, they all voted “Yes”. For R-497 – (Vacation Pay for former Mayor Diaz) – Council President Bill Petrick reluctantly said, “Yes.” Public Portion (in-house first):

Resident Vince Mackiel came up, “Has the council received any updated engineering reports on the bridge on Market and Elm Streets. I’m not asking if there was any additional funding requested. I just need to know if there are any updated engineering reports.”

Council President Bill Petrick asked Mackiel if he had put in any OPRA requests regarding this matter.

Mackiel responded, “I’ve sent communications with the county and the Department of

Transportation. This should be dealt with by our city officials. I have been sending correspondence to all the different B.A.’s we’ve had in the city. No action has been taken. I even had to help a woman carry a carriage over this bridge. The next time this happens, I’ll give you guys a call.”

Council President Petrick then stated, “The bridge does not belong to the city.”

Mackiel countered, “Engineering reports were done on the Convery Boulevard Bridge.”

B.A. Michael Green spoke up, “I cannot speak about what New Jersey Transit does.”

Mackiel then concluded, “So, nothing has changed.”

Pabon responded, “Public Works goes by that bridge. Is it wide enough for people to walk across the bridge? I guess I have to go over there myself to look at it.”

No one spoke via Zoom.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales said, “I thank all for coming. I want to thank Resident Mackiel for his concerns and comments. I want to recognize the beautification of our city and all that were involved in making this happen.” She then reminded everyone about the Thomas Mundy Peterson Park dedication coming up. She then added, “Please get vaccinated.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “I want to piggyback on Councilwoman Morales’s comments on the cleanups going on in the city and the paintings of the bridges.” He then turned his attention to those who are doing just the opposite, “We can’t continue to blame the DPW for not cleaning up. When I walk the waterfront, I see fast food wrappers on the ground by the garbage cans. We are not helping each other. The Prop House closed off their parking lot because people are dumping garbage there. People lost that whole parking space. We need your help. There are a lot of good people doing good things but say something if you see people dumping. The Second Street Park has a lot of activity going on. It seems to be going up very fast now. I see they are

starting to work again on the Convery Boulevard Bridge. I want to know what is going on with these lantern flies. They are all over the place. Is the county doing something? If you walk the roadway to the amphitheater, the trees are filled with them. We are going to lose those trees.”

Council President Petrick suggested, “Maybe the County Spray Program should be doing something.”

Business Administrator Green said, “I’ll check.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada brought up communication No. 14. – Residents of Franklin Drive are complaining about the garbage at the nursing home and the Moose Lodge Parking lots were causing problems. “Because of food left behind, they are attracting raccoons, opossums, skunks, moles, and cats according to the communications sent by these residents.” Tejada spotted Miguel Morales in attendance to see if he was made aware of this problem.

Miguel Morales then explained, “They are also having the same issues at the Delaney Homes properties where they are building the new high school (people dumping garbage).”

Councilwoman Tejada then mentioned, “There will be a ground-breaking at the new high school next week and the 9-11 Memorial Service was beautiful and touching.” She congratulated all who put it together.

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “I see the city employees cleaning up the parks. After they are done, people will totally trash the parks. Cars throw litter out of their windows. We need to take pride in our city. I just heard recently that someone had their baby carriage stolen at one of the parks.”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “I heard that chickens eat lantern flies, so if you have them, just let them loose. I want to thank all who participated at tonight’s meeting and those who watched at home. Everyone, have a good evening.”

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. All council members were present in person.

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## Correction

PERTH AMBOY - In a 9/15/21 issue of the Amboy Guardian, at the 9/8/21 Council Meeting, Retired City Employee and Resident Robert Pincelli's name was incorrectly spelled. We apologize for that error.



## Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge Expands Services with The Center for Hearing

Press Release 9/27/21  
OLD BRIDGE, NJ – Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge has expanded its Center for Balance to include the Center for Hearing, effective October 1, 2021.  
“We are excited to open up this new service to our growing community,” said William DiStanislaio, interim president, chief hospital executive, Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge. “Our certified audiologist will work closely with our medical director to interpret findings and recommend appropriate treatment.”

Our doctoral level audiologist at Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge offers a holistic approach to address the varied needs of individuals with hearing loss. Hearing loss is invisible, often develops slowly, and one may not be aware of hearing loss for many years. Yet, hearing is one of the most critical of our senses. We rely on hearing to interact and converse, to learn, and to perform many daily functions. Selecting appropriate hearing aids and other assistive devices and verifying device settings following fittings is critical to achieving the most effective fitting possible.



“I am looking forward to bringing evidence-based, state of the art audiology services to the Old Bridge community,” said Sara Kader, AuD, CCC-A, program coordinator, Center for Balance and Hearing, Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge. The Center for Hearing will offer the following evaluations:  
•Complete Hearing Evaluations for adults and children  
•Comprehensive Balance testing including  
o Electronystagmography (ENG),  
o Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potential (VEMP), and

o Electrocochleography (ECo-chG)  
•Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response  
•Auditory Processing Evaluations  
•Infant hearing re-screenings  
•Otoacoustic emission testing  
•Hearing Aid Selection Evaluation  
•Hearing Aid Assessment and Verification  
•Educational audiology consultations  
For more information about The Center of Hearing, please visit <https://www.rbmc.org/services/center-for-balance/>

## Investors Bank Helps Schools Deliver Financial Literacy Education 9 High Schools in NJ to Benefit from Digital Financial Learning Experience

Press Release 9/16/21  
SHORT HILLS, NEW JERSEY– Investors Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: ISBC) is going back to school this September! More than 63 percent of Americans consider themselves financially illiterate, lacking the knowledge, skills and resources needed to make informed financial decisions. To help address that issue, Investors will again launch a free, digital financial learning experience for high school students in Essex, Hudson, Middlesex and Union counties in New Jersey during the 2021-2022 school year.

The program, Money Moves: Modern Banking & Identity Protection™, was designed by Zelle and EVERFI, the leading social impact education technology company. The strategic partnership with Investors will provide students in grades 9-12 with practical knowledge and empowerment for making educated financial decisions in an ever-changing digital world.

“Education is essential to creating the strong communities necessary to keep our region moving forward. Investors Bank is involved with the Money Moves program because we feel it is our obligation to ensure the next generation is able to make sound financial decisions, while avoiding fraud and protecting their identity,” said Investors Bank Chairman and CEO Kevin Cummings.

Through the program, students

will learn safe and responsible strategies for using online and mobile banking, and other modern financial tools. The four-part program covers:

- Introductory Financial Concepts – highlights the benefits of financial institutions and how they can be used to best meet student needs.
- Modern Digital Banking – identifies features of digital and in-person banking and how to use online banking tools to manage money.
- Identity Theft & Fraud Protection – provides details on controlling personal information online, identifying potential financial scams or fraud, and what to do if targeted by scammers.
- Peer-to-Peer Transactions - identifies potential risks and benefits of Peer-to-Peer (P2P) payment apps and how to safely use them.

Each lesson takes students through various scenarios using diverse environments and characters. Problem-solving exercises help students learn the material and understand the real-life applications. The lessons are aligned with Jump\$tart National Standards, CEE National Standards for Financial Literacy, and state-based Financial Literacy Standards.

“As banking and the delivery of financial services continue to evolve in this increasingly digital age, Investors Bank feels a real responsibility to the next

generation to ensure they have a solid financial education,” said Investors Bank Chief Administrative Officer Brian Doran. “Our evolving and valued strategic partnership with EVERFI will continue to help to enhance this commitment to our communities.”

The schools which previously engaged with the Money Moves program during the 2020-2021 academic year included:

Essex County: Technology High School, West Essex High School

Hudson County: James J. Ferris High School, William L. Dickinson High School

Middlesex County: Dunellen High, J.F. Kennedy Memorial High School

Union County: Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, Rahway High School, Thomas A. Edison Career and Technology Academy, Union County Teams Charter, Westfield Senior High

EVERFI delivers the necessary training and tools for teachers in the participating schools to use the learning modules and provides any needed support. The program is designed to fit into school curriculum areas such as finance, economics, business, family and consumer sciences, and career and technical education.

## NJSACOP Swears in Sayreville Police Chief as New President; Honors Valor Award Winners at 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference



SAYREVILLE - Sayreville Police Chief John Zebrowski IS sworn in as the new president of the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) on Aug. 25 \*Photo Submitted

Press Release 9/14/21  
SAYREVILLE – For Sayreville Police Chief John Zebrowski, it was a night to remember in Atlantic City.

Not only was he sworn in as the new president of the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) on Aug. 25, it was done before his fellow police chiefs around the state, acting Attorney General Andrew Bruck, Middlesex County Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone, the Sayreville PBA Local #98 Honor Guard, his wife, Kim, two of his children, Matt and Jessica, and an unexpected guest.

Just as Zebrowski was about to make his inaugural remarks, two large video screen flashed the smiling face of his other son, Jay, in military fatigues, who is in the U.S. Army in Fort Benning, Ga.

At that moment, the ordinarily cool-headed police chief’s composure showed a slight crack, his voice full of emotion as he experienced such a career-defining moment in front of his colleagues and loved ones.

“Celebrating this profession and our roles as police executives feels good,” Zebrowski said. “For much of the latter part of two years I think ‘celebrating’ or more simply ‘feeling good’ about policing has occurred in a somewhat apologetic and most certainly, subdued fashion. Tonight, I’m taking on one of the greatest honors as President of this association.

“To my very best friends; thank you for sharing this night and for the special moments we created during all the years we’ve know each other,” he added. “I cannot thank you enough.”

Acting Attorney General Bruck lauded Zebrowski for his integrity. He commended all other New Jersey police chiefs on the front lines of law enforcement, steadfast as they meet new challenges and regulations.

Gov. Phil Murphy, in a congratulatory letter, said that Zebrowski and all the police chiefs consistently “give their all to ensure that officers receive the guidance and instruction necessary for a bright and fulfilling future.”

Commending Zebrowski, the governor added: “The impression you have made on your colleagues and the amount of professionalism you have shown serve as a testament to your passion, dedication and capabilities as a Chief of Police and a public servant.”

The NJSACOP banquet, at the Hard Rock Hotel as part of the 109th Annual Training Conference and Police Security Expo, also featured the 2021 Valor Award. It was established in 2000 to recognize New Jersey police officers and private citizens who demonstrate exceptional heroism and commitment to their profession, their law enforcement agency and to the public.

Every year, the NJSACOP receives nominations from police chiefs statewide. This year, 33 officers were nominated by nine New Jersey police departments.

The award was presented on the dais to East Brunswick Police Officers Ryan Hensperger and Robert Thuring for preventing a suicide that also threatened the safety of New Jersey Turnpike motorists.

East Brunswick Police Chief Frank LoSacco credited Officers Hensperger and Thuring for risking their lives to stop a distraught 28-year-old man from jumping off a Route 18 overpass onto the Turnpike on June 21, 2020.

Founded in 1912, the NJSA-COP established its Valor Award in 2000 to recognize New Jersey police officers and private citizens who demonstrate exceptional heroism and commitment to their profession, their law enforcement agency and to the public they serve.

Learn more about the NJSACOP at [www.NJSACOP.org](http://www.NJSACOP.org).

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## Local Volunteer Honored by Governor Murphy

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY - The New Jersey State Governor’s Awards are the state’s official recognition for community service. Honorees of the New Jersey State Governor’s Jefferson Award achieve measurable community impact and represent outstanding acts of public service, without the expectation of recognition or compensations. Recipients demonstrate unique vision, dedication, tenacity of heroic proportion and serve as an inspiration to others. On Sunday, September 12 long-time South Amboy resident Mary Porcello, who was nominated for this prestigious honor by Senator Joseph Vitale [D – 19th District], was among those honored by Governor Murphy in a ceremony at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton.

Mary has volunteered in her community for many decades in particular as the coordinator for the Food Bank at the First Presbyterian Church. During the pandemic where the need for supplemental groceries increased dramatically, she took



Mary Porcello  
\*Photo Courtesy the City of South Amboy

on the added responsibility of seeking out new sources and building relationships to ensure that the vital work of her team of volunteers could continue.

“Mary is a stellar example of volunteerism in our community” said Mayor Fred Henry. “Her boundless energy and enthusiasm are only eclipsed by her dedication to those in our community that need help”.

A thirty-year resident of the City, Mary serves as an elder for the congregation. In the past

year under Mary’s stewardship the First Presbyterian Church Food Bank in alliance with the Food Bank at Saint Mary’s Church provided over 42 thousand pounds of food to those in need.

“I am not an island unto myself,” said Mary. “During the pandemic many members of the community reached out to support our collective efforts, in particular the Friends of South Amboy and the City’s first responder community.”

## HUD Awards \$1 Million To Fight Housing Discrimination in New Jersey Grants to Support and Promote Fair Housing

Press Release 9/14/21

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today awarded \$47.4 million to fair housing organizations across the country under its Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP). The grants will support the efforts of 120 national and local fair housing organizations working to address violations of the Fair Housing Act and helping to end discrimination in housing. In New Jersey, HUD awarded \$1,000,000 to four local organizations to fight and prevent discrimination in housing. (See the list of grantees below.)

The grant funding will allow the grantees to provide fair housing enforcement by conducting investigations, testing to identify discrimination in the rental and sales markets, and filing fair housing complaints with HUD. In addition, grantees will carry out education and outreach activities to inform the public, housing providers, and local governments about their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.

“The fair housing groups’ HUD funds are a critical piece of combatting housing discrimination,” said Jeanine Worden, HUD’s Acting Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. “The grants we’re announcing today will enable 120 fair housing groups to combat unfair evictions and other housing practices that violate the Fair Housing Act.”

“Fair housing organizations in New Jersey provide valuable support to renters and homebuyers that feel excluded from living where they choose,” said Justin Scheid, HUD Newark Field Office Director. “HUD funding helps these grantees not only investigate complaints, but it also helps them identify landlords that have systemic problems and assists them with education and training to improve attitudes towards fair housing.” HUD is awarding grants today in the following categories:

•Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI) – \$34,556,620 is being awarded to organizations that conduct intake and testing and that investigate and litigate fair

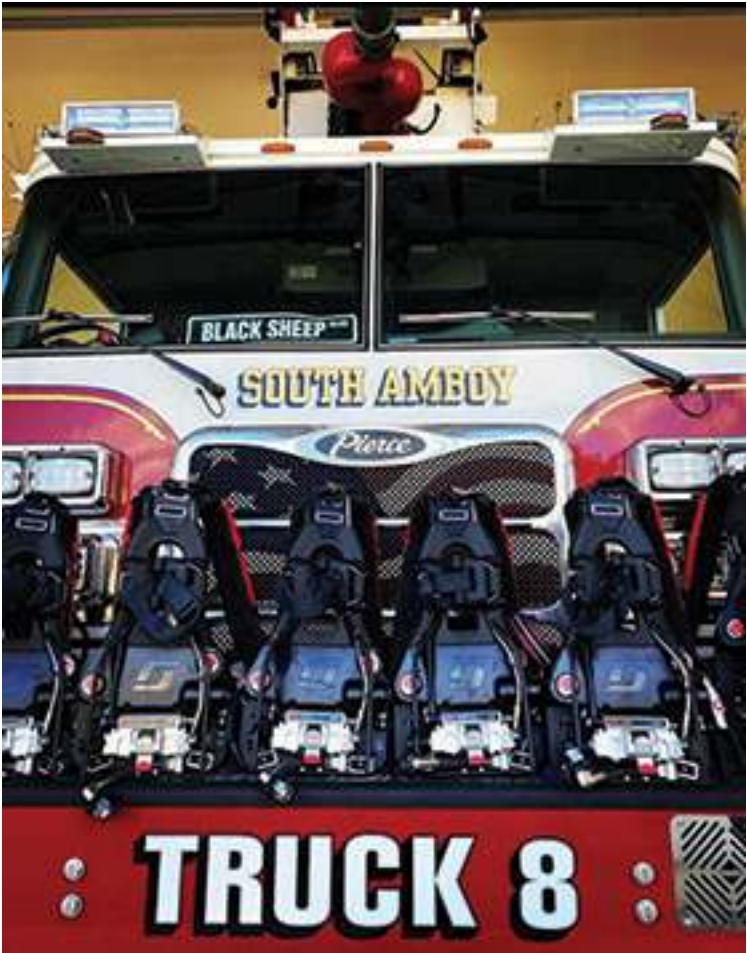
housing complaints under the Fair Housing Act.

•Education and Outreach Initiative (EOI) – \$10,747,218 is being awarded to organizations that educate the public and housing providers about the Fair Housing Act. These grants will also support state and local organizations that enhance fair housing laws that are substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act.

•Fair Housing Organizations Initiative (FHOI) – \$2,156,183 is being awarded to help build the capacity and effectiveness of non-profit fair housing organizations, particularly organizations that focus on the rights and needs of underserved populations, including rural and immigrant populations.

People who believe they have experienced discrimination may file a complaint by contacting HUD’s Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at (800) 669-9777 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (Relay). Housing discrimination complaints may also be filed by going to hud.gov/fairhousing.

## South Amboy Fire Department Equipment Upgrade



Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY - As part of an ongoing modernization process the City Volunteer Fire Department has accepted delivery of new air packs. Replacing current equipment that was approaching end of life service, the forty new Scott X3 Pro units and eighty cylinders will provide the City’s volunteers with state-of-the-art safety equipment.

“Self-contained breathing apparatus is the most essential equipment to keep fire fighters safe when making entry to burning buildings or other toxic environments”, said Fire Chief Andrew Bielak. “We are grateful to the Mayor and Council

for authorizing this purchase so we can continue our 130-year tradition of keeping our residents safe”.

“The residents of South Amboy owe a debt of gratitude to all of our volunteer first responders. The capital improvements we have been able to accomplish this year to equip our fire fighters with equipment upgrades will enable them to continue their important mission” said Mayor Fred Henry.

South Amboy will soon accept delivery of two state of the art E-One fire engines as well as two new Chief Command vehicles. The City is served by five fire companies and is staffed entirely by local volunteers.

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Reinaldo Aviles. Historic Commissioner Anna Daily was the driving force to get that plaque completed.

At the 3/6/17 caucus meeting, there was a presentation made by PAHPC Chair Reinaldo Aviles and Historic Commissioner Anna Daily who gave an update on the Thomas Mundy Peterson plaque showing an artist rendering, the size and the wording. At the end of the presentation, Council President Petrick stated the council is 100% support of what the HPC was doing and keep the momentum going. Councilman Helmin Caba congratulated Perth Amboy and the HPC on the great job they did getting the Thomas Mundy Peterson plaque. "But we still should consider naming the county park after Peterson and getting a monument for him, also."

Fast Forward to 2021. The County Commissioners named the new county park in Perth Amboy the Thomas Mundy Peterson Park. Former Mayor Wilda Diaz had fought hard to get the county to build the park on the former site of Duane Marine and the Cableworks, which suffered a massive fire on July 9, 1980, that burned for over a week.

At the time that the county was looking to turn that property into a park, it was owned by Perth Amboy Developer Barry Rosen-

garten. When the park was officially dedicated on September 25, 2021, Rosengarten was in attendance. Director of the Board of County Commissioners Ron Rios was instrumental in getting the park built. Former Mayor Wilda Diaz wanted the land to be a park for residents to enjoy. This was to fill the need of additional recreational parks needed for the population of Perth Amboy.

If you go to www.amboyguardian.com just search Thomas Mundy Peterson you will see many different churches, groups and individuals who honored Thomas Mundy Peterson in several different ways. It is hard to list them all, but we'd like to thank everyone individually or collectively in the past, present and any future endeavors to keep Perth Amboy's history alive and give it national attention it deserves.

So, as you can see, Perth Amboy was progressive in the 1800's, the 1900's and the 2000's.

So, now we almost come to a full circle. The plan for the PAHPC to further expand Perth Amboy's history as one of the focal points of Thomas Mundy Peterson known nationwide. This includes a statue of Thomas Mundy Peterson.

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Fiscal Year 2021 FHIP Grants			
State	Recipient	Grant Type	Amount
New Jersey	New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund, Inc.	PEI	\$375,000
	Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey	EOI	\$125,000
	Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey	PEI	\$375,000
	Citizen Action of New Jersey	EOI	\$125,000
TOTAL			\$1,000,000

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Rise Light & Power to Transform Former Coal-Fired Power Plant into Clean Energy Hub, Connecting Offshore Wind to New Jersey’s Electric Grid

Project to Power 1.4 Million Homes with Offshore Wind While Avoiding Need to Bury High-Voltage Power Cables Under New Jersey’s Beaches

Rise’s Acquisition of Former Coal Plant in South Amboy Continues Company’s Mission of Repurposing Fossil Infrastructure for Clean Energy Uses

Outerbridge Expected to Create Over \$1 Billion in Economic Value in New Jersey, Including Nearly \$88 Million in Tax Revenue for State and Local Governments

Press Release 9/17/21  
SOUTH AMBOY, NJ – Rise Light & Power, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the LS Power group, today announced plans for an innovative new renewable energy hub to deliver New Jersey’s tremendous offshore wind resource to the state’s electric grid in an environmentally-responsible, efficient, and affordable way.

Rise is proposing to build the Outerbridge Renewable Connector, a new solution to streamline the delivery of renewable offshore wind energy to New Jersey homes and businesses. Rise recently completed acquisition of the site of the former E.H. Werner Power Station in South Amboy, New Jersey, and plans to redevelop the site as a renewable energy hub serving as a central interconnection point for offshore wind farms to deliver clean energy to the New Jersey electric grid. With Rise’s ongoing remediation efforts, the project will also lead to the elimination of a once-contaminated brownfield site dating back to the 1930s.

The acquisition of the former Werner coal plant continues Rise’s mission to transform aging energy infrastructure into hubs of clean energy. Rise is currently advancing the clean energy transformation of New York City’s largest power plant, the Ravenswood Generating Station, to host several green in-

frastructure projects, including battery storage and renewable transmission solutions.

Today, after months of consultations with elected leaders, policymakers, offshore wind developers, environmental advocates, labor, business, fishing interests, and other stakeholders, Rise submitted to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and PJM Interconnection the innovative Outerbridge Renewable Connector plan.

“Rise Light & Power is committed to helping New Jersey achieve its ambitious clean energy goals,” said Clint Plummer, CEO of Rise Light & Power. “The state’s bold vision calls for a responsible, affordable solution to delivering offshore wind energy to the state electric grid. Outerbridge solves the challenge of finding appropriate and acceptable cable landing sites by using existing infrastructure that avoids siting transmission lines in sensitive areas like residential neighborhoods and recreational beaches.”

“Governor Murphy positioned New Jersey as a leader in transitioning to clean energy and we are proud to play an integral part in his goal for the state to obtain 50 percent of its power from clean sources by 2030,” said South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, who supports the project. “The Outerbridge Renewable Connector is the only proj-

ect in our state that can deliver clean offshore wind to our residents without the controversy of disturbing beaches and communities. Outerbridge is also a major economic generator for South Amboy that will create good-paying local jobs and support our community as a major taxpayer. This is the kind of partner and project South Amboy is proud to endorse.”

The Outerbridge proposal is a superior solution for delivering offshore wind energy to New Jersey electric customers because it enables offshore wind projects to avoid bringing high voltage power cables ashore at New Jersey’s beaches or other sensitive areas.

Instead, Rise proposes transforming an industrial waterfront site, formerly home to the Jersey Central Power & Light Company’s E.H. Werner power station, into an ideal gateway for bringing power from offshore wind farms into New Jersey.

The 26-acre, industrially-zoned site was retired as a fossil-fueled power plant in 2015. The site on Raritan Bay features an existing substation and switchyard, rail and highway access, a pier with expansion potential and unobstructed access to the Atlantic Ocean with 24 acres of submerged lands.

Once offshore wind energy is delivered to the new clean energy hub at South Amboy,

Outerbridge would function as a giant extension cord, delivering clean energy to the local power grid through upgraded grid infrastructure on the site and to the Deans Substation through buried cables along an existing railroad right of way. The power cables will be entirely underground. A proposed battery energy-storage system offers the opportunity for further reliability to the grid.

In repurposing the past to power the future, Outerbridge will be a valuable part of the South Amboy waterfront, creating good-paying union jobs during construction.

Outerbridge would generate power for up to 1.4 million homes and create over \$1 billion in economic value to New Jersey, including nearly \$88 million in tax revenue for state and local governments. In addition, Rise is committed to fund and implement programs to build the local economy and support workforce development. Outerbridge would accomplish this while minimizing costs and controversy and building confidence in New Jersey’s offshore wind systems.

“New Jersey has a nation-leading offshore wind program,” said Joe Esteves and David Nanus, the Co-Heads of Private Equity at LS Power. “Our Outerbridge proposal allows the state to achieve its offshore wind goals on schedule,

cost-effectively and with the highest possible levels of public support. And it will demonstrate how a legacy power plant site can be transformed into a hub of clean energy.”

The Outerbridge Project presents the NJ BPU with:

- Ideal location — the site of the retired E.H. Werner Power Station on Raritan Bay
- Zoned for industrial use — no recreational beaches, residential communities, or Wildlife Management Areas would be disturbed
- Direct access to state and regional power grid through a substation onsite and access to others via an existing railroad right of way
- Low-impact, environmentally-responsible route alignment with no above-ground transmission facilities or road construction required between the South Amboy location
- A Battery Energy Storage System that will help facilitate New Jersey’s transition to clean energy and improve reliability of the PJM system

Rise is committed to extensive, ongoing communication with residents, local officials, labor, business, environmental advocates, environmental justice organizations, fishing industry and other stakeholders to seek input and guidance during development of the project.

HUD Announces Disaster Assistance for New Jersey and New York Disaster Survivors

Press Release 9/8/21  
WASHINGTON D.C. – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance for areas in the State of New Jersey and the State of New York affected by Hurricane Ida.

On September 5, 2021 President Biden issued major disaster declarations for the New Jersey counties of Bergen, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Passaic, and Somerset, and for the New York counties of Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond, and Westchester.

The President’s declaration allows HUD to offer assistance to impacted families living in these counties. Effective immediately, HUD is:

- Providing immediate foreclosure relief** – HUD’s automatic 90-day moratorium on foreclosures of Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured home mortgages commenced on the date of the Presidential major disaster declaration, and foreclosures of mortgages to Native American borrowers guaranteed under the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee program. For assistance,

call your loan servicer or FHA’s Resource Center at 1-800-304-9320;

- Making mortgage insurance available** – HUD’s Section 203(h) program provides FHA insurance to disaster survivors whose homes were destroyed or damaged to such an extent that reconstruction or replacement is necessary and are facing the daunting task of rebuilding or buying another home. Borrowers from participating FHA-approved lenders are eligible for 100 percent financing, including closing costs; and
- Making insurance available for both mortgages and home rehabilitation** - HUD’s Section 203(k) loan program enables those who have lost their homes to finance the purchase or refinancing of a house along with its repair through a single mortgage. It also allows homeowners who have damaged houses to finance the rehabilitation of their existing single-family home.
- Sharing information on housing providers and HUD programs** – The Department will share information with FEMA and the States on housing providers that may have available units in the impacted counties.

This includes Public Housing Agencies, Tribally-Designated Housing Entities, and Multi-Family owners. The Department will also connect FEMA and the States to subject matter experts to provide information on HUD programs and providers.

- Providing flexibility to states and local governments** – HUD will issue regulatory waivers to allow communities more flexibility to use their existing Community Development Block Grant, Continuum of Care, HOME, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, and Emergency Solutions Grant funds. These waivers will make it easier for communities to respond quickly in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.
- Providing flexibility to Public Housing Authorities** – Public Housing Authorities can apply for needed administrative flexibility through disaster waivers, in response to the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Ida. For detailed information on applying for a waiver, click for the latest guidance Federal Register Disaster Relief Notice. The Department also released PIH Notice 2021-14, which granted administrative flexibilities to

waive or establish alternative requirements for numerous statutory and regulatory requirements for various Public Housing Programs. As a reminder, to be eligible to receive a disaster waiver, the PHA must be located in an active Major Disaster Declaration (MDD) area and submit a waiver within four months of a disaster.

- Ensuring HUD-approved housing counseling agencies are ready to assist** – HUD-approved housing counseling agencies have counselors available to assist those who are impacted by natural disasters to determine assistance needs and available resources. Find a HUD-approved housing counseling agency.
- Assisting with housing discrimination** – Housing discrimination sometimes occurs when people are attempting to find housing following a disaster. HUD’s Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity is available to assist people who believe they have experienced housing discrimination. If you think your rights have been violated, you should file a fair housing complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). You

can file a complaint by calling HUD at 1-800-669-977 or visiting How to File a Complaint on HUD’s website. Materials and assistance are available for persons with limited English proficiency. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact the Department using the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. You should file a complaint with HUD as soon as possible. HUD may be unable to help you if your complaint is filed more than one year after the last discriminatory act. You may also be able to file a complaint with a state or local fair housing agency. A list of the state and local fair housing agencies funded by HUD is available on HUD’s website here.

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# Middlesex County hosts the Educators’ Summit on Student Mental Health to Address the Social, Emotional, And Behavioral Effects of the Ongoing Pandemic on Students

Press Release 10/1/21  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – Middlesex County, in partnership with the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office and the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, hosted the Educators’ Summit on Student Mental Health on Thursday to address the challenges of social and emotional wellbeing faced by primary, secondary, and post-secondary students due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The panel shared insights into how the pandemic is impacting children and young adults and discussed findings from a survey of educators across school districts and charter schools in Middlesex County conducted in May by the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey and the Office of the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools.

Senator Joseph Vitale, Director of Middlesex County Commissioners Director Ronald G. Rios, County Commissioner Channele Scott McCullum, and Superintendent Mark Finkelstein of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, served as guest speakers. Middlesex County Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone served as moderator and panelists included: Lakeasha Carter, MPA, Middlesex County Department of Community Services; Kyle Anderson, Middlesex County Executive County Superintendent; Scott Feder, South Brunswick Public Schools Superintendent; George Scott, State Coordinator, Traumatic Loss Coalition; David Irizarry, Chief of Police, Borough of Metuchen; Lois Yukna, Middlesex County Education Association; and Frank A. Ghinassi, PhD, ABPP, President and CEO, Rutgers Health University, Behavioral Health Care Senior Vice President, Behavioral Health and Addictions Service Line, RWJBarnabas Health.

“The past 18 months have been challenging for all of us, but especially for students and educators. On behalf of the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners, I’m thankful to everyone who took part and participated in this very important discussion,” said Board of County Commissioners Director Ronald G. Rios. “We understand that these issues are complex, and that the best solutions will be born of collaborative efforts involving our entire community.”

“As chair of the County’s Business Innovation, Education, and Opportunity Committee, I have the privilege of working with our County’s educators and seeing firsthand the incredible work they do. I am continually impressed by their efforts and dedication – particularly as we continue to deal with the worst public health crisis our country has seen in a century,” said County Commissioner Channele Scott McCullum. “The loss of social and emotional skills is as important as, if not more important than, academic learning loss as students return to in-person classes. Fortunately, we know that our school leaders are already focused on finding and creating solutions.”

“Following almost two years of distance learning, we are now seeing the broad mental health impacts on students as a result of schools being closed, physically distancing guidelines and isolation, and other unexpected changes to students’ lives,” said Superintendent Mark Finkel-



Middlesex County Educator's Summit

stein of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey. “Children already coping with mental health conditions have been especially vulnerable to the changes. With the help of Middlesex County leaders, educators, school leaders and parents, we hope to better address and support our students’ emotional and psychological needs throughout the ongoing

pandemic.” “The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges to students, educators, and parents. From high levels of anxiety, depression, and burnout, students already coping with mental health conditions have been especially vulnerable,” said Middlesex County Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone. “Addressing COVID-19 related trauma and



Panelists \*Photos Submitted

mental health issues will take more than mental health services, which is why we’ve convened a panel of experts in education, law enforcement, health care, and community services to lead us in the right direction.” In addition to the survey findings, the panel also addressed how each school district is already addressing challenges, including chronic absenteeism,

inappropriate student behavior, the potential for violence, and a massive loss of learning for incoming students in the 2021-2022 school year. To read an op-ed on the findings written by Middlesex County Commissioner McCullum, Middlesex County Prosecutor Ciccone, and Superintendent of Schools at Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Finkelstein.



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Annual Fishing Derby, Harborside Marina, Perth Amboy 9/18/21

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# Perth Amboy Artworks Presents the Waterfront Music Series Live in Bayview featuring Segunda Quimbamba on October 16



**Press Release**  
PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Artworks will host Segunda Quimbamba in beautiful Bayview Park for the Waterfront Music Series Finale on Saturday October 16 at 4pm. Segunda Quimbamba is a large ensemble dance and drum band that perform Bomba and Plena, the vibrant drum music of Puerto Rico. Band Director Juan Cartagena is a recognized Master Folk Artist by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and his knowledge of roots music inspires the exploration and celebration of Afro Latino Heritage. Hundreds have been attending this annual fall concert in Perth Amboy for years now, making it a much looked forward to City event. The event is free and all ages. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund.  
Founded in 1989, Segunda Quimbamba have many recordings and have performed throughout the US and Internationally. Last year during the pandemic, Segunda Quimbamba performed for Perth Amboy live online, and you can get excited about their upcoming show by watching the video on the Perth Amboy Artworks website at [www.perthamboyartworks.org](http://www.perthamboyartworks.org).

# Middlesex County’s Softball Tournament Raises \$1,000 for Pancreatic Cancer Research, Total Reaches Over \$22,5000



**Press Release 9/22/21**  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – Middlesex County’s yearly Pancreatic Cancer Co-Ed Softball Tournament raised another \$1,000 for pancreatic cancer research on Saturday, September 18 at Thomas Edison Park. The event was hosted by the Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation, along with the Board of County Commissioners, to increase community awareness about the disease and raise funds to aid cancer research at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey.  
From 2009 through 2021, the Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation has raised over \$22,500 to aid pancreatic cancer research.  
The softball tournament had a three-game guarantee with beautiful weather at Thomas Edison Park. All proceeds collected during registration will directly enable Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey physician-scientists to expand pancreatic cancer research and clinical trials. The annual event is meant to increase awareness and raise funds to aid research and support the work being done by the RCINJ. *\*Photos Submitted*

# Stop & Shop Now Offering Delivery to Your NY Giants Tailgate

**Press Release**  
NEW JERSEY - While the Giants are yet to deliver a win, Stop & Shop, the official supermarket of the New York Giants, is here to deliver a tailgating victory.  
This year, when you attend select New York Giants games, you can receive your tailgating supplies and snacks right to the parking lot nearest to you. No need to shop and then load the car, just place you order at [StopandShop.com](http://StopandShop.com), select your MetLife stadium parking lot and pickup your groceries at the game. It’s that easy.  
Stop & Shop will offer Game Day Delivery & Pickup for the following games:  
•9/26 vs. Atlanta  
•10/17 vs. LA Rams  
•11/28 vs. Eagles  
Giants fans can try the service for free by using code SSGI-ANTS.\*  
*\*New customers can receive the service free for 60 days by entering SSFREEPICKUP at*



*checkout. Minimum purchase required. Online Pickup fee waived on first order and then on all subsequent orders of \$30 or more if placed within 60 days of first order. Valid for first-time residential customers only in select zip codes. Offer excludes alcoholic beverages, gift cards, postage stamps and any other purchases prohibited by law. Offer not transferable. Limit 1 per household. Enter code at first order checkout. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 12/31/2021.*

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# Pallone Announces New Jersey will Receive Over \$20 Million to Protect Vulnerable Patients and Health Care Workers from COVID-19

**Press Release**  
WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that New Jersey will receive over \$20 million to protect vulnerable patients and health care workers from infectious diseases, including COVID-19. As Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, Pallone included the funding in the American Rescue Plan that passed the House and was signed into law in March 2021.  
The state will receive \$11.8 million to staff, train, and deploy strike teams to assist skilled nursing facilities, nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities with known or suspected COVID-19 outbreaks. The strike teams provide surge capacity for clinical services and staffing as well as strengthen infection prevention and control activities to prevent, detect, and contain outbreaks, including support for COVID-19 vaccinations.  
New Jersey will also receive \$8.6 million to strengthen infection control and prevention. The funding can be used to detect, track, and contain infectious diseases and assist health care workers in preventing infections in health care settings.  
“I’m pleased to see that funding from the American Rescue Plan is making its way to our state to ensure that we have the resources necessary to protect the highest-risk communities. This funding will allow the state to help protect vulnerable patients in nursing homes by establishing and deploying strike teams, managing outbreaks, and assisting with clinical care, infection control, and staffing,” Pallone said. “It will also help health care workers identify infectious diseases in health care settings to protect frontline workers and patients. This public health crisis requires robust federal funding, and I’m glad to see that New Jersey is getting the support it needs.”



Middle Passage Port Marker Unveiling and Ceremony, Harborside Marina, Perth Amboy 9/29/21

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang



An Attentive Crowd



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Mary Gordon  
103 Year Old  
Perth Amboy Resident



Mayor Helmin J. Caba



Placing Carnations Representing the 54 Nations in a Basket During the Ceremony by Students of Perth Amboy High School's Advanced Placement World History Class



Ann Chinn  
Board Chair of Middlesex  
Passage Ceremonies and  
Port Markers Project



Asw. Shavonda E. Sumter  
35<sup>th</sup> Legislative Dist.



Noelle Lorraine Williams  
Director African American  
History Program NJ  
Historical Commission



Rev Forrest M. Pritchett  
Seton Hall University  
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Leadership Program



The Unveiling



Releasing Tribute



Releasing Tribute



White Carnations placed in the water to honor those who died during the Middle Passage



Hand and Drum Ensemble



Anna Daily



Group Photo



Group Photo



Local Chapter NAACP President Donna Stewart (second Right)



## World War II - 75 Years Ago

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

On the eve of Yom Kippur and one month before U.S. mid-term elections, President Truman on October 4, 1946, publicly endorses the immediate immigration of over 100,000 Jews into Palestine. British Prime Minister Clement Attlee is furious over the American president's sudden announcement and predicts that it will only inflame further violence in the region as leaders of Arab nations will feel betrayed. In the U.S., Truman's political opponents condemn the pronouncement as "a clumsy bid to attract Jewish voters."

Acquitted Nuremberg defendants Hjalmar Schacht and Hans Fritzsche are released by U.S. military authorities on October 5. The third acquitted defendant, Franz von Papen, remains imprisoned at his own request. (Von Papen is likely trying to elude German authorities who are waiting to arrest him and bring him to trial in a de-Nazification court. Schacht and Fritzsche were both arrested almost immediately after their release.) Sen. Robert A. Taft, a Republican from Ohio, condemns the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials as "an outrage against justice," labeling the tribunals as victor's justice under *ex post facto* laws that use court proceedings as vengeance against the defeated. "About this whole judgment there is the spirit of vengeance, and vengeance is seldom justice." Taft's comments are soundly condemned by both Republicans and Democrats.

As part of the Zionist Jewish Agency's "11 Points in the Negev" program, which aims to establish a Jewish presence in the Negev Desert ahead of an anticipated partition of Palestine, 11 Jewish settlements are established literally overnight in the Negev Desert on October 6.

Truce negotiations between Dutch and Indonesian leaders begin on October 7 in Batavia (present-day Jakarta), chaired by the British. In Tokyo, the House of Representatives of Japan approves, by a vote of 342-5, the Constitution of Japan (1947). The document, which will go into effect on May 3, 1947, renounces war and guarantees the fundamental human rights of the people.

On October 8, four of those who murdered Jewish children in April 1945 at the Bullenhuser Damm school, close by the Neuengamme concentration camp, near Hamburg, Germany, are hanged. As British troops approached the camp, the children — who had been used in "medical experiments" at Neuengamme — along with four caretakers and six Soviet prisoners were taken from the camp to the school and murdered to cover up the atrocities that had been committed.

Procter and Gamble's *Tide* detergent is introduced to the U.S. market on October 9. The first electric blankets go on sale, for \$39.50, in Petersburg, Virginia. (The devices, called "warming pads" or "heated quilts," only become named "electric blankets" in the 1950s.)

Muslims in Noakhali, East Bengal, British India, turn against Hindus on October 10. They begin a terror campaign of murder, rape and forced conversions to Islam along with looting and arson of Hindu homes and establishments that will last about a week. An estimated 5,000 die in the violence. Sixteen of the 19 Nazis convicted at Nuremberg on September 30 ask for clemency. Their appeals are denied by the Allied Control Council in Berlin. An American V-2 rocket reaches an altitude of 100 miles over the White Sands Missile Base in New Mexico and sends back an impressive amount of information about the sun.

In Yugoslavia, Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, Croatia, has been tried, convicted and, on October 11, is sentenced to 16 years in prison for collaborating with the German-allied *Ustaše*, and his property is seized. *Ustaše* members Erik Lisak and Pavle Gulin are sentenced to death, nine priests and one other person are given prison terms. The trial is denounced by the Roman Catholic Church. In the U.S., Army Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service, announces the end of the military draft. Inductions are canceled for persons scheduled to report to their draft boards on or after October 16, 1946.

The Iranian government announces on October 12 that the rebellion in Fars Province is ending. U.S. Army Gen. Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell, whose war duties were primarily in the China-India-Burma Theater, dies in San Francisco, California, after surgery for stomach cancer. The West Point graduate was 63 years old.

The French electorate on October 13 approves a constitution for the Fourth French Republic. It specifically enshrines the equality of women and men "in all areas." At the same time, Dahomey, Niger, and Guinea — all in Africa — are made French overseas territories. Reversing its previous stance, the Muslim League joins the interim government of India. Five Muslim members are added to the twelve-member Executive Committee.

A preliminary truce and a temporary cease-fire are agreed to on October 14 by Dutch and Indonesian forces in Linggadjati, in the East Indies. Negotiators begin to work out which islands will comprise the Republic of Indonesia and which will remain as part of the Netherlands East Indies under the Dutch crown. The goal is that the two entities will co-exist. With the U.S. in the grip of a meat shortage, President Truman reluctantly eliminates all price controls. With no price ceiling imposed by the Office of Price Administration, meat prices double, but production increases, easing the shortage.

The 21-nation Paris Peace Conference ends on October 15. Draft treaties with Germany's European allies are finalized, as are payment of war reparations, territorial adjustments and modifications to certain international borders. There is no resolution on the Trieste dispute (whether the port city will belong to Italy or Yugoslavia); as a result, the Yugoslav delegation boycotts the last session. At Nuremberg, Germany, Hermann Göring ingests cyanide and dies instantly, hours before he is to be executed. Afterwards, authorities state that Göring had smuggled the poison capsule in when he arrived at Nuremberg and successfully kept it hidden by moving it around in his cell or on his person. However, in 2005, Herbert Lee Stivers, one of the U.S. soldiers guarding Göring, admitted that he may have been duped by a German girlfriend into passing a fountain pen containing "medicine" for the "very sick" Göring that actually held the poison. Researchers are torn between the two stories — both plausible — since Göring left a letter saying that none of the guards was to blame for not finding the vial, which Göring says was hidden in a jar of hair cream when he arrived.

Ten of the twelve leading figures in the Nazi government that were convicted on September 30 are executed by hanging in Nuremberg on October 16 for crimes against humanity. The eleventh, Hermann Göring, killed himself yesterday, and the twelfth, Martin Bormann, has not yet been found (his remains are finally discovered in 1972). The hangings are badly botched — most Nazis slowly strangle to death. Their bodies are incinerated near Munich and the ashes are scattered over the River Isar. In the U.S., Gordon "Gordie" Howe makes his National Hockey League debut with the Detroit Red Wings. He will play pro hockey in five decades (1946-1980).

In the U.S., the Office of Price Administration on October 17 removes all price controls on coffee.

## 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.

## Boscov's 25% Off Shopping Discount

SAYREVILLE - Wednesday, October 20th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Location: Boscov's (Woodbridge Center or Eatontown). Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser - \$5 Pass for 25% Discount at Boscov's (off most purchases).

The \$5 is donated right back to Friends of the Sayreville Public Library. Select our charity at the register in-store during check-out. Passes may be purchased at the library or at Boscov's the day of the event.

Presented by the Friends of the Sayreville Public Library.



## Book Sale

SAYREVILLE - Saturday & Sunday, October 16th & 17th, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Changes implemented to keep within the guidelines of safe social distancing. ONLY \$10 for a bag of books or \$15 for a box of books. Must use bags and boxes provided. Also, donated gifts will be priced to sell Sayreville Public School Teachers free of charge, with proper ID. Location: Sayreville Free Public Library, 1050 Washington Rd, Parlin, NJ 08859.

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## South Amboy Seniors

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Senior Citizens club is looking for new members. Anyone 60+ years old that lives in South Amboy or has a 08879 zip code is eligible to join. The meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 12:00 Noon at the Senior Building on Stevens Avenue. Come have fun and join the members for lunch and see if you're interested in joining the club. If interested or seeking more information, please call Gretchen at 732-721-2501 or Sandy at 732-721-6576.

## Fall Fish & Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish & Chicken Fry on Friday, October 15, 2021. All meals will be takeout only. The price is \$15.00/person and includes fish or chicken (chicken is available by advance order only), kraut, French fries, roll, green beans, and a slice of fruit pie. The church is located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville, directly across from Borough Hall. The hours for pickup are 5:00 p.m.- 6:30 pm. Please contact the church at 732-257-6353 for tickets. There will be a limited amount of tickets available at the door.



## Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE - Tuesdays May 11th thru Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Pierogi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church Fall Pierogi Sale. Orders for Potato/Cheese and Jalapeno Cheddar Pierogi at \$9.00 a dozen may be called on October 5, 6, 7, 2021 to (732) 826-7067 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please call early before we meet the quota. Orders may be picked up on October 15 & 16, 2021 after 2:00 PM at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ

## Bingo is Back

PERTH AMBOY – \$1000 Bingo is back at the Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church located at the Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Place, at the corner of Kirkland and Fayette Streets on Mondays, starting October 11, 2021. Parking option behind the church (331 Kirkland Pl., accessible from Wilson Street.) Doors open 6:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Masks are mandatory. No exceptions! Snacks and coffee are available for sale. For more info, call 732-442-7799. License No: BL-1060; ID No: 387-1-29395

## You're Invited to Sunday Worship

PERTH AMBOY - Please join us on Sunday mornings: 9:00 AM for English Worship and Sunday School; 10:30 AM for Hungarian Worship and Sunday School

Rev. András Szász – Pastor; Organ Prelude - Richard Russell, Organist. We Extend an Open Invitation to All!

Magyar Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ - 732-442-7799; www.mrchurchnj.org

Parking behind the church on the Wilson Street side.

## Kolbasz Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz (kielbasy) Sale by the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge NJ. on Friday, October 29th. Deadline for orders is October 18th. Price is \$7.00 a pound. To place an order call Audrey Marciniak at 732-494-1431 or the church office 732-634--1751. Orders can be picked up on October 29th between 10am and 4:00 pm. Please use the Ross Street entrance to Fellowship Hall.



*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 October 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center at the corner of Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy. I know many people have been starving for reading material for these long months we were at home. We will be wearing masks and providing hand sanitizer and bags if needed. We also insist that anyone coming to peruse our collection also wear a mask as mandated by the State of NJ. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardcovers are \$1, \$5 for a bag full, no limit to size of bag except no lawn or garbage bags. We have best sellers by popular authors that are like new. The money we raise goes to support the library with providing programs, promoting literacy or to provide funds to the library with their needs beyond their budget. We look forward to your visit.

For more information email us at [friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com), or call us at 201-381-1903 and like us on Facebook. Dealers are welcome. At this time, we are not accepting donations of books.

Please Submit Your Events to  
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Dowdell Library

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 through 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 [ashelighheyder.com](http://ashelighheyder.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](mailto:Susan.capolongo@rwjbh.org) or [kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org](mailto:kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org). Find details about each session on [Dowdell.org](http://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](http://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](http://Dowdell.org) for the latest information, dates, and times.

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](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org). The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

Perth Amboy Student Nominated for USA Football's Heart of a Giant Award  
Presented by Hospital for Special Surgery and the New York Giants

Press Release 9/27/21

NEW YORK, NY - The 2021 USA Football Heart of a Giant Award presented by Hospital for Special Surgery and NY Giants announced their fourth set of outstanding Tri-State area high school football player nominees open for voting. These students have been nominated by their coaches for their commitment, teamwork, will, character and dedication.

The voting period for these nominees is now open until October 17, at 11:59pm ET with the final vote tally determining who will be named the group's finalist.

Overall, there will be six weekly finalists and five wildcard finalists, leading to 11 total honorees. Each finalist will receive \$1,000 for their high school's football program, with the grand prize winner's school getting an additional \$4,000. The grand prize winner will be selected based on video submissions stating why they have the Heart of a Giant.

For more information on the program, click here.

WEEK 4 NOMINEES

(in alpha order by last name)

1. Amier Alford; New Brunswick High School (New Brunswick, NJ)

Three words Coach Tucker uses to describe Amier are hard-working, humble, and reliable. He goes on to say that "Amier has been the bell cow for the New Brunswick Zebras since his freshman year. While having great individual success he realized that this was not resulting in much team success. He not only pushed himself to be a better player, he also pushed his teammates in the weight room, on the field, and in the classroom to be better. He also communicated to staff a need to spread the ball around more to have more team success. This, in turn has resulted in both more team success and ironically more individual success

for him. Overall, he has been a great teammate and a pleasure to coach." Amier not only works hard on the field, but also works a job to help support his family.

2. Jack Butler; MacArthur High School (Levittown, NY)

Jack's Spring Football season did not start or end the way he envisioned. He was contacted for Covid the Saturday before the season started and had to miss the first game. The second game of the season he rotated with the other quarterback. The third game of the year he was lost for the season because of his ankle injury. His determination and drive to get to where he had been amazing to say the least. He is a true leader who leads more by example than with his words. He is a Peer Leader at MacArthur who helps incoming freshmen adjust to the high school environment. He referees youth flag football, and he helps at football and baseball clinics. He is a great role model and always puts the team ahead of any personal accomplishments. You truly would love to have a team full of Jack Butler's. I don't know what he will do in life, but whatever it is, I know he will be successful. — Coach Fehrenbach

3. Nick Ciolino; Saddle Brook High School (Saddle Brook, NJ)

Saddle Brook High School football is a program that has suffered with declining numbers over the past 5 years. It's a small town and many kids who are good tend to leave to play elsewhere. He is a program kid who decided to stay and play for his high school. He has overcome ACL surgery last season and has worked hard to get ready this season. The program was on the brink of folding with just 14 kids to start the season. He has been an advocate for his team and his community. He drives out of his way each day to get those kids who need

rides to practice. He moved to QB this season not by choice, but because we needed someone to step up. When we scrimmaged and the team didn't do well, he was the first to look in the mirror. Nick Ciolino is the reason why we coaches, coach the game.

4. Steven Craig; James I. O'Neill High School (Highland Falls, NY)

Steven could very easily fit a number of the characteristics of the Heart of a Giant. However, his will and drive are what set him apart. In the off season during our weight room sessions, Steven came in and taught and mentored the younger kids who came into our split weight room sessions. It immediately earned their respect as someone who was committed and doing things the right way. He is the one who holds his teammates AND HIMSELF accountable for mistakes instead of deferring blame to others. When some of his teammates were struggling understanding plays in the playbook, Steven went over to the kid's house to teach him and go through the playbook. In our first game he missed a total of two snaps on offense and defense because he was cramping. He forced a fumble on the final drive of the game in the red zone to secure the victory for our team. And he did it because of his relentlessness on every play. Despite the ball carrier starting to be wrapped up Steven flew out of nowhere to dislodge the ball and give us the win.

5. Stephen Henry; Columbia (Maplewood, NJ)

Coach Henry describes Stephen as showing dedication, teamwork, and great character each and every day. Stephen works hard daily to turn our football program around to embody what he believes it should.

6. Darius Jones; Longwood High School (Middle Island, NY)

Darius was a senior who came out to play after taking a couple of years off. He never missed a day, even when he fractured his thumb. He cheered on his teammates, donned a vibrant smile, and was a source of positivity and happiness in the locker room and on the field. He always asked what else he could do to help the team, and would even say goodbye to every Coach and say "great job coaching." This happened almost every day. He wasn't cleared for practice for his first few days of camp, but he never looked disappointed, and was always smiling. His teammates loved him, and so did the staff. On Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 - on the way home from football practice - Darius died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. The shockwaves from this incident devastated our community, but even more so our football team. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, we made Darius' funeral optional for our team, but all 52 student athletes showed up and boarded the bus. They all respected him so much that they wanted to say their goodbyes. I miss Darius' smile already, and his heart of gold will forever be etched in Longwood history, as well as my memory.

7. Jalen McDaniel; Montgomery High School (Skillman, NJ)

Jalen has undergone shoulder surgery in 2 straight seasons. Each shoulder has been operated on and he is going to play D3 football. We are still in the recruiting stage. He is an excellent student. His character is amazing. When we had a racial incident after the George Floyd homicide involving a young man on our team, Jalen was a vital member of our re-entry meeting process for the player. Jalen's maturity and how he handled the situation was that of a professional. He did not shy away from a controversial and

sensitive incident.

8. Claudy Robinson; Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey, NJ)

Claudie is willing to do whatever it takes for the best of his team. Moving positions, spending time after practice to help a younger player, take reps on scout team he embodies unselfishness. Coach Sabella says "he is a kid who's been in the program for 4 years. He is extremely committed to Fordham University."

9. Grant Schwartz; Riverdale Country School (New York, NY)

In all my years in football, both playing and coaching, Grant is by far the most selfless player I have ever encountered. He's more than just having another coach on the field, he possesses the character that you wish every kid, both in and out of the game would have. The world would be a much better place if everyone had Grant's mentality. — Coach Connolly

Grant is undersized for the trenches to say the least. He's 6'3 but only 170 pounds. He volunteered to play center because we needed one and he was willing to change positions and put the team's need first. He works his tail off on his technique and never complains about size disparities or that he isn't allowed to catch the ball anymore.

10. Franklin Torres; Perth Amboy High School (Perth Amboy, NJ)

Franklin is reliable, determined, and relentless. Franklin is a four-year participant in the Perth Amboy Panther Football Program. He constantly gives maximum effort in all that is asked of him; he is extremely driven in the on-field activities and as well as in the classroom. He also holds a part-time job, too. He is the consummate example of a dedicated student-athlete.



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.*

Remember to  
Say Your  
Novenas!

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.

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.*

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, Oct. 12, 2021. All are welcome to attend.

Pets of the Week

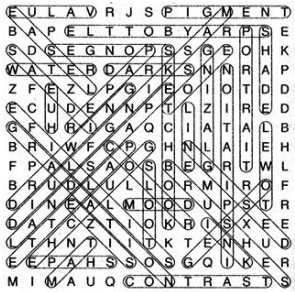


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Upon approved application, adoption will take place at adopter's home. Text 1.732.486.6382 for questions.

Answers  
From Puzzle  
On Page 13



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY –Promotion at the Strand Theater

*\*Photo Courtesy of Gary Introne*

*This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.*



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Older New Toy Trucks Sunoco, Exxon, Mobil Hess \$20 Each or B.O. - 732-316-5092	Portable Sears Sewing Machine - Used Twice \$25; Epson Printer with new ink (never used) - \$40 - 732-679-0086	Power Lift \$75. Wing Chairs, Sofa, End Tables, Lamps, Microwave \$10-\$50 - 908-803-9623
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#### A Petition to St. Jude

May the sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. *Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.*

*Thank you, St. Jude*  
*F.M.J.*

Prayer To St. Jude

Novena To St. Anthony

Novena To St. Joseph

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_







## ESPN 30 for 30: Once Upon a Time in Queens

By: Anton Massopust III  
ESPN 30 for 30 Documentary:  
Once Upon a Time in Queens  
about the 1986 World Cham-  
pion New York Mets.

There are many teams that have changed history that have won championships, but the 1986 Mets were truly a sight to behold. Even if you are not a Mets fan, it was probably the most exciting bit of baseball you ever seen. General Manger Frank Cashen changes every-thing about the New York Mets to make them into a winning team.

Part 1 - We find out about Shea Stadium and how terrible a team they were and how every-one loved the New York Yan-kees, but many regular common working people loved the New York Mets. After the Mets won in 1969, the documentary shows how they rebuilt their team from the 1970's into the 1980's. They talk about how bad the Mets were and their darkest day when they traded their star player pitcher Tom Seaver, who was the face of the franchise for many years. After the 1970's was over and in the 1980s, GM Frank Cashen became a force to be reckoned with. He gets Davey Johnson to be the man-ager and slowly acquisitions the star players. Mookie Wilson, Gary Carter, Daryl Strawberry, Dwight Gooden, Keith Hernan-dez, Ron Darling, Lenny Dyk-stra, and the formation of that team that won throughout 1980s through 1985-1986.

Keith Hernandez reflects on his life: the good, the bad, and the ugly and his father and brother which is similar to the movie "Fear Strikes Out". He



was very close to both of them, but he had a falling out with his dad.

Darryl Strawberry talks about his terrible his life was.

Part 2 - Lenny Dykstra joins the team after Mookie Wilson is injured in spring training and now the Mets have the world at the feet in New York City.

The problems with drug ad-diction that the Mets faced is covered. Davey Johnson felt that what you did off the field, he didn't care about it. What was on the field was important.

Part 3 - The '86 Mets win the division championship against the Astros. One Astro pitcher was unhittable: Mike Scott. The controversy that he was accused of using sandpaper to illegally scrape the ball. The commis-sioner and the umpires refused to inspect him.

Part 4 - The World Series and how the Mets lost the first 2 games. Then the famous Game 6 when Red Sox First Baseman Bill Buckner let Mookie Wil-son's ground ball go between his legs and each of the Mets hitters did not want to be the last out in the World Series.

Game 7 - the eventual come-back and the Mets win.

The parade of the canyon of heroes, and the Mets take it all and the trades begin, the dis-mantling of the team of some-thing that will never be the same again.

The '86 Mets is something we will never see again.

In this documentary they say many people never followed baseball again because it was just too good, and too sad af-ter the championship. Let's Go Mets!

## Provide Opportunities for Hispanic Small Businesses, Volunteer with SCORE Today Says Mentor

Press Release  
NEW JERSEY - Giving back can mean a lot to a volunteer, just ask Ruben Ulloa of Orange County, California, who volun-teers with SCORE, the nation's largest network of mentors and executives assisting small busi-ness owners.

Hispanic entrepreneurs are the fastest-growing segment of business owners in the U.S. There are over 331,625 Hispan-ic-owned employer businesses, according to the latest U.S. Census figures. Hispanic Heri-tage Month from September 15-October 15, 2021 is a great time to support Hispanic small businesses.

"As a Hispanic myself and being an entrepreneur for more than 35 years I can help you with your dream of becoming business owner or if you are al-ready are an owner, I can guide you on how grow your busi-ness," said Ulloa.

"I have the experience of starting a retail bookstore and later a wholesale distribution center that became the biggest in the USA in our niche market by using strategic marketing, sales, customer service, inven-tory control and e-commerce,"

he said.  
SCORE has been deluged with requests for mentoring and expertise as small business owners and entrepreneurs seek advice and support to get their businesses back on their feet in the wake of the devastating CO-VID-19 pandemic.

While the number of Hispan-ic-owned small businesses has been increasing since 2013, data shows that minority-owned small businesses, specifically, Hispanic- and Black-owned small businesses, have been dis-proportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and less likely to receive supplemental funding or government aid pro-grams for businesses.

More volunteers like Ulloa are needed to support SCORE's di-verse client base. SCORE is es-pecially seeking Spanish-speak-ing mentors and those willing to share their expertise with its Latino client base. Whether you have a few hours a month or a few hours a week- whether you are working or retired - you can volunteer and help small businesses build back through SCORE. Executives and entre-preneurs with marketing savvy, business coaching skills or

expert knowledge in business management are needed.

Subject matter experts volun-tee 2-10 hours per month and consult with mentors and busi-ness owners to answer ques-tions in your area of expertise.

Local workshop presenters share their mastery of a busi-ness topic or strategy and deliv-er locally-developed business training for small business own-ers. The time required can be as little as 2-10 hours for each pre-sentation.

SCORE mentors, like Ulloa, provide hands-on assistance to local small business owners or aspiring entrepreneurs, help-ing develop business plans and a roadmap for growth. Mentors have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, as well as broad and expert expe-rience as a business owner or upper-level manager. This role requires training and then 15-20 hours per month of volunteer time.

To volunteer, apply today at [score.org/volunteer](https://score.org/volunteer). Your local SCORE chapter will reach out to learn more about you and to share information about on-boarding and training.




Press Release  
PARLIN, NJ - The Sayreville GOP is hosting an outdoor Free-dom Fest 2021 on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 5 to 9 pm, across from 277 Johnson Lane (formerly Buddies Tavern). Please join us for an old-fashioned BBQ including beer, wine, soda and des-ert! Live music will be brought to you that evening by Moe Loughman, Grind, Mikell's Plot and Grindhouse Rock & Roll! Come out and meet Sayreville GOP Candidates for 2021, Eu-nice Dwumfour and Christian Onuoha. Most importantly, that evening, we will be honoring our veterans! You cannot have a Freedom Fest without acknowledging those who gave it to us. We will be hearing from Afghan Vets that evening and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to NJ Veterans Network. Ticket price is \$60 per person, 21 and older only. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit [Sayrevillegop.org](https://sayrevillegop.org) or call 732-727-1482.

Above Photo: Mikell's Plot: (L to R) Douglas "Max" Maxi-mus DeRienzo saxophone, Pete Mongiello lead guitar, Michael O'Connor lead vocals, Cathy Berg bass, Eddie "The Elf" Pi-otrowski drums, George Rivera rhythm guitar.

*\*Photo by Paul Cannon*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grand Ole Pumpkin Family Fall Festival

Press Release  
PARLIN, NJ - The Sayreville GOP is pleased to extend an invi-tation to families, children and friends to join us at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annu-al Grand Ole Pumpkin Family Fall Festival on Saturday, Octo-ber 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 across from 277 Johnson Lane (formerly Buddies Tavern), Parlin from 12 to 3 pm. Enjoy pumpkin picking and decorating, prize wheel, face painting, live DJ Jared Lampkin, apple cider, water, hot dogs and something sweet! All while sup-plies last. Entry is FREE. We are asking for canned/perishable food donations which will be donated to the Sayreville Food Bank. Join us at 3 pm to celebrate the Raritan Bay Ruckers as they transport your donations, via ruck sacks, to the Sayreville food bank. For more information, please visit [sayrevillegop.org](https://sayrevillegop.org) or call 732- 727- 1482. Rain date is October 10, 2021.



### Clothing Bin Now Open

SAYREVILLE - The Clothing Recycling Bin located at First Presbyterian Church of Sayre-ville, 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 in-dustry 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.

### Coat & Clothing Drive

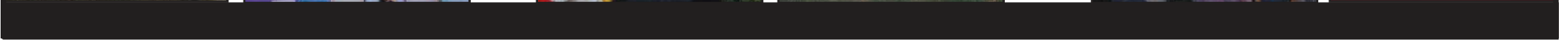
SOUTH AMBOY - The Sa-cred Heart Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a clothing drive on October 23 and 24. Your donations will be distrib-uted by the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in Asbury Park, NJ to those in need, or sold in their Thrift Store where proceeds from clothing sales provide funding for meals, shelter, and essential items to those in need.  
Please drop off your coats and clothing on Saturday, October 23, from 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday, October 24, from 6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Place your bagged donation in the plastic bins in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy.  
Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!



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Irish Festival, South Amboy Waterfront, 9/25/18

*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang, Katherine Massopust*



AARP Exercise Park Dedication, Perth Amboy 9/15/21

*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*





## South Amboy Approves Warehouse Project

Press Release 10/1/21  
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Planning Board has unanimously approved a new warehouse facility at 111 Main Street in the City. Woodmont Properties is slated to construct a 152,000 square foot warehouse distribution facility on 22 acres in the Broadway/Main Street redevelopment zone.

Founded in 1963 and based in Fairfield, NJ, Woodmont Properties is one of the region's leading developers of residential and commercial real estate. No stranger to South Amboy, Woodmont opened Woodmont Cove, a residential development, in 2017.

When asked for comment Woodmont Executive Vice President Stephen Santola said, "South Amboy understands redevelopment like few other towns in New Jersey. They have a vision and negotiate fairly and firmly to see that vision come to light. It is always a pleasure to work with a municipality that follows through on its commitments and expects the redeveloper to do the same."



In the past few years South Amboy has been experiencing intense interest from commercial and residential developers due to its close proximity to major highways and its location on the shores of the Raritan Bay.

"This project will be constructed with union labor and

will bring additional jobs to the City. It will also provide environmental remediation to a brownfield site and add another piece to the revitalization of our waterfront" said Mayor Fred Henry.

"The northern part of the City is adjacent to major highways

making it an ideal location for warehousing while the southern end with its easy access to the Raritan Bay waterfront makes it a very desirable location for residential developers" said Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski.

## Mortgage and Rental Assistance Available for Ida Victims

Press Release 9/20/21  
TRENTON, N.J. - New Jersey Realtors, the trade group representing more than 62,000 Realtors in the state, announced the availability of relief funds for residents impacted by Hurricane Ida.

After assessing the full scope of the storm earlier this month, New Jersey Realtors applied and was approved for a disaster relief assistance grant from the Realtors Relief Foundation. The funds will assist qualified applicants with financial help for monthly mortgages expenses or rental costs.

"New Jersey has not seen this magnitude of destruction since Superstorm Sandy in 2012," said 2021 New Jersey Realtors President Jeff Jones. "We thank the Realtors Relief Foundation for their quick action in approving our grant application so we can quickly distribute funds to those who need it most."

Applications are now open to all New Jersey residents impacted by the storm and can be found at [relief.njrealtor.com](http://relief.njrealtor.com). To provide for a reasonable and equitable distribution of funds, assistance will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Assistance is available to qualified applicants towards one of the following:

1. Monthly mortgage expense for the primary residence that was damaged by Tropical Storm Ida.
2. Rental cost due to displacement from the primary residence resulting from Tropical Storm Ida.

Assistance is limited to a maximum of \$2,000 per applicant household. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2021. For more information visit [relief.njrealtor.com](http://relief.njrealtor.com).

New Jersey Realtors is the voice of real estate for New Jersey. It is a nonprofit organization serving the professional needs of over 62,000 Realtor and Realtor-Associate members engaged in all facets of the real estate business. In addition to serving the professional needs of its members, NJ Realtors is dedicated to enhancing the ability of its members to conduct their business successfully while maintaining the preservation of private property rights. Realtor is a registered collective membership mark, which may be used only by real estate professionals who subscribe to the Realtor organization's strict Code of Ethics and are members of the national, state and local Realtor organizations. For more information, visit [njrealtor.com](http://njrealtor.com).



Mayor Fred Henry, Council President Mickey Gross, The City of South Amboy, and the South Amboy Parade Committee would like to thank everyone who visited our Inaugural Irish Festival. Many residents and local groups pitched in to make this event a great success.

### Grateful thanks to the vendors, performers, and the following people & organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians DB Kelly Chapter  
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Sayreville/South Amboy Girl Scouts  
Mr. Barry Rosengarten

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Morgan First Aid Squad  
South Amboy Police Department  
Middlesex County Parks Department  
Middlesex County Health Department  
Sayreville Knights of Columbus  
South Amboy Department of Public Works  
Madison Park Fire Company  
South Amboy YMCA  
Historical Society of South Amboy  
Spotswood OEM  
Middlesex Water Company  
South Amboy Arts Alliance  
Collegium Musicum  
Hackensack Meridian Health  
Mr. Declan Green  
Mr. Jay Elliot

And all of our City Workers and Parade Committee members who spent many hours to present a safe and family friendly event.

**Save the date – South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade  
March 20, 2022, at 2pm**







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**PERTH AMBOY** - Great opportunity to own a huge two family with all separated utilities including water. a must see. This property has many possibilities. Showing begins 9/04/2021. **\$480,000**



**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. **\$249,000**



**BURLINGTON TWP** - 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** - Large warehouse with many possibilities, close to most public transportation. currently is being used as garage for school buses. **\$599,000**



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**PERTH AMBOY** - Do not miss out on this SPECTACULAR one-bedroom apartment in the heart of Perth Amboy. All new kitchen appliances as well as in-unit washer/dryer. **\$1,550 rent**