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# Housing Authority Gives Their Annual Report 11/8/21 Caucus & Council Meetings

By: Carolyn Maxwell  
PERTH AMBOY – Executive Housing Authority Director Doug Dzema came forward to present the Housing Authority’s annual report. He started out by reading their mission statement which is to make sure all of the properties are safe, secure, and clean for their tenants. “Subsidies and home ownership are part of the Housing Authority’s programs. We have 900 housing vouchers alone just in Perth Amboy. Currently, we have 1,200 affordable housing units and 28% of them are units in Perth Amboy. We have two senior housing buildings: one on New Brunswick Avenue, and the other at Willow Pond. The Perth Amboy Housing Authority are the highest performers in the state. 17% of the residents in Perth Amboy are under the poverty level. For those who have children, the percentage is even higher. We have 100 people on the waiting list to get affordable housing. We also have programs to help people to become self-sufficient, so they do not have to rely on federal aid. We help them get the schooling needed, and employment as a way to secure getting home ownership. So far, this year we’ve helped 65 people purchase their own homes. We offer workshops and other services to help them become educated on ways they can purchase their home and how to keep those homes. These workshops include how to handle their finances. We’ve invested \$15 million to improve our housing units. We’ve paid \$69,000 to the city in PILOT money and our next payment to the city will be over \$100,000. PARTNER which is under the Housing Authority has provided scholarships for students. We have also teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to provide housing to those who were qualified. The last house built was for a veteran.”  
Dzema then introduced Victor Taveras who manages the Gateway Neighborhood Program. Taveras came up to the microphone and stated the Neighborhood Gateway Program started

in 2014 (before he started working for the Housing Authority). “Wells Fargo Bank provided a 5-year Planning Grant (to kick off the program). We’ve had Neighborhood Meetings and we’ve also had planners, consultants, and staff to help plan for the Economic and Community Development in specific neighborhoods. Our goals are to be organized, make sure we have retail businesses in place and to provide entertainment, housing, the arts, and cultural events. We are trying to provide a link between Smith Street and the East Side of the Railroad Tracks. We need to have a sense of place and we are looking to incorporate more green spaces into these neighborhoods. We want to make sure that the residents, business owners, and nonprofit’s voices are heard. We want to make sure these neighborhoods are great places to live and to prosper. These neighborhoods encompass 5,600 residents, 48 blocks, and the poverty rate stands at 32%. Some of the organizations we have partnered with include all the various city departments, the Jewish Renaissance, the YMCA, Middlesex County College, AARP, Habitat for Humanity, and Middlesex County. With 60% tax credits, we have rehabilitated several housing units and construction of new housing units. 40% of the new construction would be of mixed income levels living there. We are waiting for the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for approval to invite businesses in that are interested in opening up in these different Gateway Neighborhoods.”  
The council was then invited to ask any questions.  
Councilman Joel Pabon asked, “How many people were able to attend these meetings because of the Covid Pandemic?”  
Taveras answered, “Between 10-15 people. Meetings were advertised via social media, and we sometimes met via Zoom. There were some cases that business owners had large office space that we can use for in person meetings.”

Pabon then asked if there was a specific focused area that they were looking for improvement.  
Taveras mentioned, “We are looking to have a small park near Riverview Drive and the Celotex Property.”  
Pabon said, “I remember a couple of years ago, there were plans to have a dog park, but that fell through.” Pabon Continued, “I remember a couple of days ago, when I was in that area, there are more people down by the Celotex Property under the bridge near Riverview Drive than there were at the Waterfront.”  
Taveras responded, “There were also a lot of young families living there (near Riverview Drive).”  
Pabon then suggested they reach out to developer Eddie Trujillo who owns a lot of that property. “Talk to him to use some of that land for a park.”  
Councilwoman Milady Tejeda then spoke up, “I’ve talked to Mr. Taveras about plans for that area and bringing in more of an aspect of cultural events and the arts.”  
Taveras responded, “We are looking to have recreational events and festivals in that area because that is what the residents say they want.”  
Tejeda said, “This is also what I wanted instead of continually adding a lot of buildings there.”  
Councilman B.J. Torres spoke next, “I am a member of the Arts Council. I remember there was a project to have 10-12 murals placed around the city, but that project never happened. We need to see that these projects are completed. We also need to have traffic and stop signs on Grant Street and Patterson Street. There are a lot of pedestrians there, and also a lot of traffic, and now we have an increase in truck traffic in that area.”  
Council President Bill Petrick then spoke up, “What happened to the money that was allocated for those 12 murals?”  
Taveras answered, “One the

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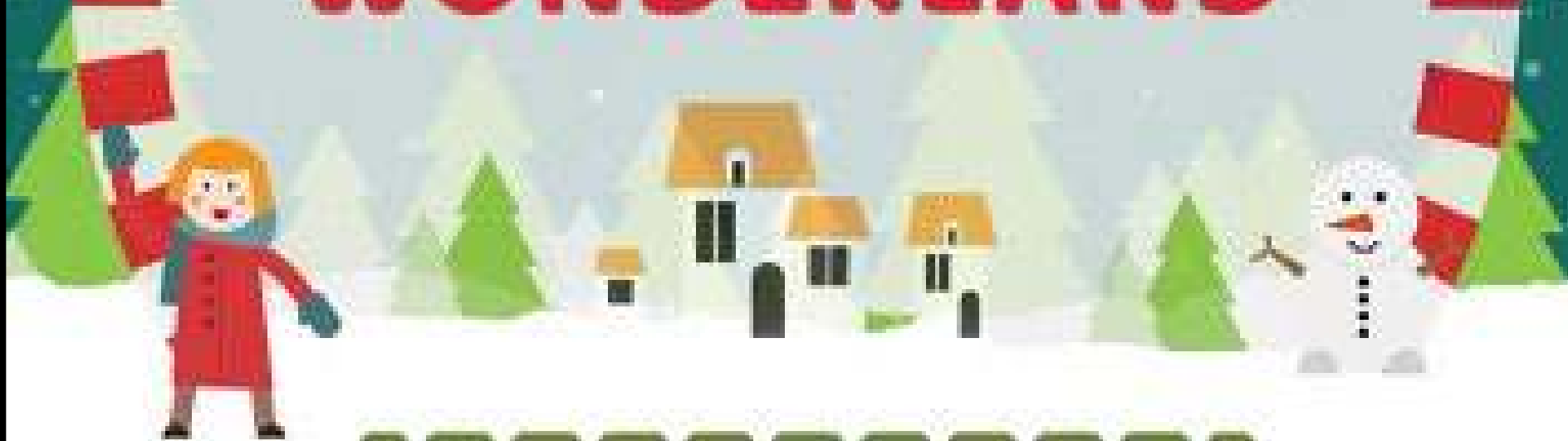


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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Shining Example for All



Gina Bowser (L) and Lana Whitehead (R)



Junel Hutchinson

There are so many groups and organizations who are recognized every year who help the poor and needy year-round. We’ve highlighted these organizations in the past, but sometimes there are organizations that fly under our radar that we felt should be recognized this year.

In early October of this year, we were invited to an event by Junel Hutchinson called, “A Night of Empowerment”. We were introduced to two special individuals: Lana Whitehead of Perth Amboy who has a company called: “Sharpened Mindz Certified Professional Coaching Practice,” and Gina Bowser who is the founder of “Zakee Bowser Enrichment Foundation (ZBEF),” in honor of her son, Zakee Farah Bowser, who died tragically when he was shot and killed innocently in a random shooting in their community.

Through Gina’s heartache, she turned the tragedy of losing her son into something positive to stop the senseless violence in their community. Her son was a shining example of a young Christian young man who was a shining light to anyone who met him and had a successful future ahead of him that was cut short. She vowed that his legacy would never be forgotten by naming the foundation after her son. This was to bring hope,

positivity, love, leadership, and mentorship to all and to always spread love and hope wherever she went in memory of her son.

Lana Whitehead was neighbors with Gina in New Brunswick. Lana has been living in Perth Amboy for the last eight years. Sharpened Mindz is about empowering and encouraging those in underserved communities to recognize their full potential. Lana also worked at DYFAS (Department of Youth and Family Services).

Gina and Lana, along with others on her team that belong to both organizations have decided to gift many communities in Middlesex County with toy drives, block parties, back to school drives, distribution of food and other items that communities are in need of.

Junel Hutchinson first met Lana a few years ago at an event that NJ Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver hosted at the Raritan Yacht Club in Perth Amboy. Lana is the one who introduced Junel to Gina. All three had a common goal of empowering underserved communities and just helping the community as a whole in any way they could and made sure they partnered with organizations who can also make valuable contributions. What those ladies have achieved separately and together are astonishing.

Nationwide corporations have also recognized the hard work that Gina, Lana, and Junel have done and have given them many supplies to distribute to communities in need. I encourage all to look up Gina Bowser and Lana Whitehead’s organizations to see the contributions they have made to different communities over the years which are too numerous to list in this editorial. We are so impressed how two individuals can move mountains when they have the desire to do so and they and their team deserve all the recognition they have received in the past, present, and the future.

We honor all who are recognized on that night on October 9th at Pepino’s Social Club. Pepino’s Social Club was also recognized that night for their contributions that they have made to the city of Perth Amboy.

In my opinion, it has been God’s guidance that has given them the power and those who work with them the means and the strength to help those who need the help the most. This is only the beginning for them, and they will get stronger as time goes by and empower others and be an example along the way. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

It's Thanksgiving

As we all know, Thanksgiving will be here. It is a time to enjoy a wonderful meal with family and friends and giving thanks for what we have. But let us not forget those that are unfortunate not to have a Thanksgiving meal. They're just like us: "Eat, Sleep, and Flush the Toilet".

They should have a turkey dinner, too. Yes, we look down on them because they have some kind of social problem through a “Fault of their own”. You guess? But still let them enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner like everyone else.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Shoe Leather Beats Money

Republican truck driver Edward Durr was David who defeated long time Democrat NJ State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney as Goliath in the 3rd Legislative District. Four years earlier, Sweeney was easily reelected by a 18 point margin despite the teachers union spending over \$4 million to defeat him. Republican underdog Durr spent less than \$10,000 versus Democrat Sweeney's \$1,061,957. Sweeney has served in the NJ State Senate as a member since 2002 and President of the NJ State Senate since January 2010. This

provided him with nineteen years of name recognition, all the perks of holding public office along with endorsements and campaign contributions from all the pay to play special interest groups doing business in Trenton. It was old fashion shoe leather going door to door evenings and weekends by Durr knocking on over 20,000 doors that overcame the tremendous odds against his winning. Investing in some good walking shoes carried the day for Durr. This is a lesson all first-time underdog candidates could learn from.

Sincerely,  
Larry Penner



Magic of the Holidays Art & Craft Show

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Vendors wanted. For more information to register, email SAarts141@gmail.com or call: 732-727-4600 ext. 5971.

Parking can be found behind South Amboy City Hall (Entry on Augusta Street) or the South Amboy Train Station (Free Parking Weekdays after 7 p.m. and all-day weekends). Website: www.southamboyarts.org

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Thurs. Dec. 2 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
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South Amboy

MON. Nov. 22 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
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WED. Dec. 15 City Council, Business/Regular, 6 p.m.  
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Press Release  
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Register today to save a spot - contact the Library at [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org) OR 732.721.6060 OR log onto [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org). A \$25 donation is requested per table.

Hot cocoa will be served and holiday cookies may be purchased.

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The Library's expanded Fall Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am - 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



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# Council Weighs in on Manhattan Beach PILOT

## 11/3/21 Business Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust

**SOUTH AMBOY** – The meeting began at 6 p.m. After passing the consent agenda, approval of minutes of the 10/10/21 Council Meeting, and the bill list, there were two ordinances on the agenda: 2012-19 and 2021-20 referring to the Manhattan Beach PILOT and SA 101 Main Street Urban Renewal.

Council President Mickey Gross asked the council what course of action they should go about the discussion on the PILOTs. There were four representatives present at the meeting from Manhattan Beach LLC including Attorney Kevin McManimon and Principal & Managing Member of March Development Anthony Marchigiano.

Councilman Tom Reilly stated, “They should be pulled. We shouldn’t vote on this at a business meeting. I plead to have this pulled until the 11/20/21 (regular) meeting.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato felt otherwise, “I see no reason why we should pull it. It has been going on for a long time. We had other meetings. There are people here.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin stated, “It should be held off. Let residents know, whether it be for or against.”

Council Vice-President Christine Noble said, “Vote on it today. There were more people here than on the other night. I don’t know what tabling it does.”

Law Director Francis Womack stated, “Tonight is a public hearing. We’ve had presentations at other meetings.”

Council President Mickey Gross said, “There were four public meetings. We have to be fair to the developer. This will be the second meeting (on the agenda for discussion). We need to be fair to these people (representatives from Manhattan Beach LLC who were present at the meeting) also.”

Council Vice-President Christine Noble said, “We are at a public meeting tonight.”

Councilman Tom Reilly said, “What is the problem with putting off the vote until the 22nd? We can advertise on our Facebook page.”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, “People who follow (the meetings) will know it is on the agenda.”

Reilly added, “The appropriate thing is to table it.”

Noble said, “Let the public be heard.”

Law Director Womack suggested, “We can carry it. (If the council votes to do so).”

Council President Mickey Gross said, “Councilwoman Noble is right. We might hear things that may make it necessary to carry it.” Gross then asked if any members of the council had any more comments.

Councilman Tom Reilly read from a prepared statement.

Anthony Marchigiano came up to the mic and spoke, “There are two separate proposals: one industrial proposal and one residential.” Marchigiano explained the process of testing

for contaminants on the property. “The cost depends how effective it is. It is around \$3-\$4 million (for the cleanup).

Law Director Womack said, “The LSRP (Licensed Site Remediation Professional) process went before we were in litigation. We spent several million. I have the LSRP report.”

Marchigiano stated, “The landfill contaminants are spreading up to Cheesequake Creek.”

Marchigiano said, “The city keeps 95%. In a normal tax scenario, the town doesn’t get all the money – some goes to the county.”

Attorney McManimon then addressed the question, “In your hypothetical scenario (regular property tax), you will get less money. With the PILOT, the city gets 95% of the PILOT.”

Council President Gross added, “With the PILOT, no money goes to the school board.”

Councilman Reilly said, “There was a PILOT previously presented to us. What subsequently happened, they sold the property.”

Councilwoman Dato said, “They didn’t have a cleanup. I was for the project. A PILOT is necessary to have the cleanup done.”

Council President Gross said, “We had a PILOT who had negotiations with the city. Then the developer sold it at a substantial profit. A lot of people feel that we got burnt.”

Attorney McManimon stated, “It is a matter of perspective. If you don’t do it, you will not have the land cleaned up and no PILOT money. I would urge you to read the supplemental material. If the developer sells the property, you will have to decide this in the deal.”

Gross then said, “A lot of people felt we got burnt.”

Dato said, “They paid for that cleanup and if they sold it, the people love it who live there. When it was sold, they made a profit.”

McManimon answered, “That project got built. It would not have been built without the tax abatement.”

Councilman McLaughlin asked if the PILOT could be transferred if the developer considers selling the property. It was stated that any transfer would require council approval.

Attorney McManimon said, “They can sell the property while building, which would require the council’s approval. If the property is sold after completion, we need to just report the sale to the municipality.” He then stated that a 30-year PILOT was requested.

Gross asked, “If 10 years down the road, they want to sell it, does that agreement stand?”

McManimon answered “That is subject to the agreement.” McLaughlin asked if the PILOT can be made untransferable.

Gross added, “Is that something that can be a part of agreement?”

McManimon answered, “It has to be something in agreement with the developers.”

Womack said, “It is a tough negotiation.”

McManimon said, “Certain things have to be agreed to. The city has to be reasonably satisfied.”

Councilman Reilly said, “The city of South Amboy has done a lot of improvements for developers.”

McLaughlin asked, “Are the builders who work for you using E-Verify? (E-Verify is a web based system that proves enrolled employers to confirm the eligibility of their employees to work in the United States).”

McManimon assured him, “Yes.”

McLaughlin said, “We do have local businesses in town. We have contractors in town.”

Dato said, “This is the most important PILOT that has ever been considered. Think about what we are doing to our city. If we don’t approve it, it is not doing justice to our citizens.”

Mayor Fred Henry said, “A lot of comments have been made tonight. The state gave the PILOT program so land like this can be redeveloped. This is why the state has PILOTs. We have worked with developers. They (the developers) have been very open. These people are not unscrupulous. As far as selling Woodmont, who is to say? The city is not losing out. Just as with any PILOT, the rent goes up – the money goes up. We are getting what we need out of this. Nobody has been knocking on our doors for this property. We’ve been talking for months. This is a good project for South Amboy. The city is only responsible for the Fire Department, Police Department, and EMS. They are continuing the walkway. They are paying 100% union. This is good project and South Amboy negotiations go on. You negotiate, you do your best. We have a good project here. If it is not built, it will look like hell for how many years? There are a lot of good things in this project.”

The ordinances were open up to the public for discussion. It was noted that comments were made on both 2021-19 and 2021-20.

The first person to speak was Resident Brandon Russell. “Can you put something to void the PILOT if the property is sold?”

Lawyer Kevin McManimon answered, “It is not in the proposal. I’ve never seen it happen. They want 30 years. I’ve never successfully asked for that.”

Anthony Marchigiano added, “Our interest is to not sell that property. If we lost the PILOT, we would never accrue the cost spent. Our intent is not to sell the property. In earlier years, the cost would be higher than later years.”

McManimon added, “To reduce cost in the early years – if you terminate the PILOT, you would cut your nose to spite your face.”

Marchigiano stated, “The site remediation – the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) has given us a hard time above the walkway. We will inject into it so contaminants will oxidize. The contamination sinks, then starts to spread. First, it is the size of a car, then

the size multiplies into the size of a football field. This is paid for out of escrow.”

Council President Mickey Gross asked, “Is there a number to put up for testing for remediation?”

Marchigiano answered, “A couple million. The first round of injections has two chemicals going in: one is algae based and one lipid based. We have to make sure the injections are deep. Three months later we will see and start the process again. We know what is there.”

Gross then asked, “DEP Caps?”

Marchigiano answered, “We can’t dig it all. That will be capped under (the guideline of) DEP standards.”

Russell then asked, “I recommend the project gets carried. We should have a meeting forum to see the pros and cons to it. How do we know people will want to live there?”

McManimon said, “The city has its own LSRP (Jeff Powley TRC) engaged at this site who has certain obligations and power to advance the property to recommend what needs to clean up the property.”

Marchigiano stated that there were community meetings in the past, and he knows that it is a long process. “This is a big risk.”

Russell said, “I disagree. We are not a proven market. The proximity will fill out those rentals. The meetings were not advertised. Show the renderings. Walk through again.”

Resident and Historical Commissioner Mary Szaro came up, “The Conrail property is key – considered for affordable housing next to Delaney Homes.”

Szaro noted that the Conrail property is of historic significance.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski stated that the discussion has been ongoing.

Mary Szaro stated she would like to be in on those conversations.

The next member from the public to speak was Greg Babolack. He asked if townhouses could be built on the property. It was argued that the decision was for apartments to be built there, mainly because there most likely would not have school age children in the apartments.

Gross, who was beginning to get irritated stated, “You’re not going to make money on a vacant piece of property.”

Marchigiano stated, “Rentals – this is a proven market.”

Babolack asked, “How are we alleviating traffic? If there are 2243 apartments, there will be at least 400 cars in the area.”

Planner Andrew Janiw from Beacon Planning came up to speak. “Studying the city’s population, the traffic can be handled. There are less cars. The trend in general is people are owning less cars. When proposals are sent to the planning board, traffic is included. We are fairly confident this will not be an issue.”

B.A. Skarzynski said, “We have revisited this. Manhattan

Beach will have full access to the byway.

Gross said, “The plan will not impact the city.”

Skarzynski said, “People are relying less on vehicles and more on mass transit. It is very easy to accommodate.”

Noble added, “Ferry Road will be a third way.”

Marchigiano said, “I do not believe traffic will be an issue. We have thirty (extra) parking places. There will be more than ample parking in the structure. All concerns are subject to the resolution approval.”

Reilly asked, “The impact on Broadway?”

Marchigiano answered, “Ferry Road will have full access.”

B.A. Skarzynski stated, “Why would we introduce negotiations and resources if it were not necessary if it is not approved?”

Babolack asked, “Why don’t we do it first. What if it doesn’t work?”

Skarzynski reiterated, “There is no reason to do that unless it is approved. Why do it in advance?”

Janiw added, “People own less cars and use less cars.”

Babolack stated, “I really think we should have a public meeting. I’m afraid we will go back to December 2018 (the meeting when Woodmont was approved and which the audio recording of the meeting was not decipherable).

Christopher Sneega came up to speak next. He was pleased with the ideas that Marchigiano had, which including an area to replenish some of the wildlife. “What is Plan B if we don’t vote for this? What is Plan B?”

Resident Larry Parsons spoke next, “Every one of you know my opinions on PILOTs. After listening to David Kales speak for 45 minutes at the last meeting (see the 10/20/21 issue of the Amboy Guardian available at [www.amboyguardian.com](http://www.amboyguardian.com)).

If we don’t do this, and that stuff seeps into where we are? I am a Commissioner on the Redevelopment Agency. Dave Kales was here last time and made a presentation. He did a fantastic job. I voted “Yes” to the project. It has been seeping into the coastline. There is a playground right next door. It is the transference of risk that in my view is worth a potential PILOT. I don’t know anyone in town to affect our school children. The financial situation – \$200 million. I don’t know of any other developer willing to invest \$10 or 20 million. I support this project, so did all of the commissioners.”

Marchigiano said, “It does not limit us to get the word out. We did six community meetings. We are 2½ years into this.”

Resident Brandon Russell said, “I don’t have a position. I care less about the warehouse. The public has not been educated enough. The city has not given out of the way to the public about this. I’m a numbers and transparency guy.”

The next person to speak was Police Officer Michael Kelly

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murals (Hometown Girl) that was painted on one of the buildings on Fayette Street is gone. There was another mural painted on the inside of the Senior Center in Olive Street on the wall.”

Doug Dzema came back up to answer the question, “The money allocated for those 12 murals was token money. 80% if it came from the county. Part of that money was used to paint the Hometown Girl mural. The seed money was \$12,000.”

Petrick continued, “I know that where the Hometown Girl mural was that they are supposed to be putting a pocket park there.”

Taveras responded, “Right now, Second Home (A Center for Senior Citizen Activities) is there in that area. Someone else is buying the building which is part of where the park will be.”

Business Administrator Mike Green then spoke up, “It is the county that will be building a park in that area.”

Petrick spoke up again, “That is not a good place for a park. It is too noisy, and there is too much traffic.”

Dzema spoke again, “The Gateway Program is a part of PARTNER.”

Petrick said, “There is not too communication between the Housing Authority, PARTNER, and PARA.”

Dzema spoke up again, “The Housing Authority is looking for properties that they could rehab and start to work more with Habitat for Humanity.”

Petrick then said, “Having something on the lines of entertainment would enhance the Celotex property. Petrick also questioned how people who get mortgage assistance and acquired homes via the Housing Authority. How would, for instance, if they were able to secure a mortgage through assistance of the Housing Authority? Would they be obligated to stay in those houses for a certain amount of time? Or will they be able to sell that house for a profit?”

Dzema replied, “We can only give them financial help for 15 years. We don’t limit the amount of money they can make if they sell it after the 15 years are up. Because by the 15<sup>th</sup> year, they cannot be financially dependent on us.”

After the presentation was concluded, Business Administrator Mike Green gave a brief update of where the city stood under the Best Practices Program. “The Best Practices measures how the city best is able to consolidate their municipal taxes. The city has passed the Best Practices survey with flying colors. I want to thank all the different departments for all their help. We will get our full financial help as we did last year.”

The Council then discussed some of the resolutions. For R-560-11/21 – A contract with CME Associates for professional services for basketball improvements at the Patten

Center Park and Stanley Rudyk Park in an amount not to exceed \$39,664.

Pabon questioned, “Are these the same people who worked on the basketball courts before? Because if it is the same people, they did a very bad job. Just walk through all the parks and see the horrible conditions they are in. There could be water seeping through them.”

Green said he would get Department of Recreation Director Kenny Ortiz to answer that question.

Pabon then questioned R-561-11/21- The city making an application to the NJDEP for a grant to perform remedial investigation and remedial action activities on the former Harry Goldberg & Sons Scrap Metal Property.

Pabon questioned, “What kind of discharge are they looking at?”

Petrick answered, “I think it is just the terminology they are using.”

Lawyer William Opel said, “It’s basically to do remediation on that property.”

Pabon said, “It looks like they are using that material just to cap that property off.”

B.A. Green spoke up and told Pabon that for R-560 that is a new company (basketball court improvements). He then spoke about R-566-11/21 – The adoption of Middlesex County Multijurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. “This will done by the county for emergency situations and is required by FEMA.” He then explained R-557-11/21 – An application and agreement with the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety for a Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown Grant in the amount of \$6,000. “That money is used to pay for overtime and there are no matching funds needed.”

Council President Bill Petrick then had a question involving Resolutions R-568 thru R-572 (Professional services involving attorneys, architects, appraisers, engineers, and contractors). “How do we advertise for these services?”

Green replied, “Thru newspapers and websites. We have to make sure we comply within the law.”

Petrick then asked, “Can we do a rebid on R-573 since we only had one person that applied for the service of providing preemployment physicals? The only person who applied for preemployment physicals, screenings, and assessments was a company called Healthcare Company.”

Green replied, “There are not a lot of companies who can provide this service and it is a limited service. This particular company also does the same service for other municipalities.”

Petrick stated, “I was surprised that Raritan Bay Medical Center did not apply to do this.”

Pabon then spoke up, “I know this company because they are located in Raritan Center and the Post Office used them to screen potential employees.”

Acting Police Chief Larry

Cattano came up to speak, “This company will perform drug function testing and some of the tests may include using a treadmill. Some of the employee being tested include the police, crossing guards, and the fire department.

Business Administrator Mike Green said, “This testing can be used for all city employees.”

Councilman B.J. Torres then questioned, “Will the employees be screened for cannabis use?”

Council President Petrick responded, “Remember, federal law prohibits cannabis use.”

Torres then questioned, “Is it up to our discretion who is to be screened for cannabis use when it comes to employment?”

Dianne Roman from the Department of Social Services fielded the question on R-575-11/21 – An application to the Middlesex County Department of Community Services for the Code Blue Warming Center Funding Opportunity. She mentioned, “We will be receiving \$90,000, the same as the cost from last year.”

B.A. Green said, “We will be getting a total amount of \$200,000.”

Councilman Joel Pabon then asked Chair of the PAHPC Renee Skelton to come up to talk a little about some of the items that she submitted for the Historic Preservation Commission, specifically for the Post Office in Perth Amboy. Skelton said, “The Post Office is actually on the State Historic Registry and they told me because our Post Office is a working Post Office is why they did not put it on the national registry.”

Pabon concluded, “Since they are doing work on the Post Office, it is kind of scaring the State Registry away.” Pabon then turned his attention of the site of the former Anchor Café (Karini II on the corner of New Brunswick Avenue and Prospect Street (now closed)). “That place is beautiful inside.”

Skelton responded, “I knew the owner of that place and she had wanted to renovate it. She died and new owners fell behind on their taxes. We need to do something about saving that building.”

Pabon then asked what is going on with the Thomas Mundy Peterson site.

Skelton responded, “The county is putting up money for the proposed Thomas Mundy Peterson Site which is currently owned by Kushner. Kushner is fighting with the city and right now is denying us access to that property.”

Pabon then talked about Sunshine Alley and the fact that they may be using pressed concrete for that site.

Skelton replied, “The New Jersey Historic Preservation staff is operating with a skeleton crew, but there will be no cost to the city to redo Sunshine Alley.”

Council President Petrick then talked about the trees around city hall circle. “I think having red brick around the base of those trees would be better than

having stamped bricks.”

B.A. Green replied, “The red bricks may be cost prohibited. We may have to contact an arborist and the City Historian about that matter.”

Public Portion:

Just before the public spoke, Councilwoman Rose Morales joined the Caucus via Zoom at 7:10 p.m.

The first person to speak was Lisa Nanton, “I want to thank Speaker Craig Coughlin and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez for helping to get the money for the renovations to the Proprietary House. Nanton also made the suggestion that if we put cement around a tree, it will kill the tree. You need red brick stamps, because City Hall is historic. The color grey is good for cobblestone, and the color red is a good choice for brick.”

Police Officer Captain Miguel Pellot came up to speak, “The was an article on the state website stating that our police contract was certified by the city and signed in 2021 and that was done in October of this year. Did you get to vote on this?”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “We have to discuss this in closed session.”

Resident Vince Mackiel came to speak next. He spoke about Ordinance No. 5 – The Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for the Gateway Area. “The city should have been involved in other things before fossil fuels. The Governor has a progressive agenda. Leon Hess was concerned about having fossil fuels which he favored. People need to be able to live without pollution. South Amboy is getting new renewable energy. The city needs to move forward, even though you be getting opposition from Buckeye. We have to have alternative fuels.”

The meeting was then opened up to Zoom participants.

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke first. “We are a very dense town. I mentioned that we should have our own Shade Tree Commission. We have a lot of pollution and need to plant more trees to help with our environment. Other towns have a Shade Tree Commission”.

Next was Resident John Rodowski from Johnstone Street. “I had to get repairs done on my property and I paid over \$1,000 because of flooding in my basement due to low curbs on the street.”

B.A. Mike Green responded, “This property was visited last week, but at the time we didn’t have the time to do any curbs.”

Council President Bill Petrick, “Other parts of town, especially on New Brunswick Avenue are having the same problem with funding due to low curbs.”

Councilman Pabon then spoke up, “The streets by the high school are being repaired.”

Rodowski then mentioned, “The curbs on Johnstone Street need to be at least two inches higher.”

City Engineer Jefferey Rauch then spoke via Zoom, “The curbs on Johnstone Street should be at least six inches, but we couldn’t do the additional

improvements because we ran out of money. Hopefully, when more money is added to the budget, we can complete the work needed on the curbs on Johnstone Street. We are hoping to do a 50/50 split when it comes to repairs with the county. With the combined sewer and water, it is causing backups. We’re having the same problem with water accumulation at low points near Washington Park and we are working with Public Works on this problem.”

Council President Petrick said, “We need to look at the area near the old Mullen Springs where there is constant water accumulation, and it is not fair it the taxpayers who live in that area.” He then suggested, “Maybe we need to add more storm drains on Johnstone Street.”

The next person to speak was Resident Anna Daily, “I have concerns about the audio volume on Zoom. You can’t hear the public on the mic in the council chambers. You can only hear the council speak.”

Council President Petrick thanked her.

Resident Christine Leary from Donald Avenue spoke next. She questioned Perth Amboy’s water quality and whether or not there is harmful by-products in there. “What is the status of our water supply?”

Council President Petrick responded, “There are some industrial pollutants and by-products of chlorine use. This was discussed last year, and the alternative is to change the method of cleaning (of the water). It can be done via ozone or ultraviolet light. We can have Luis Perez-Jimenez (Director of Operations at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company)) come here to speak about that.”

Leary then asked about having a home infiltration system put in.

Petrick responded, “That would be up to the homeowner to install that.”

B.A. Green spoke up, “Since I’ve been here, there have been no reports of Perth Amboy having bad water.”

Leary responded, “The federal and state standards are different.”

Green then said, “Our water quality adheres to the state and federal standards.”

After the public portion was closed, Council President Petrick asked Green if they will be suspending parking meters for the holidays.

Green responded, “It will be done so just as in the past.”

Petrick responded back, “The council will put something in place regarding suspending parking during the holiday season.” He also questioned if we want to remove chlorine from the water. “Does that have to be done by ordinance?”

Lawyer William Opel said, “It is not that simple, but I will look into that for you.”



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The council then voted on a resolution to go into closed session at 7:41 p.m. The council returned at 8:20 p.m. to adjourn the caucus portion of the meeting. They started the regular council meeting at 8:21 p.m. Councilwoman Rose Morales participated via Zoom.

On ordinances 1 thru 5 which had public hearings, but no one spoke, Joel Pabon moved them all. Councilwoman Milady Tejada seconded them all. Councilman B.J. Torres voted, “No” on the first 4 ordinances.

When it came to voting on Ordinance No. 1 (First Reading – No Public Discussion), it was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. For Ordinance No. 2 (First Reading – No Public Discussion), it was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada.

There were various statements made by B.J. Torres and Joel Pabon regarding Ordinance No. 1 – Stop Sign Additions. Councilman Torres said he was shocked about the lack of stop signs at certain intersections. “We’ve had a lot of resources in the last 5 years and there has been no observations about the lack of stop signs or streetlights. Who is in charge of this? We should do a traffic analysis before any development starts. We have heavy industrial traffic and a lot of residents. You need to rectify the traffic and have an analysis before any development starts.”

Councilman Pabon then spoke up, “We have discussed this in the past. I think the last traffic analysis was done around 20 years ago. Some streets should have been converted to one-way. We need to do a complete citywide traffic analysis. It’s not

rocket science.”

Torres then asked, “Was PARA involved? We are going to have problems with mobility.”

Petrick then asked, “Would this (a traffic analysis) be a part of the Master Plan?”

Green said that he would discuss this with the police chief.

It was also decided to move the adoption of the Perth Amboy BID budget to be carried over to the Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting. It was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejada.

Lawyer Opel spoke up and remarked that PARA does a traffic analysis when considering new development.

The council voted on resolutions on the consent agenda. R-547 thru R-576 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Public Portion:

The only person to speak was Police Captain Miguel Pelлот.

He was still concerned because he wasn’t sure if the local police contract that he was part of was signed or not. “On one website, it said the contract was signed and the council said they have no recollection of them signing the contract for the local that he is in.

Council President Petrick suggested that the union lawyer should speak to the city’s lawyer about this.

Captain Pelлот said, “There are already three grievances in place because of our contract not being signed yet. The lawyers who are working for the city had a contract where their money was not to exceed \$50,000. So far, they have charged the city over \$80,000. I guess this is going to continue.”

No one spoke via Zoom. Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales thanked all who participated to-

night, and she thanked Sharon Hubberman for her suggestions. “Congratulations to our reelected assembly and senators.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “I am glad the Second Street Park is moving along and that we are getting new basketball courts.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada mentioned, “The third booster Covid vaccine shot is available.” She wished everyone a Happy Veteran’s Day although she will not be able to attend this year’s ceremony because of work obligations.

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “No comments tonight.”

Council President Bill Petrick thanked all for attending in person and everyone in TV-land.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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## Middlesex County Announces Plans for Pocket Park on Fayette Street in Perth Amboy



PERTH AMBOY - From left, Perth Amboy Mayor Helmin J. Caba; County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios; County Commissioner Charles Kenny, chair of Transportation Committee.

*\*Photos Submitted*

Press Release 11/10/21  
PERTH AMBOY, NJ – Middlesex County and Perth Amboy officials announced plans to demolish the County Office of Public Works Garage located on Fayette Street in Perth Amboy to develop the site into a pocket park, primarily designed for passive recreation. The announcement was made during a press conference on November 9 at the site.

Sharing the significance of this pocket park project for the community of Perth Amboy and the County, speakers included Board of County Commissioners Director Ronald G. Rios and Perth Amboy Mayor Helmin J. Caba.

“Middlesex County is committed to creating and pre-

serving parks and open space throughout the County and is excited to be working together with Mayor Caba and his team in developing this site from its current use as the home of a County Department of Public Works garage into a pocket park,” said Board of County Commissioners Director Ronald G. Rios. “Pocket parks are little pockets of green space that brighten up neighborhoods and can be enjoyed by everyone. In this case, it will be the people of Perth Amboy, as well as anyone else passing through this part of the County.”

“This investment by Middlesex County plays a significant role in improving not only the appearance of the neighborhood, it also enhances public

safety with its physical improvements and helps promote a neighborhood identity,” said Mayor Helmin J. Caba. “These are all quality-of-life ideas expressed by our local residents and businesses. Thank you again, to the Middlesex County commissioners for their commitment to provide a safe, innovative, inclusive, and sustainable park and recreation services that respond to our residents’ diverse interests, backgrounds, and abilities.”

The design for the “pocket park,” or small urban open space, is anticipated to be completed in the next 18-24 months, pending any environmental remediation which may be identified.

## Lorna Gooden - “How the MOLLY Diabetes Education/Management Center for Adults and Children Changed My Life”

Press Release  
MAYWOOD, NJ - “It was the last thing I wanted to do,” said Lorna Gooden of visiting the specialists at the MOLLY Diabetes Education/Management Center for Adults and Children - after learning she had gone from having prediabetes to type 2 diabetes. “It was one more thing on my to-do list and how much of a difference could it really make anyway?”

But after just one visit, Lorna quickly realized the center would make all the difference in the world. “Everything I thought I was doing right, I was actually doing all wrong and making matters much worse for myself,” said Lorna. Foods she thought were low in sugars and eating on a daily basis, for example, were actually high in carbohydrates, and affecting her blood sugar. “I really didn’t understand how my blood sugar levels were changing throughout the course of the day and how that was impacting the way I was feeling.”

A recent study forecasts that the number of Americans with prediabetes will climb to an astounding 107.7 million people in 2030. This increased prevalence means 30% of all Americans and 51% of all seniors will have prediabetes. But here’s the good news - prediabetes can be reversed and even full-blown diabetes can be put into remission with the right lifestyle changes.

At the MOLLY Diabetes Education/Management Center for Adults and Children at Hackensack University Medical Center patients, like Lorna, receive the most up-to-date, effective methods of diabetes treatment and management including the



Lorna Gooden closes the door on diabetes *\*Photo Submitted*

information, skills, and tools needed to live a healthy, productive, and satisfying life.

“You don’t have to cut everything that you love out of your diet, you just have to learn what to eat and drink when,” explained Lorna who said she also learned how stress and sleep were impacting her diabetes. “I come from a long line of diabetics including my mother, my aunts, even my sisters, and so I thought I knew how to manage it.” It’s only now, after working with the specialists at the MOLLY Center, that Lorna said she knows what she really needs to do. “This knowledge has helped me put my diabetes in remission.”

The specialists at the Molly Center are also now helping Lorna’s family fight their diabetes with excellent results. If you or someone you love may have prediabetes or if you could use help managing type 1 or type 2 diabetes, please call and book an appointment today



Trinity's Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

\*Photos Submitted

SAYREVILLE - I am extremely thankful for the wonderful turnout Trinity's Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It would not have been possible without all of the love & support from Pastor YoungHak, members of my congregation, family, and friends. Words cannot express the thanks I'm giving to all of the organizations & businesses that participated and helped put smiles on so many children's faces (& keep their dentists in business!)

Sayreville Emergency Squad, Borough of Sayreville, Sayreville Councilwoman Donna Roberts, Sayreville Council President Kevin Dalina, Good friend Arthur Rittenhouse,



Sayreville Lions Club, Sayreville Leo Club, Bubba's 33 - Parlin, NJ, Deborah Nittolo, Messiah Lutheran Church, Daniel Fields, Michelle Musto Murphy, Created 4 MEE LLC, The Peace Rose Montessori School, Medina Tire Service, Sisters Party Grotto, Melissa Quijano, B&A Confections, Mike's Pizza Parlin, Hora Loca Nj DJ Services, Hugo NJ, Thank you to everyone who participated in our contests, we had over 150 entries in each category! Definitely kept our judges busy! Congratulations to all our winners  
Candy Jar- Suzanne (guess 24 / actual 24), Corn Jar- Mario (guess 340 / actual 334), 1<sup>st</sup> Place Coloring- Benjamin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Coloring- Kinsleigh, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Coloring- Brooklyn  
During the event we collected a total of 346 non perishable food items which will be donated to Messiah Lutheran Church's Community Food Pantry just in time for the holiday. Remember this season that loving Jesus is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch and brings you in (John 15:16), He washes all of the dirt off of you (2 Corinthians 5:17), He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff- He removes the seeds of doubt, fear, hate and greed (Romans 6:6), He carves you a new smiling face (Psalm 71:23), He puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see (Matthew 5:16). Wishing you and your loved ones a happy & safe Halloween.  
Steven Wegrzyn, Sunday School Superintendent

Pallone Announces Schools and Libraries in New Jersey Will Receive Over \$17.8 Million from the Third and Fourth Rounds of Funding from FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund Program  
New Jersey Has Received Over \$72 Million from the Program Pallone Included in The American Rescue Plan

Press Release 11/9/21  
WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) announced today that schools and libraries in New Jersey will receive \$17,863,006 from the third and fourth rounds of funding from the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Emergency Connectivity Fund Program (ECF). Schools and libraries in New Jersey's 6th Congressional District have received over \$5.4 million, and New Jersey has received over \$72 million from the Fund in total.

Last month, Pallone announced that New Jersey received \$20.9 million from the second round of funding from the program. In September, Pallone announced that New Jersey received \$33.4 million in the first round of funding. The ECF provides funding to help students, teachers, and library patrons get the tools they need to connect to the Internet from home – crucial resources as families continue to rely on virtual classrooms and high-speed Internet to learn. Funding can be used to purchase modems, devices like laptops and tablets, broadband service,

and more. The \$7.17 billion ECF program was spearheaded by Pallone's Energy and Commerce Committee and authorized as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan into law in March.

"I'm pleased that schools and libraries in New Jersey continue to receive critical funding from the American Rescue Plan that will help ensure every student and teacher can stay connected to their classroom. In drafting the Emergency Connectivity Fund with my colleagues, we focused the program on helping to get broadband service and devices into the hands of the students, teachers, and library patrons who need them," Pallone said. "This funding, like the awards approved in the last two months, will help students do their homework, research, and complete at-home projects long after the COVID-19 pandemic is over. This funding is a critical investment in the future of young people in our state, and I will continue to work to ensure that access to broadband and technology is not a barrier to learning for any student."

Five Years Later, Eric Hausmann Continues to Fight Colorectal Cancer in Memory of His Late Wife Rose



Press Release  
SAYREVILLE - Five years ago, the Sayreville community was rocked when Rose Hausmann passed away from her 12-year fight with stage IV colorectal cancer (CRC). Hausmann had been committed to sharing her story to generate local and national awareness of CRC. She and her husband Eric were both loud advocates on Capitol Hill alongside Fight Colorectal Cancer (Fight CRC). Today, five years after her passing, Eric continues her fight as a national advocate and serves as the vice-chair on the Fight CRC board of directors.

"Being a caregiver puts you at ground zero of this disease and I continue to fight to ensure ALL have a voice, a cure must be found," said Eric.

Before her diagnosis, Rose was active in Sayreville as a former parole officer, standup comic, wife, grandmother, and mom of four children. She and Eric had raised CRC awareness in the community alongside hospitals and other local groups, but they took their efforts national when they joined

the Fight CRC, eager to make change happen.

They first attended Call-on Congress, an annual event in Washington D.C. hosted by Fight CRC in 2008. Since that year, they never missed a Call-on Congress, and New Jersey lawmakers commented on their memorable appearances on the Hill each year. In 2015, after being discharged from the hospital hours prior, Rose and Eric drove to D.C. so they could take action. They were leaders amongst Fight CRC's Grassroots Advocate Committee, a group of committed advocates who offer insights into Fight CRC's legislative priorities and engage grassroots advocates.

"We, alongside Eric, made a promise to Rose to keep fighting until there is a cure for colorectal cancer, and we will keep that promise. I am forever a better advocate because of her," said Fight CRC President and Rose's friend Anjee Davis.

The Hausmann duo forever changed the Fight CRC community. As Eric continues to honor the legacy of Rose and raise awareness for CRC, he



hopes other caregivers will find a community of support in the organization.

November is National Family Caregivers Month, dedicated to recognizing and honoring family caregivers across the country. This month, national non-profit organization, Fight CRC is sharing caregiver stories, educating communities on the issues that caregivers face, and increasing support for caregivers.

To see all of Fight CRC's caregiver resources, visit [FightCRC.org/caregiver](https://fightcancer.org/caregiver).

\*Photos Submitted

Please Submit Community Events  
2 Weeks in Advance!  
Email: [AmboyGuardian@gmail.com](mailto:AmboyGuardian@gmail.com)



**Proprietary House Board Honored, Perth Amboy 11/8/21**  
*\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*



PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy Congratulated the Proprietary House Executive Board and Lisa Nanton, President, for their work on the restoration of the Proprietary House which led up to the architect being awarded the 2021 NJ Historic Preservation Award for the Proprietary House. Photo Above: Lisa Nanton (4<sup>th</sup> from the left) and the Proprietary House Board Trustees are recognized for her work as President of the Proprietary House. Congratulations on a job well done!

**The Center For Wound Healing at Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Promotes Diabetes Awareness to Improve Healing and Reduce Amputations for Diabetes-Related Wounds**

Press Release 11/11/21  
PERTH AMBOY, NJ –The Center for Wound Healing at Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center is raising awareness of diabetes-related wounds as part of Diabetes Awareness Month.

Throughout November, The Center for Wound Healing at Raritan Bay Medical Center will educate the local community about the importance of awareness, early intervention and specialized care for diabetes-related chronic wounds, like diabetic foot ulcers. Local team members will also visit healthcare providers in surrounding areas to provide important information to help at-risk patients living with diabetes. These resources include the 2021 Diabetes Awareness Infographic and posters designed to encourage patients to take off their socks and shoes for foot exams at every appointment.

“There are 34.2 million people in the United States currently living with diabetes. And, diabetes-related wounds are a leading cause of limb loss, accounting for 65,000 amputations annually. Early detection and specialized care from a Wound Care Center can reduce healing times and significantly reduce the risk of amputation,” said Michael Sears, DPM, Podiatric Surgeon.

Risk factors for diabetes include age, diet, activity level, obesity and heredity. Factors that may increase the risks of developing a chronic wound, such as a diabetic foot ulcer, include high blood sugar levels, poor circulation, immune system issues and nerve damage.

The Center for Wound Healing recommends the following to help prevent diabetic foot ulcers:

- Stop smoking immediately
- Comprehensive foot examinations each time you visit your healthcare provider (at least four times a year)
- Examine your feet every day or have a family member inspect them
- Take good care of your feet and clean your toenails
- See your healthcare provider to care for corns and calluses
- Choose supportive, proper footwear (shoes and socks)
- Take steps to improve circulation such as eating healthier and exercising regularly

Contact The Center for Wound Healing at Raritan Bay Medical Center to learn more about diabetic foot ulcers or if you have a wound that will not heal. To schedule an appointment, please call 732-324-4941 or visit RBMC.org/Wound.

**Delight in December @ Dowdell**

Press Release  
SOUTH AMBOY - Tis the season! Mark your calendars now for some great programs this month!

Kick off December with the Holiday Biz Fair on Monday, December 6th from 4-8pm! This is a holiday shopping opportunity that is not to be missed. Drop in for hot chocolate and gift opportunities. Holiday cookies will also be sold. Interested in promoting your business? It may not be too late. Contact the library ASAP at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Storytime with Ms. Maryanne continues in December. Join the fun with stories, games, activities, and crafts, Monday, 12/13 and 12/20 from 10:30-11:30.

Decorate your home with the December Drop-In crafts. Holiday projects will include a Hanukkah Paper Candle, 12/1-12/3 from 3:30-4:30, Christmas Paper Wreath, 12/20-12/23 from 3:30-4:30, and Kwanzaa Beading 12/27-12/30 from 3:30-4:30. All ages welcome!

The festivities continue with our Family Holiday Party on Monday, December 27th from 6:30-8pm. Join us for games, cookies, decorating, and holiday music. Get ready to ring in the New Year!

Do the holidays have you running in every direction? It's more important than ever to make time for your health. As always, the library is here to assist with our virtual health programs through Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/Barnabas Health. Programs like Stretch It, a stretching and flexibility workshop meets online Thursdays in December. Why not try a Virtual Guided Imagery Relaxation Session to help release the stress of the season. Online sessions will be held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (12/14 & 12/28) at 1pm. To register for either program please email kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org.

Check out the championship round of the fall Video Game Challenge! Kids ages 0-10 will compete on 12/16 from 4-5pm, while teens ages 11-18 compete on 12/14 from 4-5pm. Adults ages 18+ will also finish off the competition on 12/14 from 6:30-7:30. A winner from each category will be crowned with a prize!


Teens ages 12-17, are you interested in having a say in what the library does for you? Would you like to have some fun and earn community service hours while you do it? Join the Teen Advisory Board! Meetings will be held monthly beginning on December 17th from 3:30-4:30. Hop online and fill out your application today.

Seniors, are you looking for a good read to cozy up with as the winter season heads our way? Join our Senior Book Club! The city of South Amboy and The Dowdell Library have partnered to form the club which will meet the last Monday of the month at 10:30am in the library. The city will provide transportation as needed. Masks are required. Register today and discover the title of our latest selection. Tell us your preferences!


Is English a second language for you? The English Conversation group will continue in December as well! Join us on Mondays in December from 6-8 pm.

For more information on these or any other programs, or for general comments, queries, compliments please contact us at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. Visit us online at www.dowdell.org. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am - 8 pm, Wednesday & Friday 10 am - 5 pm, and Saturday 12-4 pm. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.






The City of  
**PERTH AMBOY**  
Helmin J. Calva, Honorable Mayor  
& City Council Members



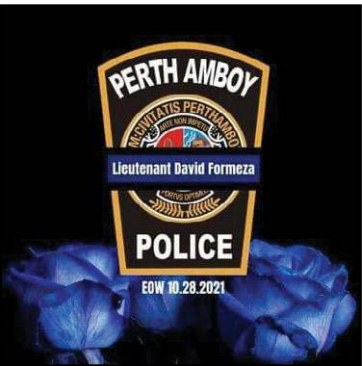
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**1975-2021**



THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY MOURNS THE LOSS OF AN OFFICER WHO DIED FROM COVID-19

PERTH AMBOY- October 28, 2021: The City of Perth Amboy is mourning the loss of Lieutenant David Formeza, who passed away due to COVID-19. Lt. Formeza, with 18 years of service, was highly regarded and loved by the Perth Amboy Police Department and community. Lt. Formeza was assigned to the nightshift A Squad Patrol Bureau and a former member of the Perth Amboy Police SWAT team. He is survived by his brother, Ted. Arrangements are being handled by Flynn and Sons Funeral Home.

On behalf of the City of Perth Amboy, our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and fellow law enforcement officers. We will miss you and we will always remember you. Rest In Peace.





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.

A constitutional assembly meets in Nanking, China, on November 15, 1946, but is boycotted by the Communists, the Democratic League, and the Social Democratic Party. Dutch and Indonesian representatives come to an agreement mediated by the British at Linggadjati. The Netherlands recognizes the authority of the Republic of Indonesia on the islands of Java, Sumatra, and a portion of Borneo, while retaining colonial control over Sulawesi, the Lesser Sunda Islands, West New Guinea and the Maluku Islands (the Moluccas). They agree to the goal of a United States of Indonesia under the Dutch crown by 1 January 1949.

Universal Pictures releases its historical drama Magnificent Doll on November 16. Directed by Frank Borzage, the film stars Ginger Rogers as Dolly Madison, David Niven as Aaron Burr and Burgess Meredith as James Madison. The movie is not a box-office smash.

Afghanistan, Iceland and Sweden apply to join the UN on November 17. In Mandatory Palestine, three British policemen and a Royal Air Force sergeant are killed when their truck hits a land mine placed by terrorists near Lydda (now Lod) in the central part of the Mandate.

On November 18, a police riot takes place in Tel Aviv, Mandatory Palestine, sparked by the deaths of four Britons the previous day when their vehicle hit a terrorist mine. About 40 British constables of the Police Mobile Force race through the streets, firing into homes, beating up passers-by and shouting “Jewish murderers” and other epithets in a rage over the killings. Around 20 Jewish civilians are injured.

Romania holds general elections on November 19 that are marred by voter fraud and widespread intimidation by the Romanian Army. Initial results show a defeat of the Communists, but returns are stopped without explanation. At the final tally, the Romanian Communist Party claims to have won 79.86% of the votes. Results of municipal elections held in Livorno show that it will be the first major Italian city to be ruled by Communists.

In the East Indies, Dutch forces crush Indonesian resistance on Bali, at Marga, on November 20. In the U.S., 400,000 coal miners go on strike when United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis, defying an injunction, orders them off the job. In Vietnam, a French patrol boat seizes a Chinese junk attempting to smuggle a cargo of gasoline into Haiphong harbor. When the vessels dock, Viet Minh guerrillas capture the patrol boat and its crew. The French Army responds with an ultimatum that the guerrillas have 48 hours to release the patrol boat and its crew or suffer the consequences.

While visiting the U.S. Naval Air Station at Key West, Florida, Harry Truman on November 21 becomes the first U.S. President to travel in a submerged submarine. He is taken 440 feet below the surface in the captured German sub U-2513 and shown a demonstration of the U-boat’s technology. RKO Radio Pictures releases Sam Goldwyn’s production, *The Best Years of Our Lives*, a film directed by William Wyler about servicemen trying to readjust to civilian life after returning home from World War II. The movie, starring Myrna Loy, Fredric March, Dana Andrews, Teresa Wright, Virginia Mayo and Harold Russell, wins seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture. The Romanian government on November 22, 1946, announces that “updated” results of its recent general elections show a 90% vote for Communist candidates.

The cousin of Palestine Arab High Commission chairman Fawzi Hussein is murdered in Jerusalem on November 23. Police believe he was killed by Arabs for selling land to Jews. At Haiphong, Vietnam, when the 48-hour deadline for Viet Minh guerrillas to release a captured French patrol boat and its crew passes without compliance, three French gunboats in the harbor — ordered to teach the Vietnamese “a hard lesson” — begin shelling the city. The Vietnamese claim 20,000 soldiers and civilians are killed, while the French say that the number of deaths is “no more than 6,000.”

Tomás Berreta Gandolfo is elected the 32nd president of Uruguay on November 24. (Inaugurated on March 1, 1947, Berreta holds office only five months before dying of prostate cancer on August 2.)

U.S. President Truman creates the Temporary Commission on Employee Loyalty on November 25. It is designed to deal with alleged Communists and disloyal and subversive workers in the federal government. A U.S. federal judge orders the United Mine Workers union to stand trial for contempt of court for the current strike by hundreds of thousands of coal miners. Six states will declare a state of emergency this week, and many schools are closed, for a lack of coal for heating.

At Haifa, Mandatory Palestine, 3,375 Jewish refugees on November 26 resist transfer to a ship transporting them to detention on Cyprus. By the time order is restored, one refugee and one British soldier are dead.

On November 27, at a meeting in New York, the foreign ministers of the U.S., the U.K., the U.S.S.R. and France agree on resolutions to almost all disputed points regarding Trieste. (In January 1947, the United Nations Security Council approves a resolution calling for the creation of a free state of Trieste and the region surrounding it. On September 15, 1947, the Free Territory of Trieste is created. In 1954, the northern part of the territory — including the city of Trieste — is ceded to Italy, while the southern portion goes to Yugoslavia.) In Cuba, Fidel Castro, a law student at the University of Havana, delivers his first major speech, criticizing the corruption and violence of the government of President Ramón Grau.

The National Assembly of France on November 28 meets for the first time under the constitution of the Fourth Republic.

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 December 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center at the corner of Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy. I know many people have been starving for reading material for these long months we were at home. We will be wearing masks and providing hand sanitizer and bags if needed. We also insist that anyone coming to peruse our collection also wear a mask as mandated by the State of NJ. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardcovers are \$1, \$5 for a bag full, no limit to size of bag except no lawn or garbage bags. We have best sellers by popular authors that are like new. The money we raise goes to support the library with providing programs, promoting literacy or to provide funds to the library with their needs beyond their budget. We look forward to your visit.

For more information email us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com, 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.

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.

Holiday Sock Drive

SOUTH AMBOY – The Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy is having a sock drive from November 1st to December 20th. Why? Socks are the #1 most requested items at a homeless shelter. NEW!!! infant, children, and adult sizes (all sizes) will be accepted. Drop off new socks at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Contact Steven Wegrzyn: 732-309-6616 for more information. No more cold toes!



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.

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

Hungarian Homemade Nut Rolls

WOODBIDGE – Sponsored by the Lórantffy Women’s Guild of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Corner of School and N. James Streets, Woodbridge. Each individually hand rolled. Made from the best ingredients. Each weighing 1 lb. 8 oz. Available in: English Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune-Lekvar, Apricot, Raspberry-Seedless, Pumpkin-Cheese, Apple, Coconut-Cream. Price \$17 each. Deadline for orders by Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Pick-up date: Saturday, December 18, 2021, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Please use the Ross Street Entrance.

All orders must be paid in full upon ordering. Please call: Florette Pastor: 732-636-2868 or Audrey Marciniak: 732-494-1431.

Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz Sale

WOODBIDGE - Made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Corner of School and N. James Streets of Woodbridge on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Place your orders with Audrey Marciniak: 732-494-1431 or Florette Pastor: 732-636-2868. Price: \$7 per lb. Deadline for orders: Friday, December 10, 2021. Orders may be picked up at the Fellowship Hall, Ross Street Entrance on Saturday, December 18, 2021, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your order for Kolbasz at the same time.

Stop & Shop Store Hours

- Stop & Shop stores in New Jersey are open until 3pm on Thanksgiving Day.
- Pickup will be available on Thanksgiving Day at Stop & Shop stores in New Jersey until 2:00pm.
- All Stop & Shop pharmacies will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

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.

Basketball Games Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - This year’s Friends of South Amboy fundraising event will be held on Saturday, December 18th at South Amboy Middle High School, 200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza. Proceeds from the event will benefit families in need. As in years past the event will feature local high school basketball games, as follows:

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| 2 p.m. | South Amboy girls vs. Highland Park            |
| 4 p.m. | South Amboy boys vs. Spotswood                 |
| 6 p.m. | Sayreville boys vs. Johnson high school        |
| 8 p.m. | St. Thomas Aquinas boys vs. St. Joe’s Metuchen |

Tickets can be purchased at the door.



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## Council Weighs in on Manhattan Beach PILOT 11/3/21 Business Meeting

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who had one question, “If you don’t get the PILOT, will you build?”

Marchigiano answered, “2½ years in - blood, sweat and tears! Without a PILOT, we would not be able to get it done. With no PILOT – the city pays for the cleanup.”

After everyone from the public spoke, the council had to make the decision whether to vote on the PILOT immediately or to carry it over to the next regular Council meeting (Monday, November 22, 2021, at 7 p.m.). The council felt that a project of this importance to South Amboy should be at a regular meeting and everyone who wishes to be heard can speak before the final vote. Council President Mickey Gross stated that the final vote will be at the 11/22/21 regular council meeting at 7 p.m. Council Comments:

Councilman Tom Reilly thanked the council for putting the vote off until November 22nd. He then thanked the food

pantries and first responders, and he noted that the Dowdell Library was recognizing our Veterans. He congratulated the winners of the Board of Education election. Reilly then reminded everyone of the Friends of South Amboy fundraiser which will feature 4 basketball matches on December 18, 2021.

Council Vice-President Christine Noble wished everyone a Happy Veteran’s Day.

Councilwoman Zuzette Dato said, “Congratulations to our BOE Candidates. If you go down the Waterfront, they are replacing the walkway. Thank you, County Commissioners.”

Council President Mickey Gross said, “These developers are very transparent. I thank them personally. It is not easy.”

Mayor Fred Henry said, “I thank the people involved. The kids had a Halloween party at the YMCA and the Historic Cemetery Tour. I want to thank our volunteers who go to other places to pick up the food using their own vehicles. I thank the developers for being here

tonight.”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated that the Rotary Club is having a virtual event on November 19th at 7 p.m.

Law Director Francis Womack noted that he needed a short closed session at the next meeting to discuss important matters with the council.

Public Portion:

Greg Babolack asked if the audio was put up on the website of the December 2018 meeting.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski explained that the audio is inaudible, but he would put it up there anyway.

Babolack asked if anyone else was interested in the property.

B.A. Skarzynski assured him that no one was interested except Manhattan Beach.

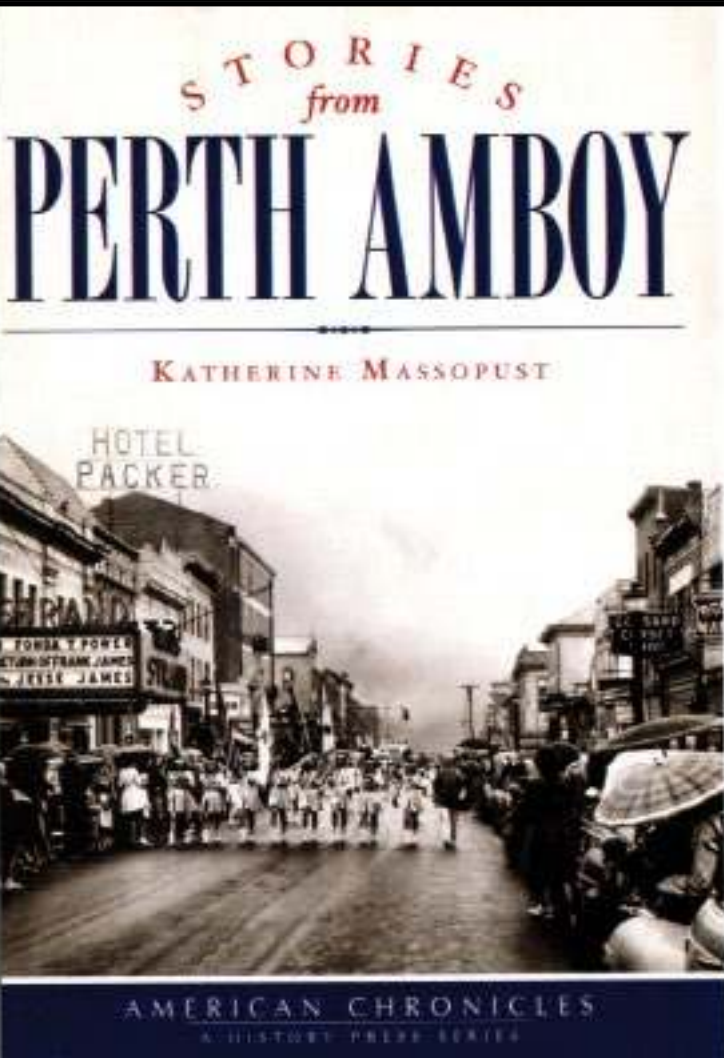
The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. All council members were present.

## Food Pantry Donation, South Amboy 10/29/21

*\*Photos Submitted*



SOUTH AMBOY - 346 nonperishable food items collected at Trinity’s Fall Festival were dropped off to Messiah Lutheran Church Food Pantry this morning (10/29/21). Messiah’s Blessing Box is open 24/7. If anyone is in need please drive up and take what you need or drop off to help others. Located in their front parking lot (3091 Bordentown Avenue). Additional Food Pantry hours are the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:00pm-8:00pm & the 3rd Saturday of each month from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Any questions please contact Messiah’s Church Office at (732) 721-8493.



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### Woodbridge Public Library Events

Some of our programs this month will be in-person. We will also continue to stream the programs live over Zoom. Please make sure to check which format the presentation will be presented in.

**November 18 | 7PM | Main Library**  
**Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia**  
Join Nicolette Vasco of the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter to learn more about Alzheimer's and dementia. **Registration Required** - <https://bit.ly/3BsQqUqN>

**November 22 | 7PM | Main Library**  
**Covid-19 Special Enrollment Program [PRESENTED IN SPANISH]**  
Join us for a seminar that will provide you with important information on how to obtain affordable health insurance through the NJ GETCOVERED marketplace and how to use your health insurance. **Registration Required** - <https://bit.ly/3pmf3rd>

**November 29 | 7PM | Virtual Program**  
**Disability Law: Successful Transition to Adulthood**  
This presentation provides a more in-depth understanding of when a guardianship is needed, the different types of guardianships, the role of court appointed counsel, and the responsibilities and reporting requirements of the guardian. **Registration Required** - <https://bit.ly/3C5pq6j>

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

**Computer Classes**  
Our Free computer classes at the Main Library are back! Classes are offered at various times and cover different topics such as...  
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### South Amboy Hurricanes USABL Champions



**Press Release 11/9/21**  
SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy boasts a long legacy of baseball champions. That legacy grew on Sunday November 7th when the South Amboy Hurricanes 14U Travel Baseball team won their championship game against the South Ocean Baseball Academy. The six-inning event was dominated by the Hurricanes with a final score of 11-1.

Capping a season record of 10-1, the Hurricanes had little rest between their semi-final victory against Howell on Saturday where they prevailed 4-3 to secure their championship berth.

The championship roster for the Hurricanes includes: Ben Smith, Charlie Baxter, Daniel Evanski, Isaiah Mercado, Jack Clements, Jadel Vasquez, Jeremy Vasquez, JJ Healey, Joseph Foreman, John Kelly, Matt Murphy, Nigel Johnson, and Vaughn Pelkey.

The City of South Amboy has a very inclusive and active baseball program that has been a mainstay of local recreation for many decades. Manned entirely by local volunteers and supported by the Mayor and City Council the program continues to grow. Five legacy players from South Amboy went on to win World Series rings.

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### Visit from Coughlin & Lopez, Perth Amboy

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**Press Release**  
PERTH AMBOY - Speaker Craig Coughlin and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez from New Jersey Legislative District 19, came to Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center yesterday to present each Respiratory Therapist a Proclamation in honor of Respiratory Therapy Week.

### Hackensack University Medical Center MOLLY Diabetes Education/Management Center for Adults and Children Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Helping Patients Regain Control of their Lives



**Press Release**  
HACKENSACK, NJ – Just in time for National Diabetes Awareness Month in November 2021, Hackensack Meridian Hackensack University Medical Center’s MOLLY Diabetes Education/Management Center for Adults and Children will celebrate its 25th anniversary. Since 1996, the MOLLY Center has provided comprehensive diabetes education for children and adults with all types of diabetes. The MOLLY Center is certified by the American Diabetes Association and staffed by Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (CDCES), registered nurses and registered dietitians. The center, which also has a social worker, offers group and individual outpatient classes that provide information, education and support on diet/nutrition, medication, technology, exercise and the social/emotional aspects of living with diabetes.

The center also offers an inpatient program that helps people who have been admitted to the hospital manage their diabetes and provides referrals to the outpatient program.

“Over the years, the MOLLY Center has helped many people learn to live well while managing diabetes,” said Colette Knight, M.D., chair of the In-serra Family Diabetes Insti-

tutes at Hackensack University Medical Center. “We help our patients make lasting lifestyle changes that support long-term health to prevent diabetes-related complications.”

“Research shows that when people with diabetes are engaged in educational programs such as ours, they have better outcomes — and our patient-centered, individualized program meets people where they are,” said Toni Isabella, manager, MOLLY Diabetes Center. “World Diabetes Day is November 14, and this year’s theme is Access to Diabetes Care. We hope that celebrating our 25th anniversary raises awareness of our center so more people can benefit from the services we provide.”

Lorna Gooden is an example of a grateful MOLLY Center patient who has raised awareness by recommending the center to her mother and sisters. (see her full story attached)

“When I was diagnosed with pre-diabetes, I spent years in denial while my [blood sugar levels] kept going up and I was eventually put on medication,” said Gooden, operations manager of Outpatient Surgery at Hackensack University Medical Center. “Going to the MOLLY Center was the best thing I ever did, because knowledge is pow-

er — and after you learn about how to manage diabetes, you do better.”

Gooden said the comprehensive education she received through the MOLLY Center’s Wellness Program was “life-changing” and credits the center’s team — which includes CDCES, registered dietitians and social workers — for being kind, knowledgeable and available. Today, Gooden’s blood sugar levels are so good that she has been able to reduce the amount of medication she takes — and her mom and sisters have had their own successes as a result of the MOLLY Center program.

“I couldn’t have done it without the team at the MOLLY Center,” said Gooden.

“Patients like Lorna illustrate why the MOLLY Center is so important to our community,” said Mark D. Sparta, FACHE, president and chief hospital executive, Hackensack University Medical Center. “For 25 years, the center has been helping people manage, prevent and even reverse diabetes through life-enhancing education and support. The entire team at Hackensack University Medical Center is proud to celebrate the MOLLY Center’s 25th anniversary milestone.”



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### Waterfront Cleanup

SOUTH AMBOY - Please join the South Amboy Green Team and Clean Communities, as we partner with the I Love U Foundation and the Helping Hands organization, as we cleanup the boat launch area and beach-front for the annual Raritan Bay Waterfront Park Cleanup on Sunday, November 21, 2021, at 11 a.m. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring clean, used towels for the Old Bridge Animal Shelter.

The South Amboy Clean Communities program will provide bags, gloves and sponsor a light lunch and warm beverages for our volunteers.

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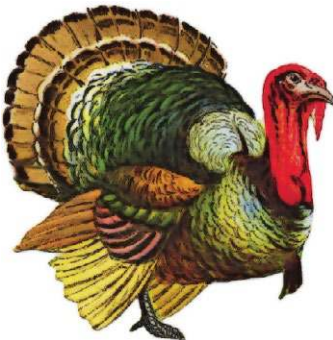
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Order forms and additional information can be found at the parish's website, sacredheartsa.org or at the parish office, 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy. All grave blanket orders must be placed by noon, Monday, November 29. All items will be available on Saturday, December 4, 9-11AM and 3-5PM, and Sunday, December 5, 7AM-noon, at 529 Washington Avenue.

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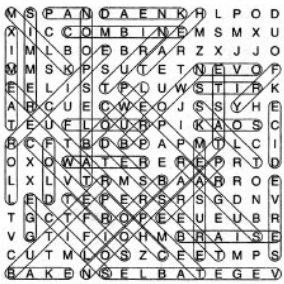
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Friends of the  
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PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting at the Children's Library, 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021. All are welcome to attend.

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From Puzzle  
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A.C. Bus Trip  
Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN – The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City, Tuesday, 12/7/2021. Cost is \$35 with \$20 back in play. Bus leaves our parking lot (625 Florida Grove Rd.) promptly at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please call Connie at 732-442-4978.



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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Teachers William Kuhn (L) and PAHS Science Department Chairman Anton J. Massopust (R) at a Science Fair at Shull School around 1980's. \*Photo Courtesy of Dennis Nanton 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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