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Patching of Streets, Multiple Contractors & Water Repairs Amongst Items Discussed *11/22/21 Caucus & Council Meetings*

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – Councilman Joel Pabon had a question regarding some of the patching of potholes in the city streets. He wanted to know if the contractor that was mentioned on the bid for patching the potholes will be using the same materials as they used to patch the potholes in the Budapest section of town.

Acting DPW Director Matthew Nieves was on Zoom and answered, “Yes.”

Pabon continued, “Whatever you are using, it is working tremendously and is doing a good job. You can’t even tell that there were ever any holes there after they are done.”

Council President William Petrick spoke up, “I know that this method that they have been using for patching up holes has been used in other section of the town and is holding up very well.”

Matthew Nieves spoke up again, “They also use hot tar to patch up holes.”

Petrick then asked, “Are we leasing the machine or are we using a contractor to do the work?”

Matthew Nieves responded,

“We use a contractor. We give them a map of the streets where work has to be done. The contractors will then give us a sheet of how much work was done and the number of materials that has to be done to do the work.”

Petrick then questioned, “After the contract finishes the work in the streets on their schedule, are they allowed to use any leftover materials on other streets not on the schedule?”

Matthew Nieves replied, “No, they can’t.”

The last question Petrick asked, “Has the contractor ever demonstrated how the machine works?”

Matthew Nieves responded, “No, but I can ask them for a demonstration.”

Council President Bill Petrick questioned R-579-11/21 – Authorizing the proper city officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Carlos Jimenez for Water Line Repair Service at 553 Gerard Street.

“Why are they paying for a water line for a brand-new street?”

City Engineer Ernest Feist answered via Zoom, “The water line may have been damaged when a new drain line was put

in.”

Petrick then asked, “Who pays for the water line? Would it be the contractors who built the street or the homeowner who would owe the city?”

Pabon spoke up, “This is a brand new street and I noticed all the lights are out.”

Petrick then said, “I saw there was a problem with water that wasn’t being drained on that street which is located at the end of the cul ‘de sac. I think City Engineer Jeff Rauch was going to take care o this. I saw there was water being accumulated between the two houses on that street.”

Feist reported, “I will get back to the council regarding the situation on Gerard Street.”

Petrick then suggested that the council table R-579 until they got more answers.

Petrick then turned his attention to R-583-11/21 – Supporting the suspension of parking meter fees on Smith Street from November 26, 2021, thru January 1, 2022.

Petrick said, “This should be for the entire business district – not just for Smith Street.”

Lawyer William Opel said, “We will make that correction.”



PERTH AMBOY - Thanksgiving Pop-Up Display at Fink Park on the corner of Madison Avenue & Smith Street

**Photo by Paul W. Wang*

Petrick then turned his attention to R-585-11/21 – Rescinding R-480-9/21 and authorizing the tax collector to conduct 2021 accelerated tax sale for 2021 taxes and special charges.

Petrick questioned, “What are the special charges?”

Business Administrator Michael Green answered, “It was supposed to be sewer charges and \$25 for mailing which we were taking off of the agenda.”

Petrick continued, “I hear that when people come to the tax sale, they can only pay in cash.”

Green clarified, “Cash or certified bankers check.”

Petrick then commented, “I hear that people whose property are listed on the tax sale can come in on the day of the sale and before the sale starts pay off their taxes so their property can be taken off the tax sale list.”

Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up to answer questions regarding R-594-11/21 – Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy to submit an application to FEMA

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Manhattan Beach LLC PILOT Approved by Council *11/22/21 Council Meeting*

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – Council President Mickey Gross explained Resolution No. 21-227 – Resolution approving an interlocal agreement between the City of South Amboy and the County of Middlesex for Public Health Services and Environmental Services. Gross stated, “Every town has a Health Department and a licensed Health Inspector who handles complaints. There is air, water, solid waste, noise and a nursing division.”

The consent agenda was passed. Everyone voted “Yes” but Council President Mickey Gross who abstained on 227 (because he works for the County Health Department).

When it came to the second reading/adoption of Ordinances 2021-19 (Manhattan Beach Phase 1 Urban Renewal LLC)

and 2021-20 (SA 101 Main Street Urban Renewal LLC) there was one last discussion from the council, then the public was allowed to speak on the ordinances.

Council President Mickey Gross thanked City Representative Attorney Kevin McManimon on behalf of the city and all the representatives from Manhattan Beach, SARA and the Mayor and Council. “Hats off to everyone.”

The first person who spoke about the PILOT was Councilman Tom Reilly. “Has the city of South Amboy applied for any grant monies? Moving forward the Brownfield Financial Assistance and EPA Brownfield Assistance?”

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski answered Reilly, “We applied for and got a grant for the sewage treatment plant.

We are not made available any grant money.”

Reilly stated, “There are a whole host of grants available. The DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) discharge remediation funds. I want to know where we are with any of these grants. I spoke with a LSRP (Licensed State Remediation Professional) who said he works with Carteret and Woodbridge.”

Attorney McManimon answered, “Under BBA are very specific requirements. They're probably for given properties. I don't know.”

Reilly continued, “Did the Redevelopment Agency hear about these grants?”

A representative from SARA answered, “Multiple grants have been granted. There were funds to identify remediation efforts needed with the land

more than a decade ago.”

Anthony Marchiagiano, Principal and Managing Member of March Development stated. “We received around \$250,000. The money was used for preliminary investigation used for the initial remediation. The first round of injections goes off tonight.”

Reilly insisted, “I have not seen the report from the LSRP. I want to that report.”

Marchiagiano said, “It is precisely \$8.3 million for the remediation. After more than a year of mediation with South Amboy, we have numbers we were satisfied with.”

Reilly then again asked if they got any grant money.

Marchiagiano answered, “We filed for \$1 million. We applied to improve the wildlife resiliency. We were turned down.”

Reilly then stated, “The

Brownfield Developer worked with Woodbridge.”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated, “The HDSR Grant went to SARA for remediation. This was in 2014. We did not apply. Woodbridge got \$5 million. We got \$250,000.”

Skarzynski explained, “They grant money for Brownfield Remediation Systems. We're yet to locate one we can successfully apply for.”

Gross then added it is evaluated by a case-by-case basis.

Councilman Brain McLaughlin then said, “I'm against residential PILOTS. We are getting a commercial property, and something taken off our hands. I commend SARA.”

Council President Gross added, “48 low-income apartments – where?”

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for the Assistant to Firefighters grant for the purchase of an air/light unit for the mobile filling of firefighter air bottle on fire scenes.

Mullen explained, "This is going to run off a PTO Truck. We can fill our bottles to the maximum and this can be used at the scene of a fire. The unit will be a freight liner style. It is a smaller truck and right now we are replacing a lot of older trucks that we have. This truck will also have a compressor on it, and we are hoping we are able to get this truck. There are a lot of other municipalities that are requesting a truck like this and there are very few available. This truck will also have a light tower on it." Mullen then gave an update on the proposed new firehouse near the corner of Amboy Avenue and Inslee Street. "Some of the buildings were demolished and I haven't had any updates after that."

Opel spoke up, "The city is negotiating for the property."

B.A. Mike Green said, "The tax sale will take place at city hall council chambers on December 14th at 10 a.m. The type of payment that will be accepted will be a certified cashiers check, a bank check, or cash."

Green then answered a question regarding R-595-11/21 – Authorizing payment of a yearly stipend to the Perth Amboy Auxiliary Police in an amount not to exceed \$33,504.50.

"This will be for 13 volunteer officers and 26 auxiliary police officers."

Green then talked about R-596-11/21 – Authoring an extension of the lease agreement with the county of Middlesex for a maximum of 45 monthly parking permits for the King Plaza Deck thru December 31, 2025.

He also referenced R-597-11/21 – Authorizing an extension of the lease terms between the county of Middlesex and the city of Perth Amboy Parking Utility for parking permits for the Jefferson Street Parking Deck.

Green said, "These are for county employees who are paying to park in those locations. It's revenue for the city."

Green also talked about R-598-11/21 – Authorizing a memorandum of an agreement between the Parking Utility of the city of Perth Amboy formally known as the Parking Authority, city of Perth Amboy and King Plaza for parking spaces for city employees.

Green said, "This will be 10 additional spaces."

Bill Petrick then had a statement regarding R-603-11/21 – Awarding a contract to Johnson Controls Fire Protection, District 518 for a fire alarm/sprinkler system preventive maintenance, testing, inspections, and repairs at the Public Safety Complex Community Center for the period from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, in

an amount of \$27,500.

Petrick said, "A couple years ago, there was a problem with the pool filtration and a hot tube filtration that was corroded. That could have caused a premature failure. This was years ago. This should be checked to make sure this problem was fixed."

Petrick then turned his attention to R-604-11/21 – Awarding a contract with Thyssenkrupp Elevator corporation for preventive maintenance and service of the elevators at the Public Safety Complex for the period from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, in the amount of \$24,000.

Petrick remembered, "At one time, there was an accumulation of water because of a sump pump failure. I think it was corrected."

Petrick then turned his attention to R-602, R-605, R-607, and R-608. They all involved different contractors to do HVAC at the Public Safety Complex. "Why do we have so many different vendors to work on the HVAC systems? They are all different contractors and why are we breaking this up to so many different entities?"

B.A. Mike Green responded, "Some of these vendors are state contractors. Even though they have different amounts of their services, remember the amount shown are amounts they cannot exceed for their individual work."

Councilman Joel Pabon made some comments regarding these resolutions, "I'm glad to see these items are on the agenda right now (in the month of November) since these services will be starting in January. Sometimes we get these resolutions when the year is almost up, and they are to start these services in a short period of time. I want to thank Council woman Rose Morales. She is the one who first brought up about so many different contractors that seem to be working on the same type of system (HVAC)."

B.A. Green also acknowledged Morales's contributions to bringing this up earlier in the year. "And the purchasing agent should also be mentioned for doing a good job."

Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up to respond to R-602 thru R-608. "Some of these contractors will be maintaining the air filters, some will respond to the mechanics of the HVAC. Some respond to computer systems. Each of these vendors have their own specialties."

DPW Matthew _____ spoke again on Zoom to respond to Resolution R-609-11/12 – Accepting the bid and awarding a contract for Spray Injection Patching for potholes repairs to Patch Management in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

"These contractors have a location in California and Pennsylvania."

Luis Perez-Jimenez from Middlesex Water Company came up to explain R-612-11/21

– Authorizing an annual contract with Rapid Pump and Meter Services Company for the repairs of the pumps at the Second Street Pump Station in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

He explained, "There are two pumps out of service, and we are fighting about the cost of repairs. We should get the parts for one of the pumps in about two weeks. We have only one pump working and also an auxiliary pump. All the pumps are made of steel."

Public Portion (in-house first):

Resident Ken Balut came up first, "I noticed that Northgrave is again a no-show because he is too busy working for other cities."

Council President Petrick responded, "I kinda like Opel."

Balut said, "But we don't give Opel the same rate of pay."

Petrick then suggested, "Maybe we should discuss hiring Opel as our full-time Law Director."

Balut continued, "There is nothing about the YMCA on the agenda. People who use our parking decks are paying. I don't use the Y, but I help pay for it. The Y provides recreation and other services which is good, but they still owe us money." Balut then turned his attention to the meeting where they discussed the furniture that the city wanted to get that will cost \$36,000. "I went to the League of Municipalities, and I picked up a catalog from one of the vendors where you can buy new furniture at a much cheaper price. Also, maybe you need to cut some of the people in the mayor's office. You are talking about a combined salary (of people working in the mayor's office) of \$250,000."

After Balut spoke, the meeting was opened up to Zoom participants. No one spoke on Zoom.

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch gave information regarding R-599-11/21 – Authorizing an agreement with the Middlesex County Office of Human Services to provide funds in the amount of \$10,000 to provide diversion and delinquency programming for the city youth.

"This will be for the Perth Amboy Youth Alliance Group."

The council went into closed session at 6:35 p.m. They returned at 7:09 p.m. They resumed the Caucus Meeting at 7:09 p.m. and adjourned it at 7:09 p.m. Councilwoman Milady Tejada was absent at the Caucus due to work issues.

The regular meeting then began at 7:11 p.m. All council members were present.

The meeting was opened for anyone who wanted to speak on ordinances that had a public hearing. Resident Ken Balut came up to speak regarding Ordinance No. 2 – An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, "Personnel Policies". To prohibit payment to elected officials for accumulated and unused sick, vacation, and per-

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PERTH AMBOY - Over 280 turkey dinners were given to needy families by the Barge Crew on 11/22/21.
*Photos courtesy of John K. Dyke



PERTH AMBOY - Complete Thanksgiving meal including a turkey and all the trimmings were given out on Thanksgiving Day (11/25/21) by Renovation House (on Jefferson Street) and the Lions Club. Close to 3,000 meals were distributed. *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



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Judgement Day

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ize “Judgement Day” is coming from those concerned residents that will expose many alarming issues. The Perth Amboy City residents will not tolerate out of control municipal government like the last two administrations. Like they say, “One voice may mean nothing, but many voices will do something.”

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

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Remember these people are our neighbors. Our local en-

trepreneurs have continued the good fight to keep their existing staff and suppliers employed without layoffs and canceling product or supply orders. They continue to work long hours, pay taxes and keep as many employed as possible. Many maintain the tradition of offering job opportunities to students during the holidays and summer.

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Larry Penner

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WED. Dec. 8 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
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THURS. Jan. 6 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.
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Check Presentation From the American Legion Post 45 to the Jewish Renaissance 11/18/21



PERTH AMBOY - The American Legion Post 45 presented a check for \$1370.00 to the Jewish Renaissance for Breast Cancer Prevention to pay for mammograms for women who are residents of Perth Amboy. John T. O'Leary Chief Executive Officer JRMC (L) Members of the American Legion Post 45 (middle) and American Legion Post 45 Commander Harry Scheman (Far Right)

**Photo by Rosmery Hernandez*

Girls on the Run of Central NJ Make Big Strides in Sunday's Somerville 5K



Press Release
SOMERVILLE, NJ, November 23, 2021 - The Honorable Dennis Sullivan, Mayor of Somerville, kicked off the Girls on the Run of Central Jersey (GOTRCNJ) Fall 5k on Sunday in downtown Somerville. Open to the public, the first in-person GOTR race since the pandemic drew over 1,000 participants. Net proceeds from the race will go to program scholarships for girls in low income communities.

Girls on the Run inspires girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them one of a kind. Trained coaches lead small teams through an evidence-based eight-week curriculum where girls in grades 3-8 grade develop critical life skills to help them navigate their worlds.

The program culminates with girls positively impacting their communities through a service project and being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K event. The 5K gives the girls a tangible understanding of the confidence that comes through accomplishment, as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals.

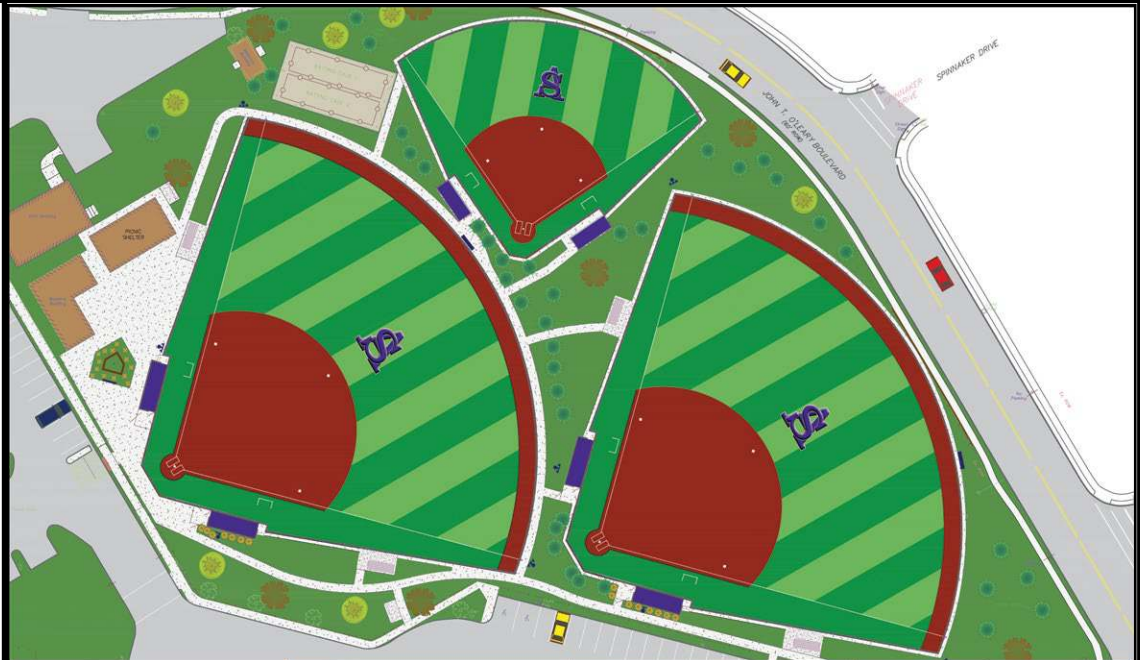
"Our volunteer coaches tell me time and again that the inspiration they get from watching the girls in our program share their uniqueness and reach their goal by crossing the finish line is an experience they will not forget," said Donna York, Executive Director of GOTRCNJ.

GOTRCNJ is grateful to its race day sponsors: Hark-ALS and United Rent All.

Currently the GOTRCNJ program serves 2,200 girls at nearly 117 sites in Camden, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset counties. Girls on the Run has been recognized by the National Afterschool Association (NAA) as one of the most influential after-school programs in the nation. Registration for the GOTRCNJ Spring 2022 season opens early March 2022. For program and registration information contact Lynn Sherman, Program Coordinator at lynn.sherman@girlsontherun.org.

**Photo Courtesy of Girls on the Run Central NJ*

Athletic Field Renovation Announced



Press Release 11/23/21
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy City Council has awarded a contract to Land Tek Group Inc. of Bayshore, NY in the amount of \$3, 192, 631.50 to perform renovations to the Allie Clark Athletic complex.

Home of the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association for many decades, three existing fields at the baseball complex will undergo a complete reconstruction including LED lighting and scoreboards, artificial turf, and many other amenities to enhance the family friendly atmosphere of the complex. Designed by City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, this comprehensive renovation will enhance playability and safety for City children and visiting teams.

Funding in support of this important project is being provided through a 1.5-million-dollar grant from the Middlesex County Open Space fund

"I am pleased that we are able to move ahead on this enhancement of our recreational facilities in South Amboy" said Mayor Fred Henry. "These improvements will provide a state-of-the-art facility for our children, and I am grateful that it has the support of the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners as well as the City Council."

Construction is slated to begin in several weeks and will be completed by Summer 2022.

South Amboy has a long baseball heritage and boasts five local residents who had Major League Baseball careers. Named after NY Yankee stand-out Allie Clark the complex is located on John T. O'Leary Boulevard and is another element in the City's ongoing revitalization of the waterfront area.



The Intl. WeLoveU Foundation and Power Home Remodeling Team Up to Carry Out Environmental Cleanups Across Eight States to Help Close the Climate Gap in America

Press Release 11/21/21
SOUTH AMBOY, NJ — The International WeLoveU Foundation volunteers cleaned Raritan Bay Waterfront Park with Power Home Remodeling employee volunteers to raise awareness and help close the climate gap. The united effort led to the group collecting 65 bags of trash. In addition to the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park cleanup in South Amboy, NJ, WeLoveU and Power Home Remodeling cleaned up communities in Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. Next month, the two groups will clean neighborhoods in Georgia and Florida.

"There's a natural alignment between Power and WeLoveU Foundation, so the decision to join forces was an easy one for us," said Olumidé Cole, Director of Cultural Diversity & Inclusion at Power Home Remodeling. "Power is committed to creating positive change in everything we touch, from the lives of our employees and customers to the communities we serve. Partnering with organizations like WeLoveU Foundation whose mission is to promote unity and allyship among all is essential in creating that change."

"Climate change doesn't impact our planet evenly; therefore, creating the climate gap," expressed a volunteer of the Intl. WeLoveU Foundation. "Research shows low-income neighborhoods heavily feel the brunt of climate change, and one example is piling of excessive waste. Through the cleanups, we hope to raise awareness about the topic, enhance the livelihood of our communities, encourage our peers to join us to restore our ecosystems across America to lessen the climate gap."

The climate gap describes the disproportionate effects climate change has on low-income communities. These neighborhoods are shouldering much of the burden of excessive waste and single-use plastics, piling up fastest in the communities least capable of properly disposing of it. To work towards a solution, WeLoveU and Power Home Remodeling are organizing cleanups in multiple states facing disparities in litter and pollution.

The cleanups are also part of WeLoveU's Clean WORLD Movement, an environmental initiative the foundation has led since 2009. Volunteers clean polluted cities, parks, mountains, rivers, and seas to promote a clean world for present and future generations. Since its inception, WeLoveU's Clean WORLD Movement has reached 58 countries, with over 1,600 cleanups and more than 250,000 participants.

Patching of Streets, Multiple Contractors & Water Repairs Amongst Items Discussed

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sonal days.

“I’m glad this is on here. Our last mayor should not have gotten paid for those days. Elected officials should be on call 24/7. If you had a business, you would not have hired her. Nobody watches our tax dollars. She didn’t deserve one dime. She wasn’t punching a timeclock. Now, there is a person working at night who is not punching a timeclock. We are the only town who did this (pay a mayor for sick, vacation, and personal days). We could have used that \$14,000 to help the homeless. There are people who can’t pay their rent or their mortgage.”

Councilwoman Tejeda said, “Looking at this ordinance I am confused where it says: “part-time employee”.”

Petrick said, “I think this should be amended.”

Lawyer Opel said, “I don’t see where the confusion is.”

Petrick said, “It is based on the amount of money.”

Opel said, “You can pass the ordinance and it can be amended later.”

No one spoke on Zoom for any of the ordinances.

Public Comments on agenda

items only:

Balut came up and he talked about all the resolutions regarding the HVAC. “This totals almost \$140,000. Most of the work is for the YMCA. We are losing serious money and the Y’s contract is still open. The Y is not listed in the audit and there are no legal documents against the Y. We are subsidizing a private company. Schools are paying for the Y and for the pool usage. At one time the Charter School was paying the Y for the use of their facilities. The Y didn’t cooperate with the forensic order. If our former Law Director Mark Blunda was here, this issue would have been resolved. That is what happens when you use politically connected lawyers.”

No one from Zoom spoke.

The council then voted on the ordinances. For Ordinance No. 1 – Vehicles and Traffic regarding stop signs – additions was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. For Ordinance No. 2 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Morales. Ordinance No. 1 (first reading – no public discussion) Appropriating \$1,800,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the acquisition of meters for the Water/Wastewater Utility in and by the city of Perth Amboy in the county of

Middlesex, New Jersey. It was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

When it came time to vote on the consent agenda resolutions, R-578, R-580 thru R-618 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. R-579 was tabled at the Caucus Meeting.

After the vote was taken, Lawyer William Opel spoke up regarding R-583 to let the council know that the supporting the suspension of parking meter fees from November 26, 2021, thru January 1, 2022, has been amended to include the entire Business District.

Public Portion (in-person first)

Resident Ken Balut came up first. He told the council, “While you (the council) were in closed session, a city employee came out and asked me if I had something to say to them. I was harassed in the past by code enforcement. I’ve lived in this town for years and was a police officer and I care about this town. People just want to see what they can get for themselves and their relatives. People knock at my door late at night to give me information of wrongdoing going on around the town. I’ve stayed in this town, not like others who served and left to go live someplace else. Also, when you do all this

bonding, the first expense that goes into doing bonding would be the lawyers fees. You need to lower taxes and clean up the budget.”

No one spoke via Zoom.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales welcomed all who attended in person and for their suggestions and solutions. She wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded everyone we still have a pandemic going on.

Councilman Joel Pabon wished all a peaceful and joyful Thanksgiving with their families. “Be safe.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda, “I want to remind everyone there is a plastic bag ban coming in May. This is coming from the state and not the council. Maybe the BID should let the businesses know about this.” She then talked about going to the League of Municipalities and how at one of the seminars they discussed what items are permissible for the municipalities to purchase using the upcoming federal money. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked all for attending.

Councilman BJ Torres wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged all to get the vaccination for themselves and their children. “Have a safe

holiday.”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “Maybe in order to save our trees, instead of printing out all the backup material, we can just get it in a digital form.”

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch said, “We can number each page in the digital format.”

Petrick then asked the council if they were comfortable with not getting a large packet of information.

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda suggested that the council start the new format in January.

Petrick then said that people are asking about the Citizen’s Advisory Board and when are their meetings and are there any dates open for their meetings.

City Clerk Kupsch said, “They can come in to have regular meetings set up.”

Petrick then suggested that maybe Acting Police Chief Cattano or B.A. Green can be in charge of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee. Petrick then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, “Don’t eat too much. Covid is still around, and we just recently lost a city employee to Covid. It is dangerous not to get vaccinated. Stay safe and be cautious for yourselves and your loved ones.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Manhattan Beach LLC PILOT Approved by Council

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Attorney McManimon answered, “There are several potential sites of the property. If I can’t find potential places, we can build in Phase 3.”

Mayor Fred Henry added, “They will be built. We just don’t know where.”

B.A. Skarzynski stated, “There piece of property next to Delaney Homes.”

Public Portion on 2021-19-2021-20:

The first person to speak was Resident Mary Szaro, “I looked at the agreement (Section 3; Phase 1) of the Hazardous Remediation Site. Can you explain this?”

Mcmanimon answered, “The maximum duration of the PILOT is 30 years for completion. In 35 years, since passing, we enter in the agreement. If it is 8 years, then we have 27 years.

SARA Commissioner Dave Kales came up to speak, “Members of SARA were asked to take this project. That’s a problem on me and on all of us. The Developer did what he said he was going to do. It is on them. \$1.4 million is what we are getting. You cannot say it is not a beautiful project. It indemnifies the city. The PILOT is based upon gross income. We will be able to use the Waterfront (there). The city is responsible for police, fire, and first aid. That’s all. It is not Section 8. It will be final in Phase 3. The traffic flow – it gives one way out (of South Amboy) you don’t have now. This is where we are at. Look at this piece of prop-

erty. Open your minds to what you have here. You (Councilman Reilly) gave me something to think of (available grants). Any liability – they took it. Don’t gamble with our money.”

Councilman Reilly said, “I understand what Mr. Kales has said. It is a 30-year PILOT. After the PILOT is over, the owner will make a ton of money. The most valuable piece of property is for our schools. All the grant monies out there – I hope we do it moving forward.”

Resident Greg Babolack said, “I want to address comments to Ms. Dato. People were getting hurt. I take that as fair. The contamination has been hurting us and beyond.”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, “The contamination there has existed for decades. Our long-term commissioners had to deal with it for years. It can be moving past South Amboy. That contamination will continue to grow beyond.”

Babolack asked, “How long has the property there been contaminated?”

Council President Gross answered, “40 years.”

Babolack said, “We didn’t have the same urgency before, but we have now.”

Law Director Francis Womack then said, “We are facing impending litigation. We have not said in a public meeting that we are liable for anything. This is what the state requires of a hazard. It is privately owned property.”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski added, “The property where the sewage treatment property is at - that parcel as it stands right now

falls for it to clean.”

Anthony Conrad who is also a SARA Commissioner came up to speak. He said, “There is a cost to cleaning it up. \$10 million is tremendous for a property. No city wants an added tax burden. Let the developer clean it. The city saves money. If the site is not cleaned up, that is liability the city will have to take. I for one do not want any more financial impact. \$200 million. Baseline \$50 million low end - in revenue to the city.”

Council President Gross then asked for a vote on 2021-19 – Ordinance of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex, New Jersey approving application for a long term tax exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with Manhattan Beach Phase 1 Urban Renewal LLC.

The vote went as follows: Dato, McLaughlin, Noble voted “Yes”; Reilly, Gross voted “No.” Motion passes.

Ordinance 2021-20 – Ordinance of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, approving the application for a long term tax exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with SA 101 Main Street Urban Renewal LLC.

The vote went as follows: Dato, McLaughlin, Noble voted “Yes”; Reilly, Gross voted “No.” Motion passes.

Council Comments:

Vice-President Christine Noble thanked Mr. Kales and everyone on SARA for their work. “Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato

said, “This is the most important PILOT and cleaning up a blighted area. It is important for our city. I want to thank everyone who voted for it. Have a great Thanksgiving. Be generous. Be kind.”

Councilman Tom Reilly said, “Bringing Jersey City - \$12 Billion property value – Jersey City bonded out too many PILOTS. I want to thank the food pantries and first responders. The Friends of South Amboy will be having a fundraiser on December 18th. There will be 4 basketball games: 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. Happy Thanksgiving to all!”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin said, “Thank all who volunteer at the food pantries and the Friends of South Amboy.” He then read off a list of people and organization and businesses who volunteer. “We are all still deep in this pandemic. The bid was awarded to renovate the little league fields and the Fire Department got their new trucks.”

Council President Mickey Gross said, “I want to thank the food pantries, first responders. Happy Thanksgiving. Everyone be safe. Every time there is a fire, 150 volunteers go to the fire. We care about each other and do the right thing here.”

Mayor Fred Henry said, “Mr. Reilly brought up about PILOTS failing Jersey City. They do not audit their PILOTS. The City of South Amboy audits their PILOTS every year. We don’t offer PILOTS to every project. I want to thank City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz for the renovation of our ball fields. Our streets are getting

paved. Since I’ve been here, Mark paved 70% of our streets. I want to compliment Anthony Marchigiano (and Manhattan Beach LLC). Sacred Heart Church is celebrating their 125th Anniversary. I want to thank the County Commissioners and Ron Rios. There was another beach cleanup by Jay Elliot.”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski said, “Happy Thanksgiving. The Rotary Club is honoring 6 individuals: 3 South Amboy Residents and 3 Sayreville Residents. I want to thank them for their volunteer efforts.”

Law Director Francis Womack stated the city is still in litigation with Venetian and the City is having a discussion with the Ferry Operators.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz stated the city is paving South Broadway and North Felthus Streets.

Public Portion:

Resident Brandon Russell Came up to speak. “I came here to speak about the PILOTS. I had come when Dave Kales (gave his presentation at the October 20th Regular Meeting).” He asked Gross why he voted, “No,” on the PILOT.

Gross answered he had his reasons.

Russell then asked if meetings could be advertised on social media. B.A. Skarzynski said they can do that. He also explained that at the end of the day, elected officials determine how the money is spent.”

Gross said, “That is why we have council meetings.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. All council members were present.

HVAC Systems, Special Needs Students Discussed

11/18/21 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – The Board Meeting began at 5:31 p.m. The Board went into closed session at 5:36 p.m. They returned from closed session at 7:05 p.m. and began the regular meeting.

There was a presentation on the Spring 2021 Statewide Assessment Results which include: Dynamic Learning Maps, Access and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, NJQSAQ District Performance Review. The presentation was given by Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

Public Portion:

Three people spoke during the public portion: Pat Paradiso, President of the Perth Amboy Federation; Lynn Audet District Representative and Donna Tartza, former District Representative for the Perth Amboy Federation. Each read from a written statement.

Pat Paradiso: We are very concerned about the injuries occurring to the paraprofessionals and teachers who work with our special education students who have severe behavior problems. Just last week I heard about a teacher who was punched in the head and given a concussion, and a paraprofessional who had to have a medical procedure performed due to the actions of a student. Some of our staff members are repeatedly injured, and no one seems to be really concerned about this. No one calls these staff members to check in on them. There are no follow up meetings or counseling services provided to these staff members after they are injured. I talked to one injured

staff member recently who was sobbing on the phone as she told me of her experience. Afterward she thanked me and said it felt good just to be listened to. She also said that no one signs up to be abused every day at work, and that there is no support from administration.

We are requesting that we hold a meeting with central administration, the director of special services, and members of other stakeholder groups to discuss this problem.

We are further requesting that every administrator in the district spend a day in one of these classes, so they understand what it is like when they put people into these situations. We understand that these children have very special needs, but some students clearly need more that we can provide here.

Lynn Audet: At the November Board of Education meeting, I expressed my concerns about the dismantling of the Intervention Program, Reading Specialists, and Math Specialists throughout the District. I understand that the Leveled Literacy Instruction Program has been instituted to help mitigate the learning loss of our students due to the pandemic, but I feel, however, that the LLI program alone is not enough assistance for our struggling students.

We went from having Reading and Math Specialists in every school, in addition to having multiple Intervention Teachers in every school, to having a limited number of LLIs district-wide. Although I am not sure of the number of LLIs district-wide, it is not nearly the number of teachers that we used to

have working with our at-risk students in the past.

At this crucial time following a pandemic when so many of our students are working below grade level, I believe it was the wrong time to strip our schools of Reading Specialists, Math Specialists, and the Intervention program. (And on a side note about Math... we currently have nothing in place to help our students who are struggling in Math.)

I am not in any way, shape, or form saying that our LLIs are not necessary, I am just saying that it is not enough. Our students are struggling. They need more help. They need Intervention and Reading and Math Specialists in addition to LLI.

I know there are After-School programs for struggling students, but I don't feel this was the right approach for reaching our at-risk students. After-School programs are optional. Parents may opt not to send their children, or they may not send them consistently. Children (especially young children) are tired by the end of the day, so after school is not the time for mitigating learning loss. I also addressed that we are incredibly short-staffed districtwide for all positions. I know there are nationwide shortages, but if you look on the Human Resource pages for the other districts in Middlesex County, Perth Amboy leads the pack with open positions. We desperately need to hire more Staff, and Central Administration needs to work harder to retain the Staff that we currently have.

Lastly, I pointed out that on the agenda for the November

Board meeting was the approval for almost 200 Staff Members to take CPI training on Saturdays beginning in December. This is a very important training for Special Education Teachers and Paraprofessionals and SLEOs to have, yet they are scheduled on Saturdays. I understand they will be compensated, but I asked to know what the backup plan is for those who cannot attend on Saturdays. I have not received a response about a backup plan, but it was stated that trainings need to be done on Saturdays because we are short-staffed, and we cannot have Staff taking the trainings during the workday. Again, we desperately need to hire more Staff, and CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION NEEDS TO WORK HARDER TO RETAIN THE STAFF THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE.

Donna Tartza: My name is Donna Tartza. I am a former health and physical education teacher from Perth Amboy Public Schools where I taught for 38 years. I am also the former district representative for the Perth Amboy Federation/AFT. I was born and raised in Perth Amboy, and I am a graduate of Perth Amboy High School class of 1978. I was Shull School Teacher of the Year twice, and I was recognized for leadership in Health and Physical Education by the New Jersey Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

In addition to a bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education, I have a master's degree in Special Education with an emphasis in Physical Activities for the Handicapped as well as a Master's in Administration. After I retired July 1, 2020, I spent the 2020-2021 school year assisting my handicapped niece with her remote learning and physical and occupational therapy. When she went back to school, I figured I would go back to my roots and give back to the community by being a substitute teacher.

I completed the hiring process with ESS and to my surprise they told me that I would not be able to substitute in Perth Amboy because they were informed that I was not a good fit. It's common knowledge that many school districts are facing substitute shortages and Perth Amboy is among them.

Over my 38-year career, all my observation and evaluations have been effective or higher. I have never been in investigated by DCCP, and I am not a criminal. It makes me wonder why someone in this district would deem that I am not a good fit. I hate to think it is because of my leadership role in the Perth Amboy Federation.

How many other qualified people are being turned away, leaving building administrators scrambling to find class coverage and leaving staff members stressed and exhausted by the extra work?

The public portion was closed.

During the President's report, Board President Ken Puccio stated, "We live in different times. People were caged up for

18 months. Kids are not used to being in school. It's up to us. School is more than education. It is teaching children about life. Some students come from terrible situations (at home). Everybody has a chip on your shoulder. You reap what you sow. In order to get respect, you give respect. Some kid thinks a lot of you."

Superintendent Dr. David Roman said, "We wish everyone a Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving. There are a lot of things to address these issues. All the leaders in the district will welcome this district's mindfulness of its issues. The importance of a video – we care about the community.

Bord Member Junior Iglesia said, "It is very important that we as a school district make every dollar spent fiscally responsible." He asked about the need for an upgrade to the HVAC system in district buildings. Iglesia wanted to know why the HVAC system needed to be higher than SDA requirements.

President Ken Puccio answered, "For generators. Our schools act as shelters. We should have a type of live system so everything works."

Vice President Tashi Vazquez added, "What the SDA gives is very basic. We need something that has enough power on the day of an emergency. These schools belong to the community and serve the community." Vazquez later commented on a coat drive under the project Cathy's Kids where 450 coats were collected from PAHS graduate Mr. Eladio Ruiz. Ruiz worked under the supervision of Mr. Michael Loblance, Acting School Business Administrator and Mr. Francisco Velez, Assistant School Business Administrator. Vazquez stated, "When asked what to do get to the community, I am grateful for these donations."

Puccio added, "We have kids who come to school without coats. They don't even have the basics."

Toward the end of the meeting, Vice President Tashi Vazquez had a few comments about the three members of the PA Federation who spoke during the public portion. "It is important as Board Members to provide us with numbers. Overall, you give us this. Member of CPI training on Saturday can be an issue. I welcome suggestions – not just complaints. I am open to conversation."

PA Federation President Pat Paradiso stated that Vazquez was embarrassing her.

Vazquez stated, "My mission is to serve the staff and the community."

Board Member Marisol Gonzalez stated, "These kids (special needs) need a lot of compassion. These are students are not the same. They require a different kind of compassion."

Paradiso emphasized that is why they requested a meeting with Board Representatives.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Board Members Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe, Dr. Danielle Brown, and Stacey Peralta were not present.

N.J. Business Action Center Launches “Vendor Clearinghouse” To Identify Sources of Reusable and Paper Carryout Bags in Advance of State’s Single-use Plastic Carryout Bag Ban

Businesses are Urged to Prepare Now for New Requirements, Which Take Effect May 4, 2022

Press Release

TRENTON, N.J. — The New Jersey Business Action Center (NJBAC), a business advocacy resource housed within the New Jersey Department of State, has launched a vendor clearinghouse of wholesale vendors to help business owners prepare for the state's ban on the provision or sale of single-use plastic and paper carryout bags, effective May 4, 2022. This courtesy list identifies wholesale vendors and manufacturers who sell reusable and paper carryout bags that meet the requirements of the new law.

On Nov. 4, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law P.L. 2020, c.117, which prohibits the provision or sale of single-use plastic carryout bags and polystyrene foam foodservice products in all stores and food-service businesses statewide. The law also prohibits the provision or sale of single-use paper carryout bags by grocery stores that occupy 2,500 square feet or more. The law required

the creation of a vendor clearinghouse to aid businesses in identifying vendors and manufacturers who sell reusable carryout bags allowed by the new law.

"The law banning plastic carryout bags and polystyrene foam food container products will impact many businesses across the state," said Melanie Willoughby, executive director of the NJBAC. "We urge businesses to prepare for the plastic carryout bag ban now by learning about the requirements and finding vendors that offer reusable alternatives."

Businesses that decide to sell or provide reusable carryout bags must ensure that the bags meet the requirements as defined in the law. To be considered a "reusable carryout bag," the product must be:

- Made of polypropylene fabric, PET made of non-woven fabric, nylon, cloth, hemp product, or other washable fabric; and
- have stitched handles; and
- be designed and manufactured

for at least 125 reuses.

All businesses that do not comply with the law are subject to an initial warning potentially followed by daily fines.

The State of New Jersey welcomes registration by manufacturers and distributors of reusable and paper carryout bags. Vendors from any geographic region that are registered to do business in New Jersey and sell products that meet the requirements of the new law may register on NJBAC's website to be added to the vendor clearinghouse list: <https://business.nj.gov/bags/vendorclearinghouse>.

The NJBAC and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection have also provided many online resources, including an implementation timeline and a chart of impacted establishments. Information and resources about the ban and reusable bag requirements can be found at business.nj.gov/bags/plastic-ban-law and nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law.

Pallone Highlights Build Back Better Act's Historic Investments to Combat the Climate Crisis and Protect Environment

Build Back Better Act Accelerates Transition to Clean Economy, Permanently Bans Offshore Drilling, and Cleans up Superfund Sites

Press Release 11/22/21

LONG BRANCH, NJ – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today held a press conference with local environmental advocates to highlight how the Build Back Better Act that passed the House last week will help fight the climate crisis and protect the environment. The Build Back Better Act makes historic investments in the fight against the climate crisis by investing \$555 billion in clean energy including offshore wind, creating a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, and establishing a Methane Emissions Reduction Program.

The Build Back Better Act provides historic, long-term investments to position the United States as a leader in the global clean energy economy and to reduce the risks and costs of climate-fueled extreme weather and wildfires. To meet President Biden's goal of reducing U.S. carbon emissions by 50% below 2005 levels by 2030, the Build Back Better Act invests over \$320 billion in renewable energy and energy efficiency tax incentives that will move us toward a clean economy and create thousands of new jobs.

Pallone is the Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, which spearheaded key provisions to combat the climate crisis, including a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to support the rapid deployment of low- and zero-emission technologies, a Methane Emissions Reduction Program to immediately reduce methane pollution from petroleum and natural gas systems, home energy efficiency and appliance electrification rebates to reduce energy usage and lower consumers' energy bills, and \$5 billion to replace certain heavy-duty vehicles, including trash trucks and school buses.

The Build Back Better Act will protect the environment by permanently banning new offshore oil and gas leasing along the Atlantic Coast, Pacific Coast, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico. It provides \$6 billion to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for projects that conserve, restore, and protect coastal and marine habitats to increase climate resilience of coastal communities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and the Build Back Better Act together force corporate polluters to clean up toxic sites, not taxpayers, by reinstating the Superfund Tax.

"We know the climate crisis is here and that coastal states like New Jersey are on the frontlines. I'm pleased this bill will help New Jersey protect the environment. With my proposal for a permanent ban on offshore drilling along the Atlantic Coast and the bill's \$6 billion investment in coastal resiliency that's modeled after my Living Shorelines Act, the Build Back Better Act will ensure we have the tools in place to protect our state's environment for

generations to come. The bill also holds corporate polluters accountable by forcing them to pay for the cleanup toxic Superfund sites, not taxpayers," Pallone said. "The Build Back Better Act also aggressively tackles the worsening crisis by making historic investments to move us toward a clean energy economy while also producing millions of good paying American jobs. We simply cannot wait any longer to combat the climate crisis."

The Build Back Better Act also includes an additional \$10 billion for the full replacement of lead service lines in drinking systems throughout the country. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill included an initial \$15 billion.

"For decades, Clean Water Action has stood side by side with Congressman Pallone in the fight for clean water and oceans, toxic cleanups, safe drinking water and advancing a green energy economy," said Amy Goldsmith, NJ State Director at Clean Water Action. "The Build Back Better Act could not have come at a more pivotal moment. It will accelerate solutions where it is most needed and in communities that have been overburdened by pollution harms. It will also make New Jersey more resilient to climate change and help us expand our efforts to grow a green energy economy. This paired with putting people to work who have been largely left behind or out of work opportunities is a formula for a better future for all regardless of the zip code you live in."

"We applaud Chairman Pallone and the House of Representatives for passage of historic legislation to address the climate crisis," said Amy Hansen, policy analyst at NJ Conservation Foundation. "We urge the Senate to move this vital legislation forward and to fight efforts to weaken it."

"We thank Congressman Pallone for his leadership in helping make the Build Back Better Act the largest federal investment in fighting climate change in our nation's history," said Kai Mateo, Federal Climate Campaign Manager, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters. "The bill that left the House of Representatives last week would invest more than half a trillion dollars in curbing climate pollution and expanding clean, renewable energy. It would also channel billions of dollars in addressing other pressing environmental crises, from remediating toxic Superfund sites to helping municipalities purchase clean electric vehicle fleets while creating new pipelines to careers in underserved communities and communities of color through a new Civilian Climate Corps. None of these investments would have been possible without the sustained advocacy we have seen from Rep. Pallone, who understands that championing

strong environmental protections will create jobs right here in New Jersey. This legislation is critical for building a stronger 21st century economy that is both equitable and sustainable, and we are calling on the Senate to quickly pass this transformative legislation quickly so that we can get it to President Biden's desk."

"We applaud our House Representatives for passing historic legislation that will help tackle the climate crisis. President Biden's Build Back Better Act is a major investment in clean energy, job growth, and environmental justice. This comprehensive act includes sweeping clean energy and transportation initiatives, coastal protection from offshore drilling and more," said Taylor McFarland, Acting Director of the Sierra Club- NJ Chapter. "Now it's critical that our Senate quickly passes this legislation so that we can implement this historical bill."

"The passage of the Build Back Better Act through the House was a historic day for climate action. The threats from climate change have never been more real and this package includes climate and clean energy investments that are six times the level of the Obama clean energy stimulus. This will provide a massive shot in the arm for a clean, renewable future that is not dependent on fossil fuels, a future where our electric grid is modernized, our school buses are electrified, our electric vehicles have an accessible charging network across the country and we are not expanding offshore oil drilling," said Doug O'Malley, Director of Environment New Jersey. "The Build Back Better Act also reverses some of the environmental sins of the past from finally reinstating the Superfund Tax to make sure polluters pay for toxic clean ups to providing more funding to replace lead service lines across the nation."



This is a big freaking deal for our climate and environment, and Rep. Pallone's leadership was instrumental for ensuring these historic environmental investments remained in the bill. We urge the Senate to pass this legislation as fast as possible."

"NY/NJ Baykeeper thanks Congressman Frank Pallone for his leadership on passing the Build Back Better Act that funds critical environmental and coastal resiliency projects needed to create a healthier better-protected Raritan Bayshore and NY/NJ Harbor Region," said Greg Remaud, NY/NJ Baykeeper. "Also, it reinstates the incredibly important Superfund Tax, so that contaminated site clean ups, like the Raritan Bay Slag Site in Old Bridge, is paid for by the polluter, not the taxpayer."

"As a Superstorm Sandy survivor, I am grateful to Congressman Pallone's leadership to ensure passage of more than just a 'roads and bridges' bill. Not that they are not important, but for communities like mine, we need wetlands and living shorelines for our communities to thrive and this is part of the bill. Our children and our grandchildren need a secure and healthy future and this bill the start of that new future," said Jody Stewart, Community Organizer for New Jersey Organizing Project.

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Pallone Congratulate Lisa Garcia on EPA Region II Administrator Selection

Press Release 11/18/21

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) issued the following statement on Lisa Garcia's selection to serve as Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region II Administrator:

"I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lisa Garcia on her selection to serve as EPA Region II Administrator. Lisa's deep experience and strong ties to New Jersey make her the perfect candidate to confront the challenges we face today. Lisa is a nationally recognized environmental lawyer, who has ded-

icated her career to advocating for environmental and climate justice. She is a proven leader in designing new progressive environmental programs and initiatives centered on equity. As a member of EPA's emergency response team during the BP Horizon Oil Spill and Hurricane Sandy, Lisa is also no stranger to emergency response. We need leaders like Lisa as we work to combat the climate crisis and ensure environmental justice communities are not left behind. I look forward to working with her during this critical moment."



Middlesex County Office of Health Services Rabies Advisory

Press Release 11/18/21
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – The Middlesex County Office of Health Services is reporting that a skunk tested positive for rabies in the Township of Monroe, Middlesex County, in the vicinity of Evergreen Terrace and Astor Place.

This is the eighth rabid animal reported within Middlesex County for 2021 and the first rabid animal in Monroe.

On Wednesday, November 17th, 2021, a resident of Monroe’s pet dog attacked a skunk. When the resident went to grab the dog they slipped and the skunk bit the resident. The animal was picked up by the Animal Control Officer and was then taken to the New Jersey Department of Health Laboratory for testing. It was reported on Thursday, November 18th, 2021 that the animal tested positive for rabies. The resident’s dog is currently vaccinated for rabies and was instructed to follow up with their veterinarian. The resident was notified to consult with a physician regarding rabies post exposure treatment.

The Middlesex County Office of Health Services continues to monitor rabies cases within the municipality. Residents should report wild animals showing signs of unusual behavior to the Police Department. Additionally, it is recommended that residents should avoid contact with wild animals and immediately report any bites from wild or domestic animals to your local health department and consult a physician as soon as possible. Finally, be sure that all family pets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations.

Rabies is caused by a virus which can infect all warm-blooded mammals, including man. The rabies virus is found in the saliva of a rabid animal and is transmitted by bite, or possibly by contamination of an open cut. New Jersey is enzootic for raccoon and bat variants of rabies. Bats, skunks, groundhogs, foxes, cats and dogs represent about 95 percent of animals diagnosed with rabies in the United States.

Rabies Prevention Guidelines

The Middlesex County Office of Health Services is advising residents to follow these guidelines to prevent rabies from being transmitted to themselves or their pets:

1. Immediately report a bite from a wild or domestic animal to your local health department. Wash animal bite wounds thoroughly with soap and water as soon as possible after the bite. Contamination of open cuts and scratches with saliva of potentially rabid animals should also be washed off immediately. Consult a physician as soon as possible.
2. Immediately report any wild animals showing signs of unusual behavior. Signs of unusual animal behavior could be that the animal may:
 - Move slowly
 - May act as if tame
 - Appear sick
 - Have problems swallowing
 - Have an increase in saliva
 - Have increased drooling
 - Act aggressive
 - Have difficulty moving
 - Have paralysis
 - Bite at everything if excited

Residents should avoid any contact with the animal and call your local animal control officer or local police department.

3. Be sure that all family pets are up to date on their rabies vaccination. If unsure, please call your veterinarian. Call your local health department for free rabies vaccination clinic availability.
4. Animal proof your home and yard. Make sure all garbage containers have tight fitting lids, do not leave pet food or water outside, do not allow rainwater to collect in outdoor containers or equipment and keep yard free of garbage and debris.
5. Do not feed or handle wild animals.
6. Avoid contact with stray animals or pets other than your own.
7. Try to prevent your pets from coming into contact with wild animals.
8. Screen off vents to attics and other areas that could provide shelter for bats

Middlesex County hosts 14th Annual Adoption Day Event as Part of National Adoption Day

11 Adoptions Finalized During Event

Press Release 11/18/21
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – In honor of National Adoption Day taking place on Saturday, November 20, 2021, Middlesex County hosted its 14th annual National Adoption Day event on Wednesday, November 17. This year’s Adoption Day event saw the adoptions of 11 children finalized. Since November 2020, Middlesex County has finalized approximately 120 adoptions.

“Adoption changes lives in the most extraordinary ways, and National Adoption Day is a bright spot for those of us who are fortunate enough to witness and participate in the event,” said County Commissioner Deputy Director Shanti Narra. “Today was my first time being a part of this joyous event, and I was honored to participate and help celebrate these Middlesex County families as they officially grow through adoption. On behalf of the entire Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners, I offer my sincere congratulations to all of the adoptees and their adoptive families.”

Middlesex County’s National Adoption Day event is held each November during National Adoption Month with the goal of celebrating and promoting adoption in Middlesex County. The County’s participation in this annual event began in 2007 under the direction of then County Surrogate Kevin Hoagland, who retired last year. The new Middlesex County Surrogate, Claribel Cortes, is continuing the tradition.

“In Middlesex County, we believe deeply in the importance and value of adoption for creating and completing families,” said Middlesex County Surrogate Claribel Cortes. “I am proud to carry on the tradition of facilitating this beautiful event. Congratulations to today’s families.”

The Middlesex County Surrogate acts as the Clerk of the Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family Part, for all adop-

tions. The Office of the Surrogate ensures that all necessary paperwork is completed, all necessary procedural requirements are met, and that court dates are scheduled in a timely manner. The Office of the Surrogate facilitates all types of adoptions, including stepparent adoptions, aunt/uncle and grandparent adoptions, private placement, DCP&P adoptions, agency adoptions, and adult adoptions.

Among the 11 families finalizing adoptions on this year’s Middlesex County National Adoption Day was Colleen Floyd of Raritan Township. Already the adoptive parent to two children, Floyd completed the adoption of a five-year-old during the County’s National Adoption Day event and said she chose to participate in the event because “it is a celebration worth sharing with other families. It’s all about the love.”

Floyd also shared her thoughts on why people should adopt.

“Adopting a child is like growing another heart; it takes an ordinary life and makes it extraordinary,” said Floyd. “Adoption to me means that you are constantly growing and changing, blossoming with love and creating, sometimes from scratch, that amazing thing called family.”

Adoptive parent Abdul M. Sampson of Sayreville agreed, describing adoption as “a beautiful experience.” Sampson’s family officially grew by two during this year’s Middlesex County National Adoption Day event, with the adoption of two biological siblings, ages five and four. The Sampson family chose to adopt because “we wanted to care for the kids,” Sampson said.

Tiffany and Kareem Nesbey of Spotswood also expanded their family tree during the County’s National Adoption Day event. The couple added three children – aged four, three, and two – to their family which already includes adoptive children.

“Adoption has always been

in our hearts,” said Tiffany Nesbey. “We initially thought we would grow our family by adopting a child; we prayed on it and our prayers were answered – times three!”

National Adoption Day has a special meaning for the Nesbey family, as for them it is about “officially closing the door to foster care” according to Tiffany. The day “gives our family the sense of completion we’ve been longing for,” she added.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year’s Middlesex County National Adoption Day was once again held via video conference rather than at the County Courthouse in New Brunswick. As in past years, the public portion of the event was open to the public while the actual adoption ceremonies remained private.

Though remote, the event was attended by County and State officials. Speakers included:

- Hon. Shanti Narra, Deputy Director, Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners
- Hon. Michael A. Toto, Assignment Judge, Middlesex County Superior Court
- Hon. Deborah J. Venezia, Presiding Judge, Family Division, Middlesex County Court
- Christine Norbut Beyer, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Children and Families
- James P. Nolan, Jr., Esq., Middlesex County Bar Foundation
- Bonnie Nolan, Addiction Services Coordinator, Woodbridge Township Department of Health & Human Services, adoptive parent

Middlesex County’s 2021 Adoption Day event was sponsored by the Middlesex County Superior Court, the Middlesex County Surrogate’s Office, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners, the Middlesex County Bar Foundation, and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Buttigieg Announces a \$10.3 Million Grant Award to the State of New Jersey for America’s Infrastructure

Press Release 11/19/21
WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary Pete Buttigieg today announced that the Biden Administration will award \$10.3 million to the city of Atlantic City through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grants program. The total FY 21 RAISE investment in American infrastructure was nearly \$1 billion, awarded to 90 projects in 47 states, the District of Columbia and Guam.

“We’re proud to support these great projects that will improve infrastructure, strengthen supply chains, make us safer, advance equity, and combat climate change,” said U.S.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. “As in past years, we received far more applications than we could fund: this cycle saw about a ten-to-one ratio of requests to available dollars. But going forward, with the passage of President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we will be able to support far more infrastructure projects to support jobs and everyday life in communities across the country.”

The program selection criteria encompassed safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, innovation, and partnerships with a broad range of stakeholders. Within these criteria, the grants re-

flect the Department’s priorities for creating good-paying jobs, improving safety, applying transformative technology, and explicitly addressing climate change and advancing racial equity.

The city of Atlantic City will receive \$10.3 million for the Atlantic City Corridor Revitalization & Safety project, which will implement complete street improvements on approximately 2.7 miles of Atlantic Avenue in downtown Atlantic City, from Albany Avenue to Maine Avenue including reducing lanes; adding ADA accessible sidewalks, drainage facilities, new bike paths; improving clear sight lines; adding intersection synchronized signalization,

wayfinding, LED streetlighting and upgrading accessibility to transit stops. The project also includes improvements on the parallel Arctic and Pacific Avenues.

Fiscal Year 2021 RAISE Transportation discretionary grants are for planning and capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and were awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. RAISE funding supports roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation.

Per statute, the Department is awarding 50% of RAISE Transportation grant funding to projects located in rural areas and 50% to urban areas that de-

liver positive benefits for these communities. For this round of RAISE Transportation discretionary grants, the maximum grant award is \$25 million, and no more than \$100 million can be awarded to a single State, as specified in the appropriations act.



Pallone on House Passage of the Build Back Better Act

The Bill Lowers Prescription Drug Costs, Permanently Bans Offshore Drilling, And Funds the World Trade Center Health Program

Press Release 11/19/21
WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) released the following statement today after the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Build Back Better Act:

“Today, the House passed once-in-a-generation legislation that invests in the American people, responds to the great challenges of our time, and builds a better future for generations to come.

“I’m pleased this historic bill invests in my home state of New Jersey. The Build Back Better Act provides robust investments for coastal states like New Jersey to tackle the climate crisis and accelerate our transition to a clean economy. I’m proud the bill includes my proposal for a permanent ban on offshore drilling along the Atlantic Coast, because there’s no logical reason to put our coastal communities along the Jersey Shore at risk with unnecessary and dangerous drilling. The bill’s \$6 billion investment in coastal resiliency – modeled after my Living Shorelines Act – will help effectively mitigate future flooding while benefiting local economies.

“The bill also renews our commitment to never forget the sacrifices first responders made on September 11, 2001 by ensuring that the World Trade Center health program is fully funded and can continue to provide medical treatment and monitoring.

“At a time when American families are struggling to make ends meet, the Build Back Better Act builds on our efforts to make health care more affordable and accessible for all Americans, including millions unfairly caught in the Medicaid coverage gap.

“It also makes prescription drugs more affordable by finally giving Medicare the ability to negotiate lower drug prices with the pharmaceutical companies. Seniors will also pay no more than \$2,000 a year in out-of-pocket costs for their drugs, and

the legislation penalizes Big Pharma companies that unfairly raise prices.

“We expand health care access for children, mothers, and seniors by permanently reauthorizing the Children’s Health Insurance Program, improving maternal health care, and providing, for the first time, comprehensive hearing benefits under Medicare Part B. The legislation also makes a historic commitment to home- and community-based care so seniors and people with disabilities can get the care they need in their homes.

“The Build Back Better Act also aggressively tackles the worsening climate crisis. It makes historic investments to move us toward a clean energy economy while also producing millions of good paying American jobs.

“The new Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund will accelerate innovation in low- and zero-emission technologies, while also prioritizing the needs of environmental justice communities. Rebates for homeowners to electrify and make their houses more efficient will save them money and reduce emissions. Investments in a 21st century electric grid will get more renewable energy online.

“The legislation will also drive down pollution from the oil and gas industry through a new Methane Emissions Reduction Program. Substantial investments in electric vehicle charging stations and clean heavy-duty vehicles like school buses, will serve the dual purpose of slashing our carbon emissions while helping American manufacturing stay globally competitive. We simply cannot wait any longer to combat the climate crisis – bold action is needed now.

“The Build Back Better Act will provide significant financial relief to American families well into the future while also creating millions of good paying American jobs as we transition to a clean energy economy. I’m thrilled we are one step

closer to seeing this legislation signed into law.”

Specifically, the Build Back Better Act will deliver for New Jersey with:

- \$6 billion investment in coastal resiliency to combat the effects of rising sea level rise and major flooding events.
- A permanent ban on new offshore drilling along the Atlantic Coast, Pacific Coast, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico that Rep. Pallone has been fighting to pass for decades.
- \$555 billion over 10 years in clean energy and climate investments.
- An additional \$9 billion for the full replace of lead services lines in drinking systems throughout the country. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill included an initial \$15 billion.
- \$2.86 billion in funding for the World Trade Center Health Program to ensure that the program can continue to fulfill the commitment to provide medical treatment and monitoring to more than 110,000 9/11 responders and survivors.
- An increase on the deduction cap for state and local taxes from \$10,000 to \$80,000 to ensure that states are not punished for funding schools, public transit, emergency services, and other critical government operations.

The Build Back Better Act also delivers critical investments in American families, students, and children by:

- Providing free, high-quality, universal preschool for three- and four-year-olds so that children can live happier, healthier, and more productive lives and dramatically lowering the cost of child care for hardworking families.
- Establishing a universal and permanent family and medical leave program with four weeks of paid parental, family caregiving, and medical leave.
- Extending the enhanced Child Tax Credit for eligible families that was included in the American Rescue Plan for one year through the end of 2022.

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.



Pallone Applauds \$1.7 Million Investment in Coastal Resiliency at U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle

Press Release 11/19/21
WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today applauded a major grant that will be led by NY/NJ Baykeeper. Together with matching funds, the organization will use a total of \$1,743,625 for the project, including support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The award will boost resiliency along the Raritan Bay coast adjacent to U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle with natural infrastructure for 3,200 linear feet of shoreline stabilization, coastal protection, and habitat enhancement. The project will

stabilize the station’s shoreline and protect the surrounding community through oyster castles and marsh restoration to dampen wave energies, mitigate storm surge, and reduce erosion along the coastline.

The project is an example of critical living shorelines work that Pallone has amplified with his Living Shorelines Act that assists states, localities and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in constructing living shorelines to combat the effects of climate change. Living shoreline infrastructure projects use natural materials and systems, including dunes, wetlands, and oyster reefs to support the natural flood resilience of healthy shoreline ecosystems. Natural infrastructure is cost-effective

and adaptable to changing environmental conditions. It also enhances ecosystem functions which can improve water quality and wildlife habitat protection.

The House passed the Build Back Better Act today that makes a \$6 billion investment in coastal resiliency that is modeled on Pallone’s Living Shorelines Act and will help communities across the country utilize these project designs to enhance coastal resiliency.

“I’m pleased that New Jersey is showing how we can use proven natural infrastructure solutions to protect our coastal communities from the effects of climate change, including more flooding from sea level rise and stronger hurricanes. Since

Superstorm Sandy, we have invested hundreds of millions of dollars to make New Jersey more resilient against the effects of climate change,” Pallone said. “Just yesterday, the House passed the Build Back Better that invests \$6 billion in coastal resiliency projects like these so communities across the country will be able to combat the climate crisis, mitigate future flooding, and protect local wildlife habitats with these proven solutions to improve coastal resiliency.”

“Naval Weapons Station Earle is pleased to once again partner with the New York/New Jersey Baykeepers to expand the living shoreline project alongside our pier complex,” said Capt. Ed Callahan, installation com-

manding officer. “This project not only helps protect our critical Navy infrastructure from the damaging effects of storm surge but also benefits our neighbors along the entire Raritan/Sandy Hook Bay.”

“Baykeeper is excited to advance our work at the site with project partners Biohabitats Inc., the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Monmouth County Division of Planning, and Naval Weapons Station Earle. We also thank Congressman Pallone for his work on making coastal resilience and living shoreline projects in New Jersey a priority,” said Meredith Comi, Coastal Restoration Program Director at NY/NJ Baykeeper.

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.

The last British troops leave the islands of Java and Sumatra in the Netherlands East Indies on November 29, 1946.

A British military court in Rome on November 30 sentences two former German commanders, Col. Gen. Eberhard von Mackensen and Lt. Gen. Kurt Mälzer, to death for the murder of 335 Italian civilians in the Ardeatine Caves outside of Rome in 1944. The civilian massacre was carried out in retaliation for the death of 32 German soldiers in a bomb attack by Italian partisans. In May 1947, the sentences of both Mackensen and Mälzer are reduced — to 21 years and life in prison, respectively.

On December 1, Miguel Alemán Valdés replaces Miguel Avila Camacho as President of Mexico. Alemán is the country's first civilian chief executive since 1920, following a string of military rulers. He is also the first of a new generation of Mexican leaders who did not participate in the Mexican Revolution (1910-1920).

The U.S. and the U.K. on December 2 agree to merge their German occupation zones — to be known as the Bizone — effective 1 January 1947. The French will add their occupation zone on 1 August 1948 (the region will be called the Trizone). On 23 May 1949, the Trizone will become the Federal Republic of Germany, commonly referred to as West Germany.

The U.S. government on December 3 asks the UN to order Francisco Franco, the head of state, out of Spain. President Truman is particularly opposed to the Spanish leader, characterizing him as an evil dictator comparable to Hitler and Mussolini.

In the U.S., a federal judge on December 4 finds the United Mine Workers union and its president, John L. Lewis, guilty of contempt of court for continuing the nationwide coal miners' strike. Lewis is fined \$10,000 personally, while the union is assessed a \$3.5-million penalty.

On December 5, President Harry Truman issues Executive Order 9808 that creates the President's Committee on Civil Rights. The body is charged with developing suggestions for improving civil rights in the United States.

In London, a conference on India hosted by Prime Minister Clement Attlee collapses on December 6 when Muslim League leader Mohammed Ali Jinnah announces that Muslims will refuse to participate in the upcoming Indian Constituent Assembly. In Yugoslavia, the National Assembly votes to nationalize 42 industries.

The 17-day strike by 400,000 U.S. coal miners ends on December 7 as John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers union, in the face of large penalties to himself and the union, orders all striking miners back to work.

At Muroc Army Air Field in Edwards, California, the Bell XS-1 rocket plane makes its first powered flight on December 8. with test pilot Chalmers Goodlin at the controls. Less than a year later, the aircraft, then called the X-1 and flown by test pilot Chuck Yeager, will become the first airplane to break the sound barrier, at a maximum speed of 807.2 miles per hour.

On December 9, 209 delegates open the Constituent Assembly for India in New Delhi. The Muslim League's 76 delegates boycott the session.

Iranian government troops invade secessionist Azerbaijan province, in the northern part of the country, on December 10. (In November 1945, the Soviet Union had helped set up the Azerbaijan People's Government there, prior to its troops leaving Iran.)

Much activity occurs on December 11. Ja'far Pishevari, the leader of the Azerbaijan People's Government, in Iran's Azerbaijan province, orders his troops to surrender to Iranian government forces. Pishevari departs Tabriz, the provincial capital, for the Soviet Union. The UN General Assembly votes to create the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). In New York City, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., offers to buy six city blocks of land along the East River in Manhattan for \$8,500,000 and donate it to the UN for its permanent headquarters. The Trust Territory of Tanganyika, in East Africa, is created by the United Nations, to be administered by the United Kingdom. In the U.K., inventors Freddie Williams and Tom Kilburn apply for a patent for their Williams-Kilburn cathode-ray tube, an early form of computer memory. The first random-access, digital-storage device, the tube will be used successfully in several early high-speed computers, including Manchester (England) University's Mark I machine. Spain is barred from the UN so long as Francisco Franco remains in power. (In 1950, the UN General Assembly — with the support of many Western countries who feel that Spain's anti-communist government would be an asset to the "free world" in the Cold War — revokes the ban on Spain, which joins the UN as a full member in 1955. Francisco Franco remains Spain's Head of State until his death in 1975.)

A report from Dresden in the Soviet occupation zone of Germany on December 12 says that police now forbid the use of the word "jawohl" (which means "yes, certainly") as sounding "too Nazi." Only "ja" (meaning "yes") will be allowed. In the U.S., Procter and Gamble introduces "Tide" laundry detergent. A United Nations committee votes to accept a six-block tract of Manhattan real estate offered as a gift by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to be used as the permanent site of UN headquarters.



Blood Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a blood drive on Sunday, December 5, 2021, in the St. Mary's school cafeteria, 256 Augusta St., from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. There is a national blood shortage across the country and every pint counts. Please come out and support your community at large. Please bring ID and remember to eat before you donate. Donors should be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. For any questions, please call Susan Kusic at 732-433-5962.

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 2nd 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.



Trinity Treasures Thrift Shop

SOUTH AMBOY - Trinity United Methodist Church Trinity Treasures Thrift Shop located at: 815 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. through 12 p.m. weather permitting. Household items, clothing, appliances, and much more. Any questions, please call 732-763-6232.

Remembering Marilyn Aponte Gougeon 1967-2021

PERTH AMBOY - Born in Perth Amboy, she was a lifelong resident. She was employed by the Perth Amboy Board of Education as a Confidential Secretary for 22 years.

She loved all of her pets, especially her dog, Taco.

She loved the Barge Restaurant. I Remember Marilyn making face masks stating "I ♥ the Barge," written on them and donating the entire proceeds of the sales to the Barge. She was a shining light which will never dim.

Marilyn and her husband Gene were one of the many participants in the first Perth Amboy Pink Ribbon Run to raise funds for Breast Cancer.

Visiting will be on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 from 4-8 p.m. at Novak Funeral Home, 419 Barclay St., Perth Amboy. We will begin to leave



Marilyn, her husband Eugene, and dog, Taco at the Waterfront Festival, Perth Amboy in 2018

on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 10:15 a.m. from the Gustav J. Novak Funeral Home for a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary RC Church. Burial will follow at Alpine Cemetery. C.M.

Hungarian Homemade Nut Rolls

WOODBIDGE – Sponsored by the Lorantffy 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.

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.

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.

Bingo is Back

PERTHAMBOY – \$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.

Getting Ahead in Business By Milton Paris



Milton Paris



Reasons for Writing an Elevator Speech *Practice is the Key!*

- 1. When time is tight you want to hit home as clearly as possible your business with the purpose of either those following up interested or your doing the same
- 2. To build more sales
- 3. To win more clients

I have noticed that when businesspeople do their 30-second elevator pitch, 85% make mistakes with their presentations. Here are some examples:

- Speaking longer than the 30-60 seconds allocated
- Including stories in pitch that have nothing to do with the subject
- Not facing the audience
- Reading from their notes
- No emotion when speaking
- Praising other business people
- Changing pitches from week to week
- Not prepared
- Attention men - keep your hands out of your pockets

Here is the correct way:

- Keep within your allocated time
- Stay focused on name of company, your title, what service your offer, how you can help, and who your target audience is
- Face the audience and have more eye contact with those present
- No notes - you should know all the information about your company
- Be proud of your company and show positive thinking
- Do not praise others while you are discussing you and your company; stay focused
- Keep your pitches uniform, unless you have a special announcement
- Boy Scout motto "Be Prepared"
- Listen to other elevator pitches.

Nothing is impossible when working with Milton Paris!

Milton J. Paris, President Getting Ahead in Business, Sales and Marketing Consultant, Management Coach, Motivational Speaker and Radio Host brings a wealth of experience to the table as a result of building businesses for the past 50 years. He has coached/consulted CEO's, Presidents, entrepreneurs, salespeople and start-ups.

Milton's insights and philosophy have also helped people and their business results. Milton travels with salespeople to visit potential clients. This is all to be accomplished within an environment that puts a premium on taking personal responsibility for results.

No company is too small or too large for him to achieve rapid results in their business development. Milton for the past 15 years has been the host of Getting Ahead in Business on Fox Sports New Jersey 93.5/1450am every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. The only business radio talk show in New Jersey.

Listen to Milton, but most important make an appointment with him to make 2021/2022 a banner year!
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Any business questions? Go to: www.gettingaheadinbusiness.com
e-mail Milton: milton@gettingaheadinbusiness.com or call: 732-306-0040

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.

Sharpened Mindz Presents Soulful Holiday Toy Drive *Bring a Toy and Give Joy*

Press Release 11/24/21
NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ - December 12, 2021: Sharpened Mindz along with Shades of Pink, Khronic Kuties, Greater In Numbers, Fierce& Favored and ZBEF will host a Soulful Holiday Toy Drive on Sunday, December 12th in New Brunswick, NJ. This drive is to empower the community and kick off the holiday season! We will be collecting toys from giving community members as they uplift underserved families that have been pre- selected from a variety of domestic violence shelters, central jersey re-entry programs, homeless prevention programs and everyday hard-working families who could use a boost during this holiday season. The drive will take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the New Brunswick Elks Lodge #324 on 40 Livingston, Avenue.

New Brunswick, NJ, December 12, 2021 --(PR.com)— Over 100 underserved families, single parents and children between the ages of 3-18 will now be able to unwrap toys on Christmas morning thanks to the Sharpened Mindz Soulful Holiday Toy Drive on December 12th in New Brunswick.

With the help of sponsors and volunteers, Sharpened Mindz, Shades of Pink, Fierce & Favored, Greater In Numbers, Khronic Kuties and Zakee Bowser Enrichment Foundation will distribute toys to selected families one week before the Christmas holiday. Toys and

gift items will be comprised of a variety of age-appropriate options, including books, interactive games, puzzles, building sets, electronic games, crayons and coloring books, sports equipment, arts and crafts kits, journal sets, play food and kitchen sets, doll house toys, science kits, train sets, bath products, action figures, toy trucks and cars, stuffed animals, and gift cards.

"The Holiday Toy Drive, which is our first, allows us to spread holiday cheer this season," said Lana Whitehead, Executive Director of Sharpened Mindz. "This has been a challenging year, particularly for the youngest among us, and if we can put a smile on even one child's or family's face and make their holiday special, we know we made a difference."

Sponsors that made the toy drive possible include NJB-WPA, NBNAACP, NB Elks Lodge #324, Girlz vs World, Walmart Super Center Old bridge, NJPRF, Grand Oaks Funding, Remax First and Richard Preston Law.

"We want to do what we can to brighten the holiday season for needy children. With nearly one in eight families not having enough to eat, it can be challenging to put gifts under the Christmas tree," said Junel Harrell- Hutchinson, Community Outreach. Our motto collectively amongst the community-based organizations is "We rise by lifting others".

Statement by District Representative Lynn Audet at the 10/19/21 Board of Education Meeting

This statement was not printed correctly in the 11/3/21 issue of the Amboy Guardian

PERTH AMBOY - Since there wasn't a Board of Education meeting in September, I felt I needed to address what happened on September 1, 2021, at the October 19, 2021, Board of Education Meeting, since so many Staff Members were upset about that evening.

I have worked in Perth Amboy for almost 31 years, and I was never more upset with this District than I was on September 1, 2021. This was the night that Tropical Storm Ida hit New Jersey. That night, New Jersey was under a: tropical storm warning, flood warning, tornado warning, and state of emergency declared by the Governor. It was also the night of Preschool and Kindergarten Orientations...

As I safely ate dinner at home that night with my family, all five of our phones kept blowing up with emergency notifications. The box for my alarm

system in my house also continued to go off all night long with warnings to take cover.

I ASSUMED (silly me) that the call was made to cancel Preschool and Kindergarten Orientations. I never in my wildest dreams thought that our Staff, students, parents, and Building Administrators would be out in such a dangerous situation! I was absolutely HORRIFIED the next day when I learned that the Preschool and Kindergarten orientations were NOT canceled!

Tropical Storm Ida was the second deadliest storm in New Jersey history. 23 people in New Jersey lost their lives in flooding that night.

I am still haunted to this day by the recklessness of the decision to still have those orientations that night. Many of our Staff live very far away and had to travel home in absolutely treacherous conditions! Many returned home to catastrophic damage, some couldn't get to their homes, many were terrified

driving, but what's worst is that everyone's lives were in danger that evening being out on the roads...

I reminded Central Administration that the Staff of the Perth Amboy Public Schools puts their trust in them to keep them safe. We keep hearing how Staff safety is of the utmost importance, but it ABSOLUTELY wasn't that night...

On a less upsetting note, I made a formal request for all messages that are sent out as an "all call" to be in both English and Spanish. Many of our Staff and Parents do not speak English, and they could be missing important information.

I also requested that if an "all call" goes out with important information about a change in schedule for the Staff, that it be sent out with as much advance notice as possible since many Staff Members travel a great distance to get to work.

Due to COVID-19 Princeton Airport Cancels Santa Fly-In Event

Press Release
PRINCETON - For more than 40 years, Princeton Airport has hosted a popular Santa Fly In event for the greater Princeton area children and their families. Throughout the years, Santa's Fly In has evolved into a wonderful annual event for local families to exchanges gifts, as well as donate food and gifts for those less fortunate. However, due to the concerns for the health and safety of our community, this year's Santa Fly In event has been canceled. For many years, Princeton Airport has collaborated with the Mercer County Board of Social Services by gathering large bags of new gifts during our annual Santa Fly In event for distribution to those less fortunate. Now, due to COVID-19, as our front-line healthcare and social workers are putting in overtime

under difficult circumstances, we understand that the gathering and distribution of Santa Fly In gifts could only intensify exposure. All of us at Princeton Airport share in the disappointment of not having Santa fly into the Airport to personally distribute gifts to many of our attendees, but also in the loss and frustration of being deprived of gifts by those less fortunate. Airport Manager, Ken Nierenberg is urging our community to open their hearts and wallets to donate even more during these trying times for so many. "So many of our neighbors in New Jersey are experiencing hardships, so please join the airport community by giving substantially this year. Our hopes for the future remain optimistic and we eagerly anticipate Santa flying into the Princeton airport next year."

DVD Review: Doctor Who: The Evil of the Daleks

By: Anton Massopust III
“I think this is the end - the final end!” Patrick Troughton - the Second Doctor

The Time Lord returns to DVD in this lost episode and probably one of the best written Dalek stories by David Whitaker. The Second Doctor (Patrick Troughton) and Jamie (Frazer Hines) pick up right where the Faceless Ones ends - in pursuit of the TARDIS. The Doctor and Jamie find a man who has taken the TARDIS. He is Edward Waterfield (John Baley) mysteriously from the Victorian era, and he has an antique shop. He seems to have antiques from the Victorian era that are in perfect condition. Either he is a fraud, or he has access to a time machine. Using deduction, the Doctor figures out that Waterfield is the person who stole the Tardis. The Doctor and Jamie go a little bit early to keep the appointment at the antique shop, but all this is a trap and Waterfield is really working for the Daleks. Waterfield captures the Doctor, Jamie and takes his own time machine (which was given to him by the Daleks) and sends the TARDIS back to 1866 London. He tells the Doctor why he and a scientist named Theodore Maxtible (Marius Goring) explain to the Doctor that Waterfield’s daughter,

Victoria (Deborah Watling) is being held prisoner by the Daleks. The Daleks want the human factor which they determine is the reason they lose battles to humans and other aliens. The Daleks believe that this will give them ultimate power. The Doctor tells the Daleks that the human factor is: “Courage, loyalty, friendship, understanding, compassion,” things the Daleks don’t have. The Daleks brains are logical, and they have only one emotion – hate - to destroy and exterminate.

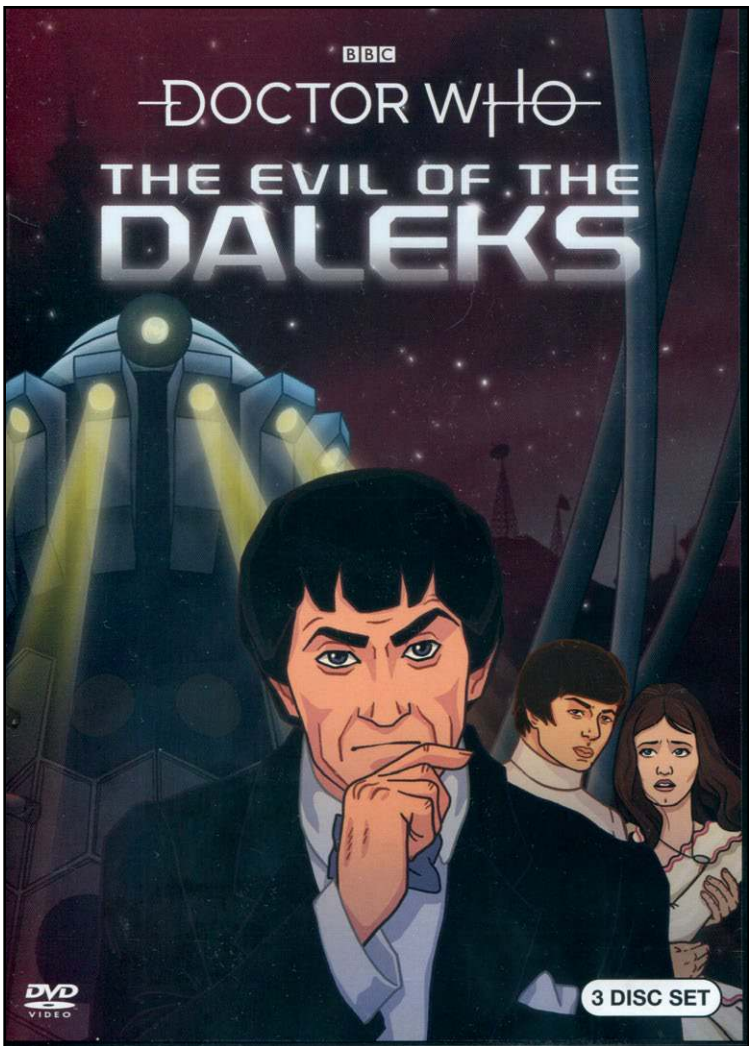
The Daleks warn everyone that they are in their power and control. They want the Doctor’s assistant, Jamie in a test so they can find out what the human factor is. The Daleks force Jamie into a test to rescue Victoria and Jamie makes friends with a Turkish wrestler. The Doctor allows Jamie to take this test which went on without him knowing it. After the test is over, and Jamie rescued Victoria, the Doctor develops positronic brains for a group of dormant Daleks. But Maxtible has his own intentions. He wants the Daleks to give him the secret of alchemy so that he become rich and one of the most powerful men on Earth.

Everyone goes to Skaro - the second time we had visited the

Daleks war torn world. It is revealed that the Doctor is not from Earth, but from another planet. The Doctor is confronted by the Emperor Dalek who wants them to take the Daleks who came with him and give them the Dalek Factor – the power to exterminate and kill and be loyal to the Dalek Emperor. The human factor allows the Daleks to question: “Why?” It turns out the human factor is stronger. The Daleks had machinery to turn people into Daleks, so the Doctor reverses it and turns the Daleks into people. Now, a war breaks out between the two Dalek factions and the only survivors were the Doctor, Jamie, and Victoria who go on their next adventure.

This was supposed to be the last Dalek story, but the villains were still immensely popular, so they brought them back, but not until the Jon Pertwee era in: “Day of the Daleks”.

In this big 7-part story, you can watch it three different ways: in brand animation in black-and-white and color, and if you really want to, you can watch it with original pictures and the soundtrack in the background. You also get an audiobook from BBC worldwide read by The Fourth Doctor, Tom Baker. This is one of the best Dalek stories



ever. It's a bit long here and there and drags a bit, but back then, there was more time in each episode. When you get to

the end, you really are drawn in. The extras are excellent. It's a great thing to add to your growing Doctor Who collection.

Seton Hall University and Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine Expand Inter-professional Medication-Assisted Treatment Training Grant for Opioid-Use Disorders
SAMHSA Grant Allows ‘DATA Waiver’ Training to Fight Health Challenge of Our Time

Press Release 11/18/21
NUTLEY, NJ – An innovative opioid treatment federal grant program will fund critical training through the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine, the Seton Hall University College of Nursing and the Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Sciences.

The "Expanded Interprofessional Medication-Assisted Treatment Training Program" is a three-year grant totaling about \$450,000 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA), a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The grant allows the training of future clinicians to prescribe medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services for individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD). The new three-year grant follows a former three-year grant which concluded this summer with a major conference.

“We believe this work is making a difference for the future of treating this major health problem,” said Kathleen Neville, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN, associate dean of graduate studies and research at the Seton Hall College of Nursing, and the grant’s principal investigator. “In our first grant, more than 400 students in our three schools have received training. Now in our new grant, we are engaging in partnership with Monmouth University to train their nurse practitioner and physician assistant students, anticipating that 1,000 students will be DATA-waivered to pre-

scribe MAT after graduation and be more prepared to address healthcare disparities and the opioid epidemic.”

“This collaborative project allows us to make an impact at the very foundation of medicine, providing training to future clinicians to raise awareness of, and impart solutions to, the challenges brought about by the opioid epidemic,” said Stanley R. Terlecky, Ph.D., associate dean of Research and Graduate Studies, and chair of Medical Sciences at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine, another one of the project’s leaders. “We look forward to continuing and indeed, expanding this good work for another three years.”

The grant covers training for nurse practitioner, physician assistant and medical students regarding MAT for individuals with opioid-use disorders. Upon completion of the training, all students receive a Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA) waiver – formally permitting prescription of the powerful anti-opioid dependency drug buprenorphine.

According to Brian B. Shulman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow, FASAHP, FNAP, dean of the School of Health and Medical Sciences, “The school’s physician assistant (PA) students participation in this second SAMHSA grant reaffirms not only expanding the role of the PA as an integral member of the interprofessional healthcare team but also reaffirms our commitment to preparing future healthcare prac-

tioners and leaders to make a difference in the lives of the individuals in their care.”

The first three-year grant enabled the development and implementation of an interprofessional DATA-Waiver Training Program embedded in the curriculum in the three schools. This DATA-Waiver program consists of 24 hours of didactic training for nurse practitioner and physician assistant students and eight hours for medical students, followed by 10 hours of clinical training at Hackensack Meridian Health Carrier Clinic in Belle Mead, New Jersey, and Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey.

“The initial grant awarded in 2018 represents a successful interprofessional initiative to address a worsening opioid crisis in America,” reported Dean Marie Foley, Ph.D., R.N., College of Nursing. “This second grant addresses vulnerable and underserved populations in urban areas where there are significantly higher mortality rates. Attention to disadvantaged and marginalized populations is very much needed to confront this epidemic.”

The new project will additionally address health disparities and social determinants of health of underserved, vulnerable populations, including those living in urban communities with high mortality rates due to overdose. It is hoped that this outcome will be accomplished through revision of the curriculum and expansion of the training to clinical sites in Newark,

NJ including Integrity House, Broadway House, the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc., and Saint James Health. The new grant also extends the training to Monmouth University’s nursing and physician assistant students, a pilot program involving the dissemination of the curriculum to other institutions.

More than 400 students successfully completed the DATA 2000 (DEA-X) Waiver training program by the end of the first three-year grant, making them eligible to obtain a DEA-X to prescribe MAT. With increased numbers of health professionals who can prescribe MAT, treatment recovery outcomes for individuals with opioid use disorders will improve.

The first grant was capped by the virtual conference “Recovery from Opioid Use Disorders: State-of-the-Art Science to Advance Clinical Care,” held July

30 of this year. The event was organized by the project leaders: College of Nursing Associate Dean Neville; School of Health and Medical Sciences Department Chair and Assistant Professor Christopher Hanifin, M.S., PA-C; and Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine Associate Dean Terlecky.

“This is a critical need for all clinicians in the 21st century,” said Bonita Stanton, M.D., the founding dean of the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. “The health care workers of the future need to have the tools to address addiction. Through our innovative and highly inter-professional training at the beginning of the careers of our medical, nursing and physician assistant students, we are well-equipping the students to achieve the goal of substantial reduction among their communities in opioid addiction.”

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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:



- 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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The New Drive Through the Christmas Story

OLD BRIDGE – Come to the new Drive Through Christmas Story. December 4 & 5, 11 & 12; Saturdays 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Live Characters! Live Animals! Live Narrators! Completely Free! Accepting unexpired canned food as well as monetary donations to benefit our Bread of Life Food Bin Ministry. Sayre Woods Bible Church, 2290 Highway 9, Old Bridge, NJ. For more information, call 732-679-5989 or go to www.sayrewoods.org



Clothing Bin Now Open

SAYREVILLE - The Clothing Recycling Bin located at First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville, 172 Main Street, across from Borough Hall has been reopened for donations. With ART, the recycling company, one may donate in 3 ways:

- 1.) Usable clothing is donated directly to the needy.
- 2.) High-quality clothing is given to organizations that sell to those who cannot afford new clothing.
- 3.) Unusable clothing is washed and sold for industrial use and leftovers are used in the auto industry as seat stuffing for large trucks. They also help charities, schools, police departments, fire departments and non-profit organizations.

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15. Present (to)
16. Geometric shape
18. Porter-house or T-bone
20. Country lodging
21. Moreno of movies

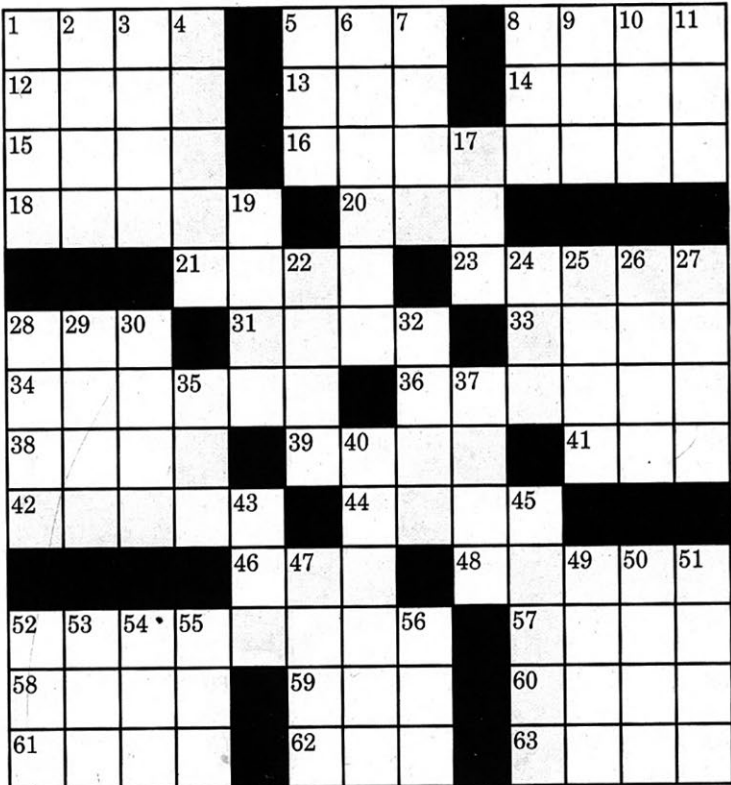
23. Swans' notable features
28. Ball (of paper)
31. Young children
33. Alda or King
34. Middle Eastern country
36. Spud
38. Makes (a knot)
39. Put cargo on (a truck)
41. Spider's snare
42. Some birds of prey
44. Forehead
46. Kin of a 13-Across
48. Indy 500 entrant

52. San Francisco treat?: 2 wds.
57. Diva's offering
58. Canton's state
59. Spanish waterway
60. Male alleycats
61. Struggle for breath
62. Upshot
63. Otherwise

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3. Signal 11-Down
4. Finger-paint stroke
5. Perform a role

6. Lasso
7. Revolve
8. Opposed
9. Oil derrick
10. Winner takes ____
11. Farewell
17. Raggedy ____, doll
19. Flying toy
22. Parkway fee
24. Consume food
25. Cat's weapon
26. Ms. Hepburn, to pals
27. Snooty one
28. Accompanied by
29. India's locale
30. Made a picture with crayons
32. Shadowbox
35. Invite
37. Scent
40. Get
43. That gal
45. Refuse; trash
47. Farm unit
49. Warm's opposite
50. Lawn trees
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Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.
Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.
Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

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BIZ FAIR @
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Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy's BIZ FAIR will take place on Monday, December 6 from 4-8 pm at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library (Snow date: December 13). Promote your business just in time for holiday shopping! This will be an amazing, inexpensive opportunity for local businesses, home-based businesses, online businesses, entrepreneurs, non-profit organizations or corporates who would like to reach local markets. Businesses who participate will be included in the event's Business Directory.

Register today to save a spot - contact the Library at comments@dowdell.org OR 732.721.6060 OR log onto www.dowdell.org. A \$25 donation is requested per table.

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

Join us for a fun, holiday shopping opportunity!

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

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.



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, Dec. 2, 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.

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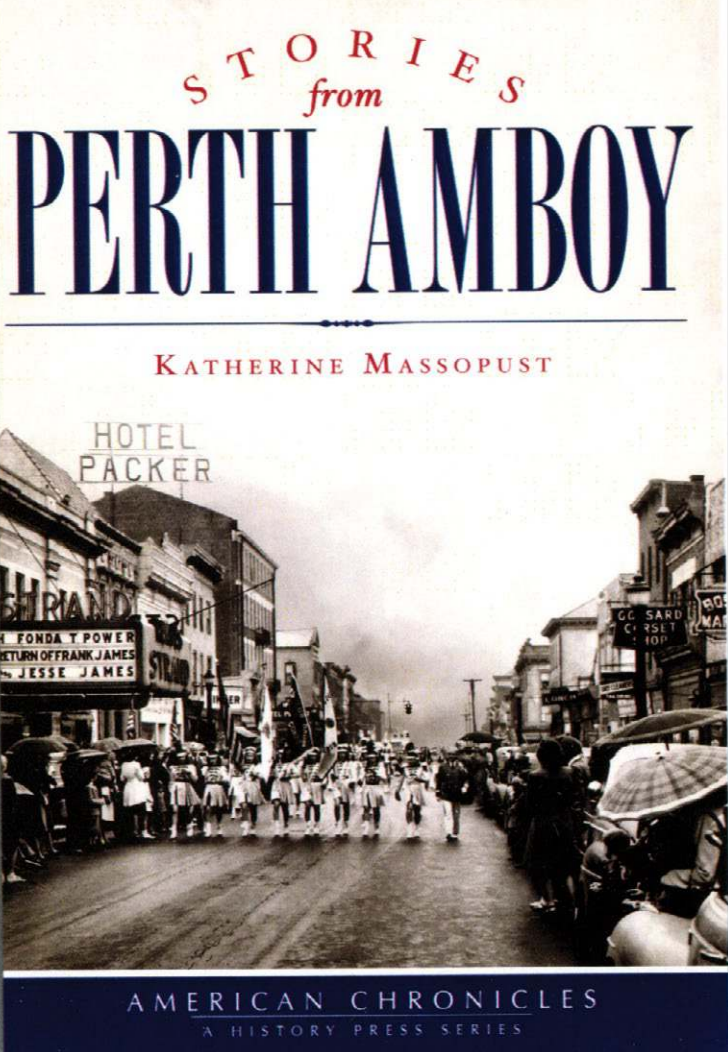
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Students dress as Pilgrims for Thanksgiving. Circa 1950's

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