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## Update on Elm Street Project; Discussions About Water Stadium Lease with the Board of Ed; Youth Center Update

1/22/18 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – Three individuals involved in the Gerdau Ameristeel Project: Glen Stock of Stock Development Group, Steve Barnes from Catalyst Development Group, and Joseph Hanrahan of Hammer Land Engineering talked about this project that has been going on for the last 18 months.

Glen Stock stated, “We acquired 90 acres of this property. There’s 1.3 million square feet of warehouse space. Environmental problems had to be addressed. There was historic fill and slag. At the start of the remediation, asbestos was taken out. This site is in the M2 Zoning. Annie Hindenlang and her staff asked us to bring amenities to the residents in that area.”

One of the proposed amenities would be a public amphitheater.

Glen Stock continued, “Only heavy-duty vehicles will travel on Riverview Road. We are looking at doing milling and repaving and possibly installing a signal light because of all the kids in that area.”

Joseph Hanrahan said, “There is an off-site water main from Paterson Street that travels through Grant Street that will come to the site. The residents on Paterson Street will get their own water main. There can be a new system to improve water flow on Market Street with possible 12-inch water mains which will be separate for the sewer and water.”

City Planning Consultant Annie Hindenlang made a few remarks, “There is land that most people have not seen that can be used for amenities. The area must be secured. There’s over a mile of greenway for public access. We’re looking at green initiatives. We worked with the Office and Aging and the Department of Recreation to see what the seniors want. This is land that is behind Olive Street.”

Joseph Hanrahan then interjected, “The proposed amphitheater would be situated on 2,700 square feet.”

Hindenlang continued, “We’re working with Recreation, so they can use that land. New Jersey Transit is redoing the abatement.”

Stock added, “The remediation is going on this year and if approved, we can anticipate next year for completion.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry questioned, “How is the property going to be capped?”

Glen Stock said, “We will be bringing the elevation up to 14 feet. We had used excavators to test the soil. There will be a cut-off wall. We buy brownfield properties and hire someone to clean it up. Buyers who are interested in that property approach us to buy it after the cleanup is done. We do the heavy lifting and vertical construction. Our storm water goes out to the water (into the Raritan River).

Irizarry then asked, “Will there be barriers along the train tracks?”

Hanrahan said, “Our building will be fenced in.”

Hindenlang then said, “Those (buyers) interested in the property will have to be vetted. It’s possible that those interested will request a PILOT. That’s how a lot of this stuff gets done.”

The next topic was the Water Stadium Lease. Law Director Peter King spoke first. He first spoke about renovations to other school properties where the Board of Education will do the upgrades.

Councilman Joel Pabon asked if these are individual leases.

King responded, “We use the Board of Education football field, and we reciprocate when they use our facilities.”

Pabon then brought up the fact that, “A lot of times we had to fight with the Board of Education to get things fixed.

There’s a problem at the Wilentz School Park. A lot of times teachers will text us (the Council) about problems, asking who is responsible for repairs. We and the School Board should have names listed as who does repairs.”

King responded, “The Recreation Department contacts the school if there’s a problem and the school has to fix it.”

Director of the Department of Recreation Ken Ortiz came forward to address the issues at Water Stadium and the Wilentz School, “We leased these properties to them. We are taking back the lease from the Wilentz School. We can fix this along with our City Parks. We have a reciprocal lease with Water Stadium because we may need their facilities that we don’t have and vice-versa. It’s our responsibility to stay on top of the Board of Education. We will do monthly inspections (for safety issues).”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez suggested, “The Board of Education has the money to make repairs and most of that money comes from the State. Make sure we don’t open up a can of worms.”

Pabon made further comments. He spoke about the Lucey Center (149 William St.). “That gets blamed for a lot of problems. There’s a school close by. There is a wide-open space on Washington Street which would be a win-win for the school and the City.”

Council President William Petrick suggested, “We should write into an agreement if we repair something that belongs to the BOE, then the BOE should pay for it.”

Ortiz went on to speak about the new Youth Center, “It opened up this past summer. Perth Amboy has over 20,000 people under the age of 24. The Center is located on Brighton Avenue. The Youth who attend want to be engaged and we

have many clubs to help them. We plan to have trips such as Dorney Park. We can refer them to other resources in and out of the City. We also have a Youth Alliance Group who have their own Board of Directors. They also have one adult advisor. Tennis and basketball courts will be utilized, and we have a woman who helps us out at no cost. We want to expose people to all different kinds of careers.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez suggested that the Department of Recreation should take over the building on New Brunswick Avenue. “It would help so much for our youth. You help us so much. You should do a workshop on suicide prevention.”

Ordinance No. 1 First Reading: “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT” (Ordinance No. 1 – 72 and Amendments) adopted July 28, 1972 also known as Chapter 4 ET SEQ of

the Code of the City of Perth Amboy regarding residency.

Irizarry wanted to know, “Who is responsible to make sure this ordinance is followed?”

Gonzalez then added, “Why was it changed? It was once an employee had to live here 10 years. General employees should live in town.”

Pabon questioned, “Why do we have this ordinance in place?”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “It would strengthen our community if City Employees live here. Let’s table this. The State law exempts the police.”

There were also questions about Ordinance No. 3 First Reading: “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS” adopted March 23, 2011 regarding Streets excavation. Director of Code Enforcement Jamie Rios came up to discuss this. “This is an add-

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## Board of Education Decision Made

*Puccio President; Tejeda Vice President*



Ken Puccio



Milady Tejeda

PERTH AMBOY - Interim Executive County Superintendent Ms. Yasmin Hernández-Manno of the Middlesex County Office of Education has indicated that she is appointing Mr. Ken Puc-

cio to serve as Board President and Ms. Milady Tejeda to serve as Board Vice-President of the Perth Amboy Board of Education.



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## Lent Fish Fry

SAYREVILLE – The St. Stanislaus Kostka Holy Name Society is having a First Friday of Lent Fish Fry on Friday, February 16, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at St. Stan's School, 221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville, NJ 08872. The menu includes: Fried or Broiled Flounder Platters, Fried Shrimp Platters, and Combination Platters. Includes: French Fries, Salad Bar, Coffee/Tea/ Soda and Dessert. Adults – \$15.00, Children (under 12) – \$8.00. Please purchase your ticket in advance in the CHURCH LOBBY Or at the OFFICE. For more info call: 732-254-0212.

## Craftapalooza

WOODBIDGE - Join us for a night of crafting @ the Main Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbirdge. Adults (18+) are invited to create a glass bead candle holder with the guidance of library staff on Tuesday, February 6 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 pm. All supplies will be provided. Guests need only to bring their crafting spirit!

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## 1/22/18 Caucus

The next person to speak was Bob Larson, one of the Habor-town. He put up a map, and stated the blue area on the map represented industrial area. “It’s a percentage of 5% of the land. The red represents 5% commercial which is 135 acres.”

Halpern spoke again, “We are still considering a smaller supermarket.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez then remarked, “I don’t think most people who live in Harbortown shop in town. I think by you building in Harbortown it will help people stay in town.”

Halpern then stated, “We’re still planning to have retail and about 120 Senior Housing Units.”

Gonzalez then questioned, “Since there are a lot of children in Harbortown, where is the recreation for those kids?”

Halpern responded, “We have built a clubhouse and a basketball court. We have a pool and we made contributions to Rudyk Park. What Harbortown needs is shopping and Senior Housing. The units they have now are beautiful.”

Gonzalez responded, “The residents who live there say dif-

ferently.”

Halpern told the Council, “We have to submit our final plans by August 2018 and it’s in your hands to get a Senior Switch (to have senior housing instead of having more retail).

Councilman Helmin Caba said he agreed with what Halpern was saying. “Amazon changed shopping. I’m concerned about the traffic flow in Harbortown.”

Halperan responded, “We can do a traffic study.”

Caba then mentioned about the traffic stop signs (leading to and from Harbortown from High Street), “They’re not cutting it.”

Halpern agreed, “There is traffic congestion at different intersections which is an issue. We have a preliminary sketch and we also have presented a \$100,000 check for the new firehouse. I invite the Council to come see the plans for yourself.”

Mayor Diaz came up to speak stating, “We already have supermarkets in Perth Amboy. We need senior housing (with less stories) and not high rises. Another large supermarket would be bad for the mom & pop stores. The other bodegas and existing supermarkets said they would not want a large supermarket built.”

Council President William Petrick thought otherwise, “I think a large supermarket in Harbortown would benefit seniors and residents living there and it would create jobs.”

Mayor Diaz responded, “We need a supermarket, but senior housing, especially for the handicapped is especially hard.”

Councilman Gonzalez said, “Our local people will not be able to afford the rent.”

Petrick suggested, “Can the Housing Department partner with Harbortown for the senior housing?”

Diaz responded, “Harbortown has worked with us in building a firehouse and recreational activities. We need to have more discussions, and it was not just my administration (doing the talking).”

Councilman Irizarry said, “We have a lot of age 55+ units right now.”

Pabon then questioned, “But is there any availability?”

Larson responded, “We can change the plan.”

Petrick stated, “The change will be on our next agenda.”

Irizarry then said, “I want to make sure I understand the percentage changes that were presented on the map. The 0% will change to 3% and not more than 10% which will remain the same.”

Halpern responded, “Yes.”

During the public portion, Resident Ken Balut touched on several subjects. He stated, “The Board of Ed gives the Y

\$300,000 a year for recreation. You (the Council) are giving the Elm Street Project (Gerda Ameristeel Project) a PILOT, yet we are not sure what we’re getting on the last PILOT. Harbortown has lots of kids and two crossing guards. They have a lunch program in the summer that we pay for. Their swimming pool is small. Where are they building schools? There have been sexual complaints in different departments in town. We had a recent stabbing on Smith Street. There was a gas leak at a daycare center. The current B.A. gets paid \$30,000 more than the former female B.A. who had more experience. Harbortown had secret negotiations regarding the Fire House.”

B.A. Adam Cruz wanted to correct a statement Balut made, “I am getting \$30,000 less than the female Business Administrator.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski said, “Have Halpern donate land for a school. We are about 5000 school chairs short. The municipal boards are not updated, and they have expired terms. You (the Council) make the laws and the Mayor appoints different classes (1,2,4) and the Council appoints the other classes. The Legislative Board is the governing body. You’re violating the state statute.”

The last speaker was Program Manager from Perth Amboy Housing Authority Lisett Lebron who stated, “We support what Gerda Ameristeel wants to do with that property.” Lebron then said we surveyed the residents and asked them what they wanted. We like the idea of an amphitheater which will benefit the neighborhood.

At the regular Council Meeting 1/24/18: R-25-1/18 thru R-43-1/18 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba.

The Council Meeting of 1/24/18 and Special Meeting of 1/29/18 will be reported in the 2/7/18 issue of the Amboy Guardian.

## Valentine Flowers

SOUTH AMBOY – The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will be selling colorful floral bouquets at \$10 each on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday Feb. 11, 2018 from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Memorial Hall, 531 Washington St., South Amboy, across from Sacred Heart Church. Purchase a bouquet for your loved one or yourself. For more information, call Virginia at 732-721-1521.

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on to the existing ordinance. A performance bond will have to be put in place. The City Engineer did the research. We put no digging in the wintertime except for emergencies.”

City Engineer Jeff Rauch came up to speak, “There’s a 5-year moratorium on roads. If the utility company has to re-open before the 5 years are up, they will have to repave curb to curb restoration.

Councilman Pabon questioned if the utility companies will honor this.

Rios responded, “We sat down with them (the utility companies).”

Rauch then added, “This gives us enforcement power to shut them down.”

Irizarry then requested that they put in the ordinance that the City Engineer and Code Enforcement can shut the work down.

Rios then stated, “We issue the permit.”

Rauch added, “There are 2 more years of work to be done. We talked to the utility companies about our concerns and safety issues.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez requested that Representatives from Harbortown come up to speak about proposed changes to their plans. This was in reference to Ordinance No. 4 “ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT” (Ordinance No. 6/83 – 93 as amended) adopted December 2, 1975 re: R-M Residential Zones.

Those who spoke were: Attorney Stephen Barcan from Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer Law Firm, and Harbortown Developer Jack Halpern. They expressed their concerns that the market for retail doesn’t exist. Halpern began, “We would like to build less commercial and build new Senior Housing to replace the nonresidential.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez then remarked that Harbortown is nowhere where he thought it would be when it was originally presented. He questioned if they will eliminate the basketball court.

Halpern responded, “It will remain. There’s a national crisis and people are not going to stores. If we build a big supermarket at the site, then we couldn’t bring in other amenities. No one is building offices or malls in New Jersey.”

## Perth Amboy BID Presents Sales Training Seminar & Business Card Exchange on February 7

*Leading Sales Coach Rocky Romeo Offers Recommendations for Boosting Sales and Profits And Enhancing a Network of Contacts during the BID’s Program, Beginning at 6 PM in La Terrazza Latina*

Press Release 1/26/18

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (BID) is presenting a fast-paced “Sales Training Seminar” that can assist small businesses with attracting new clients, boosting sales and increasing profits. The sales seminar, networking event and business card exchange will be held on Wednesday, February 7, beginning at 6 PM. Admission is free and pre-registration is required to attend the BID’s sales coaching and networking evening to be held at La Terrazza Latina, 273 High Street in Perth Amboy.

Business professionals and company owners can register for the sales seminar at the Eventbrite event website by clicking to [www.bizsales.eventbrite.com](http://www.bizsales.eventbrite.com).

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz said, “One of our City’s key objectives is provide local companies with useful resources that can help their business thrive. The BID’s sales program is going to present effective action steps that businesses can use to immediately enhance their selling methods. We encourage everyone in the business and professional communities to join us the BID’s first networking event for 2018.”

The BID’s “Sales Seminar” will be facilitated by Rocky

Romeo, who knows that selling is a relationship business and everyone can benefit from some new approaches to closing sales. Mr. Romeo has decades of experience in new business development, and he is uniquely qualified to help business owners and selling professionals achieve their sales and networking goals. During his career, Mr. Romeo has developed and implemented effective sales programs for such major national companies as Ford and Panera Bread and many local retailers in New Jersey.

Mr. Romeo says, “I have deep passion for helping Main Street retailers develop distinctly different images that will attract shoppers and generate significant sales.”

Before the sales coaching begins, the BID is asking business professionals to complete a short questionnaire about their company and sales goals. Mr. Romeo will quickly review the contents and provide people with specific recommendations to instantly increase their sales.

The Sales Training Seminar can provide the following to company owners and business professionals who attend and submit questionnaires:

- Recommendations to immediately increase a company’s sales

- Five proven steps to move a small business forward in the next few months
- Ideas to cross-promote with neighboring businesses by forming marketing alliances
- Exclusive, free guide from Rocky Romeo that offers a step-by-step guide to turn around a business by producing more sales and profits
- Useful insights that can improve a company’s performance, now.

BID Chairman Barry Rosengarten said, “One of our missions is to bring business owners and their teams together in a setting that promotes networking, sharing ideas and creating productive alliances. We’re certain that everyone who attends will leave the sales training program with useful methods for energizing and growing their company. Take an important step to boosting sales by registering for this exciting evening focused on your business.”

For regular updates about the Perth Amboy BID, please visit the Facebook page. To get a complete overview of the business programs available from the BID, contact Executive Manager Junel Hutchinson at 732-826-0290, ext. 4048, or by email: [JHutchinson@perth-amboynj.org](mailto:JHutchinson@perth-amboynj.org).

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

We’re Not Finished, Yet – Part 2

So, last week we gave our run down on building more apartments in the City. Periodically, the Council has been asking for a list of vacant and/or abandoned homes. Code Enforcement has come in and given an update. The list is difficult to draw up since many times owners of properties in question will come in with a last-minute payment.

When you have abandoned/vacant homes it downgrades the neighborhood. So, wouldn’t it make more sense to make those properties habitable? There are homes that are abandoned/vacant for a considerable amount of time. It’s time for the banks that own those properties to draw out a plan to get those homes back in shape so that residents looking for housing can buy them.

PRAHD has many programs. One of them has been their carpentry apprenticeship in conjunction with New Jersey Carpenters Network.

Maybe the City of Perth Amboy, along with banks who take over these properties, should contact local home improvement chain stores (such as Home Depot, Lowes, etc.) to help rehab these homes. In tehis way, First Time Homebuyers or those who are seeking housing can have some sort of opportunity to buy them.

In the time that it takes to build new properties, you could rehab at least 20 of those old properties and have people occupying them already.

I have heard about programs where there are seniors who many not want to live in apartments. A list was created of seniors who wanted to live in a house instead. They could live with others and be matched up that way, so they could share living expenses and companionship and still be independent. They can have more freedom and less structure than in living in a senior apartment complex where they have restrictions.

By the way, I think that maybe more administrators should

take public transportation or walk for a week to see how it is to get around town without a car.

Every so often, I look at websites that have foreclosed properties and I like it when they have virtual tours that shows you the interior of the dwellings. On tax sales, some properties are listed over and over again, but eventually some things got to give.

One website is: <http://nationalsharedhousing.org>

I would be curious to know why the banks that have repossessed those properties let them sit for so long without taking any action to maintain at least the outside of the homes. They are a haven for feral cats. The worst is when there’s a snowstorm and those properties do not have the snow/ice removed from their sidewalks.

If everyone gets on the same page, this could be mutually beneficial to the banks, the City, and people in need of housing.

We need an infusion of other people coming into Amboy because of its rich history. We've had books, videos, newspaper articles and been spotlighted on national TV, the movies in regards to our rich history. This is what we need to focus on.

Those people who come to Williamsburg are VISITORS who spend THEIR MONEY in Williamsburg, but don't live there.

How many people in surrounding towns don't even know of our beautiful Waterfront. Let's not hide it.

I'm going to go over something I mentioned before in a previous editorial. When Front Street was repaved, it was by a contractor that was from out of town. One of the workers asked me if those homes on Front Street were summer homes. He was surprised when I told him that those homes were year round. So, they thought that Perth Amboy was a resort. Let's not forget, at one time, it was.

C.M. & K.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Undocumented Children

Is the “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals” bill really a threat to America? Those who were brought to America

And Then There Was One . . .

. . . And then there is one who received about \$60,000 plus

A Weed Smoking Town

The new Governor wants to legalize marijuana. How nice! I could see it now! The weed smoking state! Smoke while you drive. How many mayors supported this Governor when he was running for office? I can name one and guess who? Don't these mayors know that weed is

as infants or children have been educated here. The cost is around \$12,000 a year, so each represents around \$150,000 in taxes. Should this money be wasted by deporting them to a foreign land? Given the con-

tinuing need for immigration these should have priority over others, unless you want to waste tax dollars.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Rusznack

benefits per year without ever working! It must be nice to know that taxpayers will be supporting him for the rest of his life!

bad for you? As bad as it is, I live in a town that has a drug problem. We all know it, and some of those dead brain politicians want to legalize it. And here's another thing this sanctuary city that those politicians support to get voters the easy way. I guess this political party must be desperate for voters, just like California. Look what's going on over there. But

some of those politicians don't want this in their town. NO WAY! - even down the Jersey Shore. So, for now, let's wait and see the outcome. Oh, by the way, can Perth Amboy become a weed smoking town? I’d like to see this at a City Council Meeting.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

What Do You Think? Send Us a Response!

Speaker Coughlin to Implement Stringent Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy

Press Release 1/18/18  
TRENTON – Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex) on Thursday released the following statement regarding the Assembly’s sexual harassment policy:

“As I prepared late last year to become Assembly Speaker, I took a close look at the Legislature’s harassment policy. After that review, it’s very clear that this policy needs updating.

“There must be absolutely zero tolerance for sexual ha-

rassment by members and staff of the General Assembly. I have directed our executive director and counsel to put in place a policy that does everything possible to prevent harassment, improve training and protect victims -- including, crucially, the ability for victims to come forward without fear of retaliation.

“While it will take some time to ensure that we develop the most stringent policy possible, I would like to make it crystal

clear to every single legislator and staff that I take the issue of sexual harassment very seriously and that every single one of us deserves a workplace that is free from harassment.

“In the coming months, I look forward to announcing both the policy that has been developed and a safe, independent and secure mechanism for those who feel that they have been mistreated to have their complaints examined."

Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (at the Children’s Library in rear of the building), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 732-261-2610.

Attend Public Meetings Have Your Voice Heard!

Why Didn’t I Learn This Before? Unlearning Myths of Race and Racism

Press Release 1/22/18  
WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - In this presentation, being held at the Woodbridge Main Library on Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 PM, Dr. Karen Gaffney will share a few key concepts from her new book, Dismantling the Racism Machine: A Manual and Toolbox. Her goal is to raise awareness about the false beliefs that perpetuate racism, especially the myths often taught to white people that need to be unlearned. There will also be plenty of time for discussion.

Dr. Karen Gaffney is Professor of English at Raritan Valley Community College, where she

teaches Race in American Literature and Popular Culture. As a white anti-racist educator, she presents her work at conferences and in community workshops, as well as in her blog with resources Divided No Longer (available at [www.dividednolonger.com](http://www.dividednolonger.com)). Her book, Dismantling the Racism Machine: A Manual and Toolbox, is an accessible and interdisciplinary introduction to race and racism with tools for action.

This program is free and open to all. The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ. Please visit us at <http://woodbridgelibrary.org/>

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Cottage Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

Proprietary  
House Open

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion.

Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open.

Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel. 732-826-5527 E-mail: info@proprietaryhouse.org. Follow us on our website, www.theproprietaryhouse.org and or/Facebook.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

THURS. Feb. 8 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.  
PAHS, Eagle Ave.  
MON. Feb.12 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
TUES. Feb. 13 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.  
Library, Jefferson St.  
WED. Feb. 14 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Jan. 31 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway  
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The RARITAN BAY AREA  
YMCA Brings “Us” Together  
The Y Helps Strengthen Community  
Bonds and Instill a Sense of  
Togetherness for All Involved

Press Release 1/25/18

PERTH AMBOY - In a time where communities are more divided than ever, the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA is a key resource to bridge gaps, bring people together and strengthen relationships among “Us,” including the youth, adults and seniors who contribute daily to the betterment of our community. Throughout the years the Y has been successful in achieving this goal.

The Y understands the importance of learning from one another and helping all of us to reach our fullest potential. Here in Perth Amboy, the Y aims to bring all together with one common ground this is why every year we solicit funds for the Annual Campaign. These funds make it possible to keep our promise to:

- Further our homeless prevention support and resources
- Develop more programs for special needs and the pre-school population
- Increase scholarships to keep kids safe in afterschool programs
- Provide free teen nights to Perth Amboy high school age

students

- Continue to help more people take steps to prevent chronic disease, allowing them to live longer, healthier lives.

“We are thrilled with the way the Y has helped so many members in this deserving community,” said Sholonda Chipepo, VP of Organizational Development. “This is a true representation of how the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA is working to solidify the “Us” that holds us together as a community.”

To celebrate the “Us” in communities across the U.S., the Y launched the second phase of the “For a better us.” campaign. Entitled “Us,” the campaign is designed to help everyone understand the programs and resources the Y provides around the country—including access to newcomer engagement programs; community outreach initiatives; access to safe places; mentorship and volunteer opportunities, and more.

To learn about opportunities at the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA, or to donate, visit [www.rbaymca.org/main/donate/](http://www.rbaymca.org/main/donate/) or call 732.442.3632.

We Keep You  
Moving

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is sponsoring a free “We Keep You Moving” Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, February 2, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been scheduled for joint replacement surgery or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church will be holding their Pirohi Sale at \$8.00 Per Dozen. Orders may be called in from Feb. 5-8, 2018 to 732-826-7067 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Orders may be picked up on Feb. 13 or 14 at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Soup Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Lutheran Church, 664 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy is current holding a Soup Sale. Choices are Cream of Potato, Vegetable Beef or Vegan Lentil. Quantities are \$8. for 1 quart and \$20. for 3 quarts, you can mix and match the 3 quarts. Orders can be placed between 1/15 to 2/2/18 with pick up at the Church's Meredith St. entrance on 2/4. To order contact Lorraine at 732-996-8860 or at [kookie.mc@verizon.net](mailto:kookie.mc@verizon.net). All are invited to worship with us every Sunday at 10 am. We follow the Lutheran custom of cake and coffee after the service.

Monthly Tour  
of The Berkow  
Maternity  
Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts, designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677) and reference zip code 08861.

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Fish Fry

PERTH AMBOY – St. John Paul II Parish is sponsoring a Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, February 16, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Church at 188 Wayne Street. Take-out is also available. The menu is either fried or broiled fish or pierogis, salad, coleslaw, French fries and Spanish rice. Other menu choices include macaroni and cheese and spaghetti with clam sauce. Bottled water and cake and coffee or tea are also included. Soda will be available for purchase. The price is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (7-12 years-old). For tickets call 732-826-1395. The deadline for ticket sales is February 13, 2018.

Healthy Eating  
Lecture and  
Cooking Demo

OLD BRIDGE - The Institute for Weight Loss at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center- Old Bridge, is sponsoring a free Healthy Eating Lecture and Cooking Demo Wednesday, February 7, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay's demonstration kitchen, Suite 420, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Registration is required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677) or visit [HackensackMeridianHealth.org/Events](http://HackensackMeridianHealth.org/Events).

**BID Swearing In**  
*\*Photo by Perth Amboy BID*



PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz recently conducted the swearing-in ceremonies for three directors of the City's Business Improvement District (BID). The new BID Directors are Iris Benzan-Diaz, founder, owner and president of C-Town Supermarket at 272 Maple Street; Asim Malik, owner of the 7-Eleven store at 255 Smith Street; and Jeff Steuber, who grew up in Perth Amboy, lives in the City and is a Realtor Associate at J.J. Elek Realty Company. The BID's Directors volunteer their time and talent to serve the City by taking action to enhance the downtown area, attract visitors, and promote economic growth. Shown in the photo in the Council Chambers at City Hall are from left to right: BID Chairman Barry Rosengarten, Jeff Steuber, Iris Benzan-Diaz, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Asim Malik, and BID Vice Chairman Sergio Diaz, vice president, 1st Constitution Bank. In the back row from left to right are BID Executive Junel Hutchinson as well as BID Directors Jason Conway, vice president, Provident Bank; Gary Rumpf, director, Gustav J. Novak Funeral Home and Fausto Diaz, owner, Diaz Tax Service, Inc.



Three Kings Day, PRAHD, Perth Amboy - 1/7/18

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Tyrone Fashaw Honored, Kenilworth

\*Photos Submitted

PERTH AMBOY/KENILWORTH - Tyrone Fashaw was honored with the Commitment to Youth Award by The Suburban Youth Football League for 34 years of coaching pop Warner Football, in the other picture President, Shoan Coaxum, V. P. Al Hamer, Amanda, Jasmin, Sec. Wanda Velasquez. Football dinner was Sunday 1-21-18 in Kenilworth.



Three Kings Day, St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry

\*Photos Submitted by Jerry Yaros



PERTH AMBOY - The volunteers at the Perth Amboy St. Vincent dePaul food pantry held their annual Three Kings gift distribution Sunday Jan 7. 140 children braved the cold weather to receive gifts from Santa, (John Marietta). Perth Amboy Councilman Fernando Gonzalez helped to distribute the gifts that were donated by local churches St. Helena's Edison, St. Andrew's Avenel, Our Lady of Victory Sayreville, St. Francis Metuchen, St. Ambrose Old Bridge, St. John Vianney Colonia, St. Bartholomews East Brunswick and individual donors.

Tom's Tax Tips

Where Did My Retirement Go?  
How to locate lost retirement benefits

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

For one reason or another, you may find yourself in a situation where you've lost track of a retirement account like a 401(k) or pension.

There are several ways this can happen:

- Job change. People change jobs in today's economy much faster than they did in the past, and that means that retirement accounts like 401(k)s or pensions from a brief job tenure may easily be forgotten.
- A death in the family. Deceased loved ones may have overlooked some retirement as-

sets in their wills, especially if they didn't organize their estate well before they died.

- Lost access. Records or access to retirement accounts may be compromised by accidents, theft or data losses.

Luckily, there are several handy but little-known ways to retrieve retirement account information:

1. Contact employers. Getting in touch with employers who administered a 401(k) or pension plan is one of the easiest ways to retrieve lost retirement benefits. If the account was active from 2009 or later, you can search the Department of La-

bor's Form 5500 database ([www.efast.dol.gov/portal/app/disseminatePublic](http://www.efast.dol.gov/portal/app/disseminatePublic)), which collects the annual information submitted by plan administrators. Often the exact person you would need to get in touch with is listed on the form.

2. Use the National Registry of Unclaimed Retirement Benefits. The registry is created by a nonprofit organization that offers a free service to link up employees with their lost retirement benefits. Visit the Unclaimed Retirement Benefits website ([www.unclaimedretirementbenefits.com](http://www.unclaimedretirementbenefits.com)) and enter the Social Security number of

the employee. It will locate any unclaimed accounts and then provide information about getting in contact with the employer maintaining them. Note that accounts will only appear as unclaimed if the employee's mailing address is out of date, or if the employee didn't respond to the employer's attempts to pay out the account.

3. Check the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC). The PBGC is a government agency that insures and tracks company pensions, and it keeps a list of unclaimed pensions on its website ([www.pbgc.gov/search/unclaimed-](http://www.pbgc.gov/search/unclaimed-)

pensions). You can search a person's name or the name of the company. Note that pensions will continue to exist at the PBGC even if the company that provided it no longer exists.

Once you've located a lost retirement account, you can roll it over into an IRA if it's yours, or you can take several approaches if it is an inherited asset. Reach out if you'd like to discuss your options regarding tax-advantaged retirement accounts.



# This Week in 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.*

Planning for celebrations of the 10th anniversary of the Nazi Party's accession to power in Germany is disrupted on January 29, 1943, by the RAF's first low-level, daylight air attack on Berlin, by a squadron of de Havilland Mosquito bombers. The Nazis order all Romani (gypsies) in Germany to be arrested and sent to extermination camps. The *Luftwaffe* makes a last major effort to resupply Field Marshal Paulus's Sixth Army at Stalingrad, dropping supplies from 124 airplanes. It is much too little, and far too late. Many of the supplies land outside the German lines and are captured by the Soviets.

On December 30, the 10th anniversary of the Nazi seizure of power passes without Hitler speaking to the nation. It is the first time that der Führer has failed to appear in public and make an address on that date. In North Africa, the Germans capture Faïd Pass in Tunisia. In Berlin, Hitler appoints Ernst Kaltenbrunner as head of the Reich Central Security Office. Kaltenbrunner enthusiastically takes charge of one of his responsibilities: the deportation of Jews to extermination camps. He is helped by his primary assistant, Adolf Eichmann. *Kriegsmarine* submarine commander Karl Dönitz is promoted to Grand Admiral and Commander-in-Chief of the Navy, replacing Erich Raeder, who — having been demoted by Hitler — resigned.

Vichy France on December 31 creates the *Milice* (Militia), a *Gestapo*-like organization under the command of Joseph Darnand, an extreme, right-wing, World War I veteran, to combat the Resistance. The *Milice* effectively becomes an arm of the German Occupation and reaches a strength of more than 20,000 by mid-1944. At Stalingrad, the exhausted, freezing troops of the German Sixth Army's southern pocket — having expended their last ammunition and having lost over 200,000 men — surrender to the Red Army. The Soviets capture Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus and 16 generals. It is the first major German defeat of the war.

Destroyers of the Imperial Japanese Navy on February 1, begin to evacuate the 13,000 Japanese soldiers still left on Guadalcanal. Japanese warplanes sink the destroyer USS De Haven off Savo Island, in the Solomons. Of her complement of 329 officers and enlisted men, 167 are killed and 38 are wounded. In the U.S., ground is broken at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for construction of a uranium-235 processing plant. President Roosevelt issues an order creating the U.S. Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team, an infantry regiment consisting almost entirely of *Nisei* — second-generation Americans of Japanese descent.

In the Soviet Union, the Battle of Stalingrad comes to an end after 462 days of fighting on February 2. The remnants of the German Sixth Army in the northern pocket under Gen. Karl Strecker cease fighting and surrender to the Red Army. In all, over 96,000 survivors of the once 300,000-strong German Sixth Army are captured, including 22 generals and 2,500 officers. The POWs are marched off to Siberia. (Only about 5,000 will live to return to Germany after the war, the last POWs being repatriated 12 years later, in 1955.) At Moscow, the victory over the Germans at Stalingrad is celebrated with a salute of several hundred guns.

On February 3, the U.S. Army transport ship *USAT Dorchester*, in a convoy *en route* from St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, to the Army Command Base at Narsarsuaq, Greenland, is torpedoed by German U-boat U-223 and sinks within 20 minutes. Among the 670 lives lost are those of the "Four Chaplains," who give their own life jackets away when they realize there aren't enough to go around. The four — a Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi and two Protestant ministers — are last seen on deck, with arms linked, praying, as the ship goes down. Adolf Hitler, in a national broadcast from his headquarters, announces that the Sixth Army has been destroyed at Stalingrad. He declares four days of national mourning.

Red Army troops make a successful amphibious landing behind German lines near Novorossiysk, Russia's main port on the Black Sea, on February 4. From England, British and U.S. bombers take part in "Operation Gondola," a series of raids aimed at destroying U-boats in the Bay of Biscay. The bombers use immensely powerful searchlights to illuminate submarines during attacks. In the Pacific, a naval force of one cruiser and 22 destroyers evacuates another 5,000 Japanese soldiers from Guadalcanal. In North Africa, the remaining Germans in Libya, along with their commander, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, withdraw westward into Tunisia.

# A.C. Bus Trip

## San Salvador

### Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.



# Sands Casino

## Bus Trip

### Holy Rosary

### Seniors

HOPELAWN - The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Sands Casino in Bethlehem Pennsylvania on February 1, 2018. Cost is \$30 and Includes bus, gratuity, \$20 back in play and \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves Church parking lot 10:00 am. For more details please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

# Renault

## Winery/Resorts

### AC Trip

### Holy Rosary

### Seniors

HOPELAWN - Renault Winery/Resorts Casino A/C Tuesday 4/3/2018. Bus leaves 9:30 Am from church parking lot. Spend 2 hours at winery - Italian Family style lunch and wine tasting. Leave Resorts approximately 6:30 pm. Cost \$75. \$25 back in play. Any question call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.



# Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ...or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Presently due to lack of shelf space we are NOT accepting any donations of books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule is as follows: Saturdays: Feb. 10 & 24. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

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E-mail us your Pet Photos to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

# Weight Loss

## Surgery:

### The Facts

WOODBIDGE - The Center for Bariatric Surgery at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is holding a free seminar "Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts" Tuesday, February 6, 6:00 p.m., at the Medical Pavilion at Woodbridge, 740 US Highway 1N, Iselin, NJ. Center for Bariatric Surgery Medical Director Karl Strom, M.D., will discuss the benefits of weight loss surgery. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

# Depression

## During the

### Golden Years

OLD BRIDGE - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge is sponsoring a free Depression during the Golden Years education session Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Old Bridge Public Library, One Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Learn signs and symptoms of depression, common problems that cause or mimic depression, and ways to assist elderly who may be depressed. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

# 2018 Historic Perth Amboy

## Calendars



2018 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are now available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079, Perth Amboy City Hall or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.



Novena to St. Rita

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

Petition to St. Jude

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

Bingo/Tricky Tray

SAYREVILLE - Feeling Lucky? Come enjoy a fun evening of coach bingo on Friday, February 9, 2018, for the second annual Middlesex County Association of Chiefs of Police coach bingo/tricky tray at St. Stanislaus School, 221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person which includes 12 games of bingo (3 boards per game), coffee, tea, and dessert. There will also be a 50/50. All guests are invited to bring their own food and refreshments. For tickets please call Gina at 732-432-8361 or Joanne 732-254-1781. See you there!!

Are You Getting Enough Sleep?

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is holding a free Are you Getting Enough Sleep education session Tuesday, February 7, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall A, Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Learn about sleep disorders and tips on how to get a better night’s sleep. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

A Delightful Valentine’s Tea

PERT AMBOY – The Proprietary House, (the Royal Governor’s Mansion), invites you to “A Delightful Valentine’s Tea,” from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14th.

Celebrate Valentine’s Day at the Royal Governor’s Mansion. Assorted teas, sparkling beverages, scrumptious desserts, chocolates and other treats will be served by candlelight in the mansion’s atmospheric colonial brick and stone wine cellar. Enjoy a museum tour and shop in the Museum Gift Shop. (Museum is accessible for people with disabilities.)

\$13 per Person / \$25 per Couple. Space is limited. Reservations required. Funds raised will benefit restoration and operation of Proprietary House’s Museum.

For reservations and information, contact Proprietary House Association - Phone: (732) 826-5527; E-mail: info@the-proprietaryhouse.org; Address: 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861.

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TUES. Jan. 30 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. Jan. 31 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
- THURS. Feb. 1 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Feb. 5 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Feb. 6 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. Feb. 7 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
- Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Feb. 8 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Feb. 5 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Feb. 7 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Feb. 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

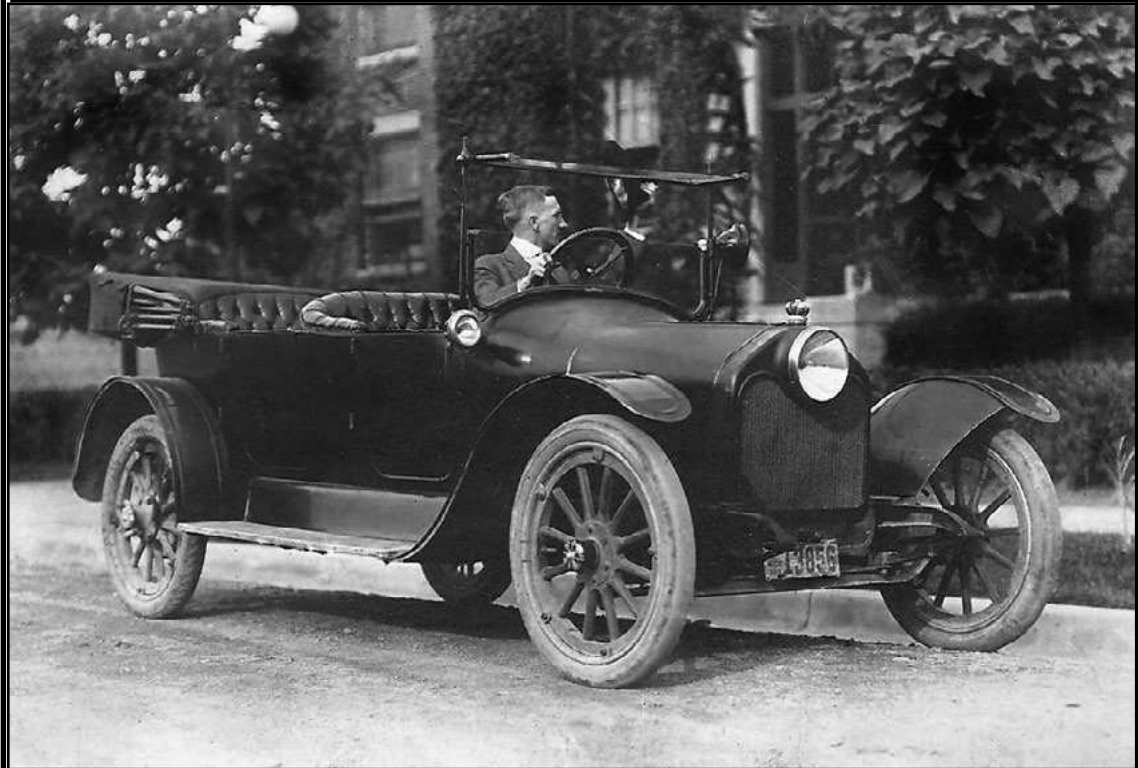
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Remember to Say Your Novenas!

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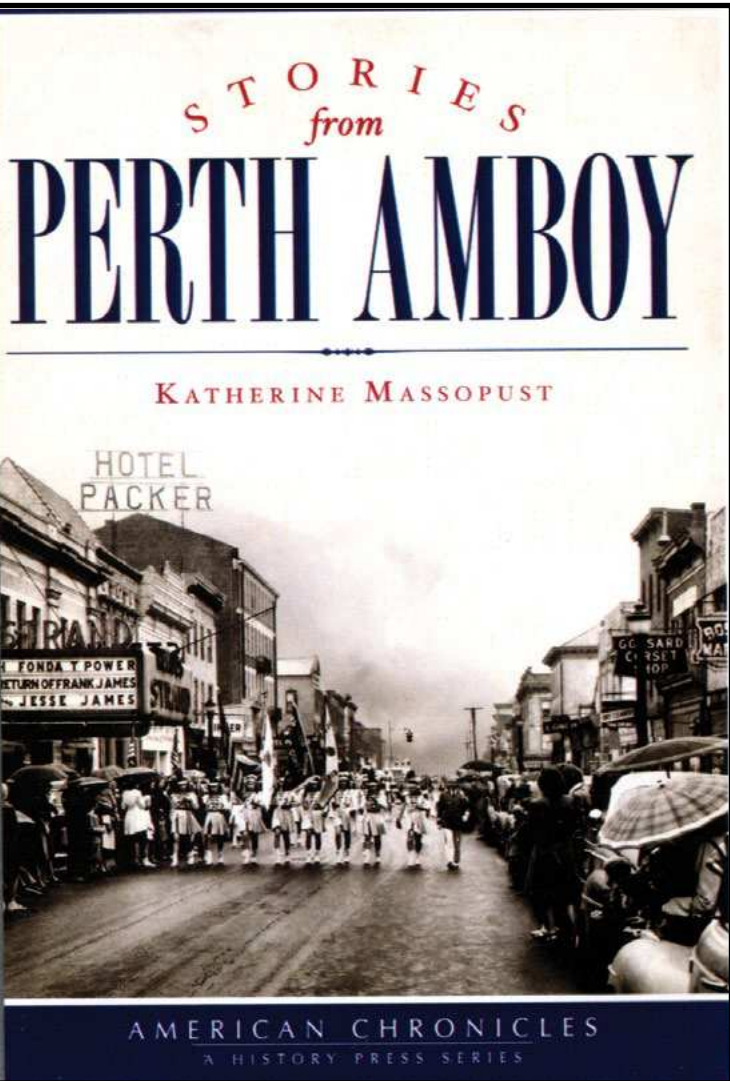
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - A leisurely ride.

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Stories From Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy or in Fertig’s Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - or Fertig’s at 732-442-1079 - A Great Gift! Get it now along with Then & Now: Perth Amboy!



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- Lazy
- Take into police custody
- Raise the spirits of
- Putting into service
- Super-market lane
- Hen's mate
- Notion
- Flying mammal
- "Present!"
- Canoe's kin
- Chin whiskers
- Amphitheater, perhaps
- Smack on the behind
- Revised (copy)
- Do, re, or mi
- Cut the grass
- Car for hire
- A singing voice

### 55. Citrus

- beverage
- Applaud
- "Where have you \_\_\_\_\_ all my life?"
- For each
- Skirts' borders

### DOWN

- Drugstore fountain drink
- "The Party's \_\_\_\_\_"
- Scared state
- Ms. Bancroft
- Droops, as a flower
- Expert pitcher
- "Golly!"
- Peacock's pride

### 9. See

- 14-Across
- A table seasoning
- A proposer gets down on this
- Take to court
- Freudian self
- Incensed
- Word of negation
- Atmosphere
- Marriage-vow words
- Stitch together
- Chemist's workplace
- Feminine pronoun
- Chinese beverage
- Make mistakes
- Tomato color
- Soap unit
- Durable wood
- Unsatisfactory
- More recent
- Dagger thrust
- Fishing rod
- Poker fee
- Bright sign-gas
- Poison-ivy symptom
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