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## Mayor Wilda Diaz Announces Perth Amboy Fire Department Class Upgrade



Mayor Wilda Diaz



Fire Chief  
Edward Mullen

Press Release 2/26/18

PERTH AMBOY – Mayor Wilda Diaz announces a class upgrade for the Perth Amboy Fire Department to Class 3 from their previous Class 4 Fire Department ranking issued by the Insurance Service Office, Inc.

“I want to congratulate Chief Edward Mullen and the members of the Fire Department for their Class 3 upgrade. Our administration has worked diligently towards replacing outdated apparatus and increasing staffing to best serve our community. These individuals place a great deal of work, training and care to keep the residents of our community safe and I am proud to see that they have been recognized for their advancement and efforts,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

The rating upgrade is a result of improvements inclusive of, increased staffing levels and training requirements, upgrades to the Police Department’s 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, new fire apparatus, the certification of Fire Officers as Fire Investigators and upgrades to the City of Perth Amboy’s water mains.

The Public Protection Classification rating is based off of a survey and is used by insurance companies to determine which properties will receive coverage and what prices to charge for both personal and commercial insurance. As a result of the upgrade, taxpayers may see a decrease in the fire portion of their property insurance premiums. The new Class 3 rating is effective June 1, 2018.

## IMPORTANT 2018 OPRA Change

PERTH AMBOY - Effective January 1, 2018 requests for documents under OPRA (Open Public Records Act) from the following departments must be obtained directly from the department that possesses said documents:

- CODE ENFORCEMENT
- COURT
- POLICE
- REGISTRAR

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## Breakdown of CDBG Monies, Businesses Question Ordinance & Active Shooter Training 2/21/18 Council Meeting

SOUTH AMBOY – Council VP Christine Noble gave an update on how she along with other committee members decided how the CDBG funds of \$40,650 requested should be used. “We must reapply every year for these grants. We requested \$20,000 to be used for the Business District (part of that total includes \$1,500 for print material) and materials for improving the exterior of businesses. \$7,500 were requested for the City/Arts District. This will be for marketing purposes and programs. \$5,000 would be targeted for the New Jersey Fresh Produce for Seniors. The summer recreation programs would receive \$5,000 which would include a 6-week program which may include a field trip. \$3,150 will be used for our first August 7<sup>th</sup> National Night Out. This would be used to promote the event and for supplies.”

After Noble’s report, there was a question on Resolution R-40-2018 Authorizing the release of a performance bond for Raritan Point, LLC.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz explained that this was for a Force Main Trench for a road opening. “The trench is in the northbound lane and it is a county road.”

Councilman McLaughlin had a question regarding an item on the bill list. He asked why the Aide to the Mayor needed a laptop.

Mayor Fred Henry explained that the Aide may have to do City work at home, and any other City Employees who may have to do the same have a laptop.

Council President Mickey Gross then asked for Council Comments.

Tom Reilly spoke first and said that he and fellow Councilman McLaughlin met with the First Aid Squad. “It seems as if there are certain businesses that are always calling the



Council Vice-President  
Christine Noble



Councilman  
Brian McLaughlin

Squad. We need an ordinance to help them. I also met with Rico, who owns a barbershop on Broadway, and also with other business owners. There’s a concern about businesses on Broadway with windows that are covered up. One of those businesses has a locked door. We don’t know what’s going on and this has to stop. It’s hurting the downtown.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin then spoke up. He reiterated Reilly’s thoughts when it came to the First Aid Squad, “They need help. We’re asking people to please join them. My son just joined the Cadet Unit.”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato spoke about the tragedy in Parkland, Florida and the sadness, grief, and shock of this shooting. “The students (from that community) are gaining attention and momentum.”

Council President Mickey Gross then spoke about the City’s First National Night Out coming up in August and how he was pleased that the City is doing this. He also wanted to thank Jay Elliott from Code Enforcement. His department is setting up a bedroom in one of the schools so that the parents can see where kids hide their stash. Gross recounted going to a County Meeting a couple of years ago. Someone at that meeting talked about a big sub-

stance problem in South Amboy. “That remark really threw me off.”

City Attorney John Lanza thanked Councilman McLaughlin for his efforts in getting involved in the First Aid and other City Organizations.

Council President Gross spoke again because he wanted to thank City Engineer Rasimowicz for getting grants for the City. He also recognized the work of Firefighter Phil English.

Mayor Henry then spoke about the mass shooting in schools and other venues. “Some politicians only think about terrorists (foreign) and not homegrown terrorists. I fear for my daughter who is a teacher. Who thought we would see students covered in blood. Forget the wall and protect our children.”

When it came time for Public Comments, the first speaker was Kelly Wiley. She came to speak on behalf of the Frog Hollow Club. She started out by saying, “I’m glad to see Police Officers at our schools.” She then talked about some of the complaints she had about the Woodmont Company. “That company put handicapped parking signs on our (Frog Hollow’s) fence. There was a lock

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*Perth Amboy City Council Meeting 2/28/18 - 7 p.m.*



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on our property. Woodmont needed to work on a sewer grate and they broke that lock to get to it. We need a copy of their insurance for our records. They (Woodmont) are impeding us from getting into our property in the winter. We are trying to be good neighbors. They are trespassing on our property, but they eventually fixed the gate and lock. “

Gross responded and said he talked to Woodmont about being a good neighbor (to the Frog Hollow Club).

Wiley continued, “They (Woodmont) have wires hanging on our property and they were fresh to us. Fire trucks will have difficulty getting through the back of the Frog Hollow Property with these wires hanging down.”

The next person to speak was a Resident at 236 John St. She wanted to know if the Art Gallery had any specific hours.

Mayor Henry responded, “They’re posted on the door.”

She then asked about the work being done at the Pump Station on O’Leary Boulevard, “Is the City paying for that work?”

Henry responded, “Yes, because it is City property.”

The Resident then complained about a big green box with wires extruding from it, “It’s also obstructing the sidewalk.”

Henry responded, “I know about the box, but it’s not preventing people from walking on the sidewalk, but I’ll look into it.”

The Resident then complained

about all of the congestion because of the parking situation by Harbor Lights.

The Mayor responded, “We can request a traffic report.”

The Resident responded, “So far, no one has gotten hurt.” She then asked if the Manhattan Beach Project is still paying a management fee to the City.

Henry responded, “They owe the City backpay which they will be paying. The Manhattan Beach Company also appealed their taxes.”

Businesswoman Amy McLaughlin came up to speak about a business whose windows are covered up with black curtains. “What goes on in these places?”

Council President Gross responded, “They make apps.”

Amy McLaughlin responded, “It looks bad.”

Mayor Henry responded, “Code Enforcement, Zoning, and the City Attorney said this is OK. I talked to the building owner and the Master Plan will address this. A sign was put up on the building and then it was taken down. They also have an electric car charging port which is free for cars who require one.”

Councilman Reilly also addressed this issue. “There is an ordinance in place that a business can’t have a cafeteria on the first floor.”

Amy McLaughlin then remarked, “You’re not required to have signage, then?”

Resident and Firefighter Phil English then came up to speak. He asked what the local government is doing regarding any plans in instance of an active

shooter. “Have our Police had active shooting training?”

Henry responded, “I’ll have to check with the Police Department.”

English then told the Council that he and other members of the EMT went to a free out-of-state training on how to respond to a terrorist attack. He indicated that since the training did not cost anything, the Police should go. “The training is great, and it’s very vital.”

A resident from George Street came forward and said, “You should have a Police Representative at the Meeting to answer these questions. We’ve had several auto break-ins. My brother’s van was stolen. The citizens need to be alerted.” She warned everyone to put your lights on and lock the doors of your car and house. “Our cable channel has nothing on it. I will volunteer to put flyers in mailboxes (to alert people about what’s going on).” She then insinuated no crime is reported in the City. “The City is very different now than in the 1940’s and 1950’s.”

The last Resident to speak was Kim Sieber. She suggested that the Council look at the Sayreville Facebook Page, “Which is amazing. Follow their example.”

Council President Mickey Gross wanted to let the Residents know, “Events are posted on the City Facebook Page. This also includes incidents and crimes that have occurred.”

Councilman McLaughlin spoke up and said, “This needs to also be put on our TV channel.”

# LANXESS’ Perth Amboy site Receives New Jersey Governor’s Occupational Safety & Health Award Perth Amboy: Governor’s Award for Continued Excellence for No Lost Time for Eighth Year

PITTSBURGH/CENTRAL NEW JERSEY – LANXESS’ Perth Amboy site was recently awarded its eighth New Jersey Governor’s Occupational Safety & Health Award for its outstanding safety record. The program is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee. Since its origin in 1927, the program has played a vital role in working safely in the state of New Jersey.

The Perth Amboy site makes products for the business unit Urethanes. These products have many applications, from roller skates to roller coasters.

“We attribute our safety successes to the incredible engagement of our plant team at all levels. Our goal is to ensure we

have an active safety community that is working toward preventing incidents” said site manager Pamela Dudish. The Perth Amboy plant gives individual attention to all of its employees, urging them to take pride in their own safety and for those around them - because one size does not fit all.

LANXESS is committed to our employees and our partners’ employees going home as healthy as they came to work. The aim is to systematically and sustainably increase occupational, plant and process safety, thereby protecting the environment and health worldwide.

Even through the ongoing integration as LANXESS, the employees at the Perth Amboy plant expertly continued their commitment towards safety in

the workplace. “Changing to a new company does create some challenges, but the safety element did not change. We all embrace the LANXESS safety culture,” commented Bob Castillo, Environment Health and Safety and Security Manager.

Award requirements as defined by the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee (www.njsisc.org): Citation of Merit, Division of Public Safety & Occupational Safety and Health, Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development. Governor’s Certificates are given to those without any work-related lost time from injury or illness over one year to four consecutive years, respectively.



## Raritan Bay Medical Center Awarded Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers *Twelve Hackensack Meridian Health Hospitals Now Hold Advanced Certification for Stroke Care*

Press Release 2/12/18  
PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge and Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy have earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Heart-Check mark for Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers. The Gold Seal of Approval® and the Heart-Check mark represent symbols of quality from their respective organizations.

Raritan Bay-Old Bridge and Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy underwent a rigorous onsite review in 2017. Joint Commission experts evaluated compliance with stroke-related standards and requirements, including program management, the delivery of clinical care and performance improvement.

"Raritan Bay Medical Center has thoroughly demonstrated the greatest level of commitment to the care of stroke patients through its Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers," said Patrick Phelan, executive director, Hospital Business Development, The Joint Commission. "We commend Raritan Bay for becoming a leader in stroke care, potentially providing a higher standard of service for stroke patients in its community."

"We are pleased to receive advanced certification from The Joint Commission and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association," said Medical Director of Raritan Bay Medical Center's Stroke Center Eric Uhrlik, D.O. "The certification provides us



Pictured, from left, is Raritan Bay Medical Center Stroke Center Coordinator Mirian Medina, R.N.; Raritan Bay-Old Bridge Emergency Department Manager Cindy Schwemer, R.N.; Stroke Center Medical Director Eric Uhrlik, D.O., and Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy Emergency Department Manager Maria Crispino, R.N.

*\*Photo Submitted*

with the opportunity to highlight the exceptional stroke care we provide as well as to continually strive to advance our care even further." With Raritan Bay-Old Bridge and Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy's accreditation, twelve Hackensack Meridian Health hospitals now hold advanced certification for stroke care.

"We congratulate Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge and Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy for achieving this designation," said Nancy Brown, chief executive officer, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. "By adhering to this very specific set of treatment guidelines Raritan Bay has clearly made it a priority to deliver high quality care to all patients affected by stroke."

Established in 2003, Advanced Certification for Primary

Stroke Centers is awarded for a two-year period to Joint Commission-accredited acute care hospitals. The certification was derived from the Brain Attack Coalition's "Recommendations for the Establishment of Primary Stroke Centers" (JAMA, 2000) and the "Revised and Updated Recommendations for the Establishment of Primary Stroke Centers" (Stroke, 2011).

Stroke is the number five cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States, according to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

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## Meet the Author:

### Debbie Doctofsky-Solomon

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are happy to host Debbie Doctofsky-Solomon on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m. in the Children's Room of the Perth Amboy Library located at 196 Jefferson St.

Debbie's books include Hidden in the Himalayas, Journey to the River of Perfumes and her most recent release Pedro's Decision. Her books promote understanding about other cultures with settings in Nepal, Vietnam and Nicaragua. She will read and talk about her books leading everyone on "an expedition in learning" with fantastic experiences and beautiful illustrations by Silvia Dotti. These books are geared toward kindergarten age through 4th grade. Books will be available for purchase.

For more information on Debbie, visit her website at <http://debbiesolomon.com/>

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For information, contact the Friends at (201) 381-1903, e-mail at [friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com), visit our webpage at [www.folperthamboy.com](http://www.folperthamboy.com) or find us on Facebook.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Her Story  
Sheriff Mildred Scott



Sheriff Mildred Scott (2<sup>nd</sup> from Left) with family members (L to R) Brenda Hutchins (Sister-in-Law), Nate Hutchins (Brother), Chanelle McCullum (Daughter) \*Photo by Katherine Massopust



Students from PRAHD pictured with posters to present to Sheriff Scott \*Photo by Katherine Massopust

To celebrate Black History Month, PRAHD held its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Arturo Alfonso Schomburg Award Luncheon. The recipient this year was Sheriff Mildred Scott who was raised and went to school in Perth Amboy.

Dean Schomburg, (grandson of Alfonso), plus friends, relatives, and staff from PRAHD were present to congratulate her on her many achievements and community involvement. She was presented with awards from the Freeholders and the City of Perth Amboy.

Of all the speakers, Sheriff Scott herself was the most compelling. The reason we have a picture of the students above. Sheriff Scott recalled that she was about that age when she was introduced to politics by her father, Mr. Lincoln. Her

parents were well respected in the community and State for how they helped others rise from adversity. At that young age, she was able to meet the sitting Governor.

Sheriff Scott not only talked the talk, but walked the walk. She recalled that her choice of career in Law Enforcement was influenced by the first African-American Police Officer in Perth Amboy. That Officer was known as Mr. Gibson (Gibby) who was respected by all who knew him. He commanded his post on the Five Corners and the students knew he meant business.

Scott remembered the reaction when she told her father that she wanted to be a Police Officer like Gibson. Her father

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Was it Political  
or Not?

As we know by now, there has been a mass shooting in Parkland, Florida by a person named Nikolas Cruz, age 19 using a AR-15 killing 17 people. This is what the mainstream media told us. To me, I think there's more to this shoot-

ing then meets the eyes. Don't ask me why. If you look into this and use your judgement on this shooting, you ask yourself a question. Was it political or not? It amazes me how these teens somehow started this mass protest overnight about gun control. Who or what political party is helping them? And how come these teens are

not protesting about the war in Afghanistan where our troops are protecting the opium fields? You know about the heroin trade. Whatever happened to the peace movement like in the 1960's?

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Comments on  
the Proposed  
Rezoning of  
Front Street

"I feel compelled to comment on the proposal by the City of Perth Amboy to re-zone Front Street, in order to "allow property owners to open small businesses such as shops, coffee houses, art galleries, and acoustic venues".

I owned the Maid of Perth Antique Shop on Front Street during the 1990's. Initially, it was a popular destination, and we sold local memorabilia, nautical antiques, vintage postage cards, and gifts. I also served as President of the Perth Amboy Chamber of Commerce and was on the Board of the Perth Amboy UEZ for several years.

The historic ferry slip on Front Street has been restored, as a Maritime Museum with

Visitors' Center, and we had a Fishing Party Boat docked at the Marina which offered daily trips and Sunset Cruises.

However, my Antique Shop could not continue to "stay afloat" after the Perth Amboy Chamber of Commerce was dissolved for reasons that I will never understand in a city the size of Perth Amboy, the Maritime Museum and Visitors' Center is NEVER OPEN, and the Fishing Party Boar is no longer docked here.

There are no valid reasons for additional businesses on Front Street. We presently have two fine dining restaurants, a Bait and Tackle Shop, Ice Cream parlor, and Food Truck at the Marina. Parking and traffic are at capacity.

We need to do more to support he businesses on Smith Street. People from out of town are reluctant to drive through the business district. We do not need empty storefronts, neon lights on the signage, mattress-

es propped up against the stores, or people selling items from card tables set up on the sidewalk. We have to strictly discourage jay walking and vehicles double parked. And we desperately need the train station upgraded so that we have an elevator to take us down to the boarding area instead of having to descend 26 steps.

Let's face the facts. We cannot hope to compare ourselves to "Asbury Park" as long as we have to shutter our businesses at night with metal gates. Please go back to the drawing board and remove Front Street from this pipe dream proposal and focus on making Perth Amboy's Business District GREAT AGAIN!!

Sincerely,  
Barbara J. Booz

PS: The Maid of Perth Antiques is NOW LOCATED in Allenhurst, NJ and a second location in Asbury Park!

Who Did You Say  
Had Blood on  
Their Hands?

I took offense at some of the statements made by the left after the recent murders at yet another school shooting, this time in Florida. The statement I was most offended by was that the "the Republicans and the NRA has blood on its hands". I was offended by that statement because I'm a life member of the NRA.

I began to wonder why the supposedly intellectual elite of the left would even think of making such an offensive and false statement, after all the NRA is a civil rights organization, and have been around for a long time.

The NRA always promoted safe gun handling and respect for firearms. Shooting children does not constitute safe gun

handling or respect for firearms, so that can't be the reason.

The NRA sponsors the Eddie Eagle Program, a program designed to teach kids gun safety, proper handling, and respect for firearms, so it can't be that.

The NRA also defends the right of the American people to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment.

Bingo, that's it, but why? Why would someone want to take away the Second Amendment? After all the founding fathers thought it important enough to make it the second amendment after the first one, guaranteeing freedom of speech.

They probably wrote the first one then thought, (how will we insure that this and all of the future amendments we write will not be taken away by tyrants like the ones we just fought a

bloody war to break away from?), so they wrote the second amendment.

Some argue that the Second Amendment is antiquated or out dated. If that is so, then all the others are too. However, we all know how the radical left loves the First Amendment and use it like a scalpel in the hands of a blind surgeon.

Both sides can agree that we have a serious problem. When parents have to worry if their children are going to come home from school alive, that is definitely a serious problem. What the two sides do not agree on is how to fix it.

You cannot fix something if you do not know what's broken, so let's take a closer look.

What struck me as odd is that when I was of school age, (that would be between 1960 and 1972), school shootings were unheard of. They existed, but usually involved adults shoot-

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Kearny  
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](http://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](mailto:info@proprietaryhouse.org). Follow us on our website, [www.theproprietaryhouse.org](http://www.theproprietaryhouse.org) and or/Facebook.

Historic  
Surveyor  
General's Office

PERTH AMBOY - The Historic Surveyor General's Office, which is adjacent to Perth Amboy City Hall, is now open for tours. At one time, this structure was the meeting place of the East Jersey Board of Proprietors & housed their records. Presently the Surveyor General's Office is displaying artifacts from the John Watson (1685-1768) archaeological site along with other items from Perth Amboy's rich history. Perth Amboy history DVDs are also available.

Free tours are available Mondays & Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Clubs, classrooms & groups are welcome. Come & view this newly restored building! For more information call William Kurzenberger: 732-826-0290 ext. 4862

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. Feb. 28 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

THURS. Mar. 8 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.  
PAHS, Eagle Ave.

MON. Mar. 12 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Mar. 7 City Council, Business 6 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway

WED. Mar. 21 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Council, N. Broadway

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Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz  
Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ

We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, emphasize that it is important:

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Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Sheriff Mildred Scott Honored, PRAHD, Perth Amboy 2/23/18

\*Photos by Katherine Massopust



Editorial \*Continued From Page 4

was surprised, but didn't deter her from her decision.

She remembered being interviewed for her first job in law enforcement. The man who interviewed her was smoking (in a place where smoking wasn't allowed). She could tell by the look on that person's face that he really wasn't taking her seriously at first. She was the only girl and had five brothers who she could go toe-to-toe with. Although she is small in stature, she passed the required agility test without a problem.

When she finished the interview, she so impressed the person, he had no choice but to say, "You're hired."

As we said before, she talked the talk and walked the walk. She accomplished each goal she set for herself, rising from the ranks of a Police Officer, to working as a Sheriff's Officer, to becoming the Middlesex County Sheriff.

She learned through her parents at an early age how important it is to respect others. That attitude came back through the

respect that others had for her.

My late father, Rockwell Maxwell used to always say to us, "If you want to have friends, show yourself to be friendly."

Sheriff Scott also acknowledged her extended family who were in the audience, such as the McCoy's who were very prominent in Perth Amboy. She also called out the names of some classmates in attendance, colleagues, and the Democratic Party who believed in her.

Scott said while growing up in Perth Amboy, she did not experience prejudice. The first time she became aware of prejudice is when her father took the family on a trip and they stopped in Virginia. Her father told the family to wait in the car while he went into a place to bring something back to them to eat. That's when she noticed there were water fountains labeled "black" and "white."

She couldn't understand this because the water was coming from the same source. Along the way, there were similar signs.

Mildred was the first African-American and first woman elected as the Middlesex County Sheriff. This was a huge accomplishment and one that she deservedly earned.

Here's hoping one day that we don't have to preface a title with an ethnicity, gender, or religion.

There was a comment in referencing to why February was chosen as Black History Month. Some suggested it was because it's the shortest month and the accomplishments of Black Americans are being short-changed. This is not the case.

*The precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week". This week was chosen because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and of Frederick Douglass on February 14, both of which dates black communities had celebrated together*

*er since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.* ([www.asalh.org/](http://www.asalh.org/))

Dean Schomburg recalled how his late Aunt Delores supported his grandfather, Arturo's work and she became his (Dean's) guiding light. "She wrote a family tree and kept all correspondence that my Grandfather had. She passed away in 1984. My grandfather, Arturo collected every piece of information regarding accomplish-

ments of African-Americans. He collected over 10,000 books. His legacy is assured. With the Schomburg Center, his work will always shine."

As with the first 4 recipients of the Schomburg Award, Sheriff Scott's story is something to inspire all, no matter what race or gender you are. Follow her road map and you'll be fine.

C.M.

Pallone Announces Rutgers Research Grants Totaling \$800,000

Press Release 2/21/18  
WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced three research grants for Rutgers University totaling nearly \$800,000. The grants will fund research into breast cancer, sleep and metabolism diseases, and liver fibrosis.

"As technologies and science improve and progress, our commitment to cancer prevention and other disease and health research must be

strengthened as well," said Congressman Pallone. "These grants bring us one step closer to curing debilitating diseases and conditions. I am proud that Rutgers University, one of the leading research institutions in the world, is receiving these grants. I know it will put them to good use."

Congressman Pallone is the Ranking Member on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which oversees health-care.



Military Timeline, Proprietary House, Perth Amboy 2/18/18  
\*Photos by Anton Massopust III & Mary Ellen Pavlovsky



New Jersey Garden Show, Raritan Expo Center, Edison 2/23/18  
\*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Mikell's Plot Rocks the U.S. Amateur Team East Chess Tournament 2/18/18  
\*Photos Submitted by Michael O'Connor





### Estate Sale

437 Bruck Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ  
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9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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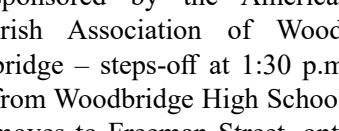
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### Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

WOODBIDGE – The Woodbridge St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Sunday, March 11, 20189 - sponsored by the American Irish Association of Woodbridge – steps-off at 1:30 p.m. from Woodbridge High School, moves to Freeman Street, onto Linden Avenue, to Amboy Ave. (Route 35) to Main Street, concluding in front of Town Hall. Enjoy more than 80 marching units, including traditional Irish Pipe Bands and Step Dancers, Irish-themed parade floats and displays, marching bands representing all three Woodbridge Township high schools, representatives from Township fire departments, first aid and emergency response squads, members of Woodbridge scouting organizations and community, civic, sports, and neighborhood associations.




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**Date: March 8, 2018**  
**Time: 5:00PM**  
**Where: Main Campus-612 Amboy Ave.**

For more information, please visit our main  
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**Perth Amboy, NJ 08861**  
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### South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - The 2018 Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be on Sunday, March 18, 2018. The 2018 Honorees are: Grand Marshal: Brian J. Kelly; Deputy Grand Marshal: George Fuller. Honorary Grand Marshal: Dennis Doll; Special Honored Guests: Joan Antonucci, Pete and Cathy DiMaggio; Master of Ceremonies: Barry Rosengarten.

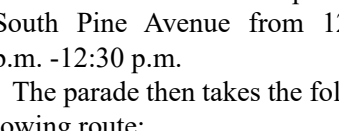
Marchers will line up on South Pine Avenue from 12 p.m. -12:30 p.m.

The parade then takes the following route:

- Head North on S. Pine St.
- Turn Right onto Bordentown Avenue
- Turn Left onto South Stevens
- Turn Right on Main Street
- Turn Right on Broadway

The parade ends on Broadway at the reviewing stage.

Reminder: No open containers. For more information and a full list of parade rules go to: <https://www.southamboyparade.com/>



### Wild, Ancient, Hidden, Gorgeous IRELAND

*A Photographic Journey with Joel Simpson*

Press Release 2/23/18  
WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - On Monday, March 12 at 6:30 PM join professional photographer Joel Simpson of Joel Simpson Photography for a virtual tour of Ireland, both the Republic and Northern Ireland at the Woodbridge Main Library.

Ireland, exudes authenticity: its landscape, alternately lush and stark; its prehistoric, ancient and Medieval sites; its small towns and villages; the rich geology of its breathtaking, rugged coastlines and interior wonders; its “haunted” ruins; its spectacular flora—and its reassuring lack of commercialism. You'll see the same scenes today that inspired early 19th Century plein air painters from all over Europe: the same towns with overgrown riverbanks, the ruins of castles, abbeys and churches, the cows and sheep in the fields, the narrow, winding roads flanked by stone walls and covered with hanging wild flowering plants or bowing trees.

The weather is famously changing, making for interesting skies, with intermittent rain and sun during the course of a day.

Photographer Joel Simpson drove around the whole island in two different rental cars, seeing both well-known sites and little-known ones, and making discoveries on his own that were not in the guidebooks. He flew his drone many times,

coming home with aerial views and movies of ancient sites and spectacular coastlines.

You'll see all this and more in his 90-minute slide show. Ireland is an easy country to visit (although sometimes the roads get very narrow.) He'll also talk about important practicalities, itineraries, and things to watch out for, including how to do it on your own and how to do it on a budget. In addition he'll give some photographic advice. Questions are, as always, very welcome.

New Jersey native, Joel Simpson, has been photographing since he was a teenager in the 1960s. In addition to being a 35mm amateur for most of his life, he gained a doctorate in comparative literature from Brown; taught college English, French and Italian; pursued jazz piano for 22 years and created prize-winning multi-media music software that sold worldwide.



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### AUL está aceptando aplicaciones para la lotería del año escolar 2018-2019, para los grados 7-11. La lotería

**Día: March 8, 2018**  
**Hora: 5:00 PM**  
**Lugar : Main Campus-612 Amboy Ave.**

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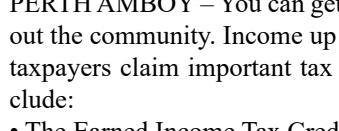
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- Premium Tax Credit
- Child/Childcare Credit

Get your tax return prepared at these locations; Call to schedule an appointment:  
**Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center**, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 – 732-826-1690;  
**Perth Amboy Public Library**, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 – 732-826-2600;  
**Hansen Building**, 415 Fayette St. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861; Feb. 20, 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 732-442-0384;  
**Jewish Renaissance Foundation**, 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 732-324-2114, ext. 1111



### Next Week, March 7, 2018 is Our St. Patrick's Day Issue Call for Our Special Advertising Rates! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610





## A.O.H.

### 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

PERTH AMBOY – The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America Division 3 of Perth Amboy, NJ will celebrate their 70th Year Anniversary on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, 2018 with our annual flag raising at City Hall at 11 a.m. and following with an open house at 12 Noon at 428 Brace Ave. Come over to see what Ireland is like in the States with music, bar, and the best part a complimentary sandwich with the purchase of a beverage. Please stop by and celebrate with us to have a good crowd. Make a donation for the purpose of keeping the Irish Society Alive. Thank you and see you there.

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The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area)  
For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.

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Check out Our Website for Breaking News!

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## Middlesex County College

*Open House at Perth Amboy Center*

PERTH AMBOY – Take the Next Step for a Better Future! Thursday, March 15, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Center, 60 Washington St., Perth Amboy, N.J. Whether you want to start or continue your college education or improve your English language skills, Middlesex County College is the right choice.

Come learn about admissions, financial aid, ESL, and job training programs, plus meet our students and alumni.

Register at [middlesexcc.edu/perth-amboy-center](http://middlesexcc.edu/perth-amboy-center). (Information is at the bottom of the page.) Held in English and Spanish.

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## *Spring Breakfast Buffet*

PERTH AMBOY – The Ukrainian Assumption Parish Holy Name Society is having an all you can eat Spring Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ukrainian Assumption School Cafeteria (Meredith & Jacques Streets, Perth Amboy). The Brunch Menu includes: scrambled eggs, egg soufflé, omelets (made to order), hash browns, pancakes, fruits, bacon, sausage, coffee, tea, juice and more... Donation: \$10 Adults; \$5 ages 6-12; children under 6 – free. Tickets are available in advance after each Mass or by calling Charlie at 732-254-3966.

## **VITA (United Way) Tax Assistance @ Dowdell Library**

Press Release 2/5/18

SOUTH AMBOY - Need help preparing your taxes? Sign up NOW to reserve one of the limited spaces provided by VITA (United Way). VITA free tax preparation assistance for individuals earning less than \$64,000 per year is available on the following dates. To register: 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org  
Wednesday, March 21 from 10 am-2:30 pm  
Monday, March 26 from 4-8 pm  
Monday, April 9 - Drop off service only 10 am– 12 noon. Pick up return on Wednesday April 11.

Stop by the library in February on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm for Family Lego Maze. Build the craziest and wackiest maze out of Legos and guide your marble through to the end. We'll supply the Legos, you supply the maze outline!

Take part in Dowdell's Winter Olympics Palooza! Join us for live streaming of the games, Winter Olympics Wii U Contest, Marshmallow Stacking, Making your own Flag and other activities throughout February! No registration is required.

To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. For more information, please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

## *Chili Cook Off*

WOODBIDGE - Ready for the "Cook-Off"!!! The chefs are "Heating-Up" for the 11th Annual Woodbridge Township Charity Chili Cook-Off on Sun., March 4... LIVE from J.J. Biting Brewing Co., 33 Main Street, in Downtown Woodbridge from Noon - 2:00 PM. Don't have a chili recipe!!! No problem!!! Come spend the afternoon sampling the best chili and the best local brew Woodbridge has to offer!!! Contact Eileen Caggiano at: (732) 596-4048 or e-mail Eileen.Caggiano@twp.woodbridge.nj.us or [www.njbrewpubs.com](http://www.njbrewpubs.com). The Heat is on Us!!!! All proceeds donated to a Woodbridge Charitable Cause.

## *Breakfast Fundraiser*

HOPELAWN - There will be a breakfast fundraiser sponsored by Los Criollos at the Good Shepherd Parish in Msgr. Gambino Hall, 625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$8 pp. Please contact Susan Nieves for tickets. Walk-Ins welcome. Menu includes: eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, bread, orange juice or coffee. All proceeds to benefit medical expenses for Jennifer Lopez-Soltren.

Jenn is Good Shepherd Parishioner who is a 35-year-old single mother of a 10 year old daughter. Two and a half years ago, she began having seizures and was diagnosed with brain cancer. Since then, she has undergone several radiation and chemo treatments. Recently, her condition has deteriorated, her speech has been affected, and is limited to two to three words and is often unintelligible. Jennifer's doctor reported that they have exhausted all treatments to try to eradicate this disease. We are being told it's time to make end of life preparations. Giving up is not an option! Cancer had done its damage, no doubt, but with strong faith and love, we believe all things are possible. We need your help to get there. The financial burden is real and it's a MAJOR obstacle Jennifer faces. Out-of-pocket expenses, co-pays, deductibles, and prescription costs all add up, and financial resources are limited. Jennifer and her family need your help.

Please support this event or donate what you can and share this story with all your friends and family. Your encouragement and prayers make all the difference. The support of generous souls and the power of LOVE . . . from the bottom of our hearts we say THANK YOU!

## *Tricky Tray/ Gift Auction*

PERTH AMBOY - The St Ann Society of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption is sponsoring a "OVER THE RAINBOW" Tricky Tray/Gift Auction on March 4, 2018 to be held in the Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, 380 Meredith St, Perth Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 12:00 pm and the Auction starts at 2:00 PM. Admission is \$10. There will be 4 levels of wonderful prizes as well as other special raffles including a LG 49" LED Ultra HD 4K Smart TV with HDR, a Designer Bag raffle, Gift Card Extravaganza, Its Your Lucky Day and Money Raffle. Complimentary cake and coffee to all. The Kitchen, sponsored by the men of the Holy Name Society, will be open for lunch, serving delicious foods like, cabbage and noodles, kielbasa and kraut and much more.... Please No Outside Food or Beverage to be brought in. Tickets are available in advance from any St Ann's member or at the door the day of the auction. For more information you can call the rectory at 732-826-0767. Looking forward to seeing you "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

## *Hungarian Homemade Nut Rolls*

WOODBIDGE - Sponsored by the Lorantffy Women's Guild of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Woodbridge. Each individually hand rolled made from the best ingredients each weighing 1lb 8oz. Available in English Walnut, Poppy Seed, Prune-Lekvar, Apricot and Raspberry. Price \$16 each. Orders accepted by Sunday, March 11, 2018. Orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, Mach 23, 2018 between 12 p.m. and 4 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

## *Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz Sale*

WOODBIDGE – Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge. Sale is Friday, March 23, 2018. Place your orders with Audrey Marciniak: 732-494-1431; Price \$5.50 per lb. Deadline for order Sunday, March 18, 2018. Orders may be picked-up on the day of the sale between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Use Ross Street entrance in back of the church. If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your orders for Kolbasz at the same time.

## *Corned Beef Dinner*

SAYREVILLE - There will be a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ on Saturday, March 17, 2018, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Cost: Adults: \$12.00; Seniors/Students/Children 5-12 \$8.00; Children under 5 – Free - Spaghetti & Meatballs

Dinner includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti & Meatballs, Boiled Cabbage Carrots, Boiled Potatoes Rye Bread or Roll, Beverages Dessert.Take Out Available.

For questions or tickets, contact Winsome Melvin 732-432-9072.

## *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Troop 53, BSA*

FORDS - Troop 53, BSA, Our Lady of Peace Church, Fords, NJ is Celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All Troop alumni is asked to join us in celebrating 75 years of service and rededicate to the future. For more information contact troop53fordsnj@gmail.com

## **Tooling Around the Township**

**Mayor John E. McCormac**  
WOODBIDGE – Tooling Around the Township is a program that organizes teams of local community volunteers to make repairs to the homes of senior citizens, disabled, and low-income residents unable to do so themselves or residents presently facing a financial hardship.

You and/or organization or business can play an important role in this annual community effort by volunteering a few hours of your time on Tooling day or by donating materials/supplies.

We Need: Volunteers – both skilled and unskilled. (Please complete VOLUNTEER Form on website)

Sponsors/Donations – you can support this project monetarily, by employee volunteers and/or donation of materials such as paint brushes, roofing materials, etc. (Please complete Sponsors/Donations Form on website.)

If you or someone you know fits the program criteria stated above and could use the help of this program or would like to volunteer, donate or be a sponsor, please call 732-602-6015. More information can be found on the Township's website [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) or by emailing [tooling@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:tooling@twp.woodbridge.nj.us) Tooling Around the Township is Saturday, April 28, 2018.

## *Edison AARP Ch. 3446*

EDISON - **Events:**

**March 16:** The Brownstone - St. Patrick's Day Lunch Show - For information call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659

**March 23 & May 18:** AARP Driver Education Course - For information call Bob at 732-885-1789

For information on the Knitting and Crocheting club, contact Kay at 732-548-1976.

Canned goods & miscellaneous Items for hospitals and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting.

For additional information, visit our website at [www.edisonaarp.org](http://www.edisonaarp.org).

## *Volunteer Firefighters Needed*

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430.

## *What to do in an Active Shooting Situation?*

PERTH AMBOY – The Cathedral International presents: What to do in an Active Shooting Situation. Learn how to respond to an active shooter in church. Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral, 277 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy. Members, Staff, Leaders, Ushers, Security, Choirs, and all concerned are all welcome to attend. Visitors and the Community are welcome to attend. [www.Cathedralinternational.org](http://www.Cathedralinternational.org)

## *Call for Murals Art Exhibit*

PERTH AMBOY – Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts, 339 Reade St. Perth Amboy. The Gateway Neighborhood Collaborative is putting a call for artists to submit as the next mural in the Gateway Neighborhood. Artwork must incorporate one of the following themes: Perth Amboy History, Perth Amboy Waterfront, Urban Culture, or Education. How to Submit:

1. Submit your artwork to [www.partnernj.org](http://www.partnernj.org)
2. Artists can submit up to 3 works of art
3. Once accepted, artists will receive a confirmation with the application and drop off dates
4. Mural renderings will be on display at the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Art Exhibit.



# Letters to the Editor

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ing other adults who happened to be in a school or a student who had a gripe with another student or teacher. Moreover, the press did not harp repeatedly about them, if they covered them at all.

We did not have the trauma of today's youth. All we had were assassinations, riots, and an unpopular war. We even got to watch the murder of President Kennedy's alleged assassin on live TV. But we didn't have the stresses of today's youth, Please...!

The ambiguous gun laws of today did not exist. Guns were much more accessible than they are today.

The term "assault rifle" was not heard of, although they did exist and were available to the civilian population in semi-automatic, even then civilians were not allowed to own fully automatic or machine guns. Then they were just rifles not "Assault Rifles".

Some schools in NJ and other states had shooting teams that competed against each other just like football and baseball teams. Some kids even brought their rifles and ammunition with them on the school bus. No one gave it a second thought, because using them on their fellow classmates wasn't thought of.

So, what changed? Why do some kids want to murder their fellow students in today's day and age?

What has changed children's minds and attitudes that move them to murder?

Take for instance the Columbine murders, (I refer to this tragic incident not because it was the first or worst, because it was neither, but because it seems to be the one most remembered and referred to).

Columbine led to many studies into the motives and reasons for this behavior. Things like bullying, music, video games, gun control, social climate, Goth culture, mental illness..., were studied by a multitude of experts with no conclusive re-

sults. There were some that saw these two kids as modern day revolutionist radicals, but at the same time made sure to point out that they disagreed with their methods, (yea, if you believe that, I have a bridge for sale). In fact some kids see these two as heroes, think what they did was cool and want to emulate them. Now that is scary.

Some insist it was because they were bullied. We have always had bullies even back when I was a kid. They have existed since man first walked upright and as long as human beings remain human they will always exist, no matter how much you try to legislate it away. So that's not it.

Is it because they were having a bad day? Well we've all had good days and bad days, it didn't make us want to shoot kids. Nope, that's not it.

It's the availability of guns. Nope, covered that already, they were more readily available, (that means easier to get your hands on for those who have trouble understanding), so no, that's not it, and stop deflecting to gun control. So, what's happening?

One of the things studied, but adamantly dismissed by the left, is parenting. The left tries to point out that parenting has nothing to do with it and if nothing else the parents of the shooters are living with the guilt of their child's deeds and are suffering just as badly as the parents of the murdered children are. Maybe so, but that guilt will not bring that murdered child back.

A good example is when one of the parents of the Columbine murderers found a homemade pipe bomb in his son's closet. He reacted immediately by grounding him, taking his sons car away, taking away his computer privileges, and conducting surprise inspections of his room. A lot of good that did, the son and his friend just made the bombs in the garage while dad-

dy was home working on his computer, (but at least his room was bomb free).

When I read that I imagined what my father would do if he found a bomb in my room: "That's it son, this time you've really crossed the line. Your grounded, and I'm taking away your Etch A Sketch, (we didn't have computers or video games), and tomorrow I'm making an appointment with Dr. Feelgood to get you some happy pills". Yea, right!

Another example is an 18-year-old who was living in North Carolina with his parents and was obsessed with Columbine. The kid had a history of mental issues and even tried to commit suicide on the anniversary of the Columbine murders. He convinced his mother to drive him to Littleton so he could video tape the high school where the murders took place. Then he asked her to drive past the house where Eric Harris used to live, and she did. Before they left Colorado, he bought a black trench coat. Hello, mom! Knock-knock, anyone home? Apparently not. A few months later he shot and killed his father then went down to a local school and shot and wounded two students.

It seems whenever you mention parenting, parents jump on their high horses and take offense. Not my sweet child, we're good parents. That may be, but are you involved with and pay attention to your offspring. And I don't mean taking him/her to their soccer game and going to PTA meetings. Do you know who your child is talking to on their electronic device, more importantly, what are they talking about? That's not to say that your child is a potential murderer, but studies have found that, in most of these murders, students knew in advance that something was odd about their fellow classmate, but either said nothing or thought nothing of it.

If you hear or see, for instance, the names Klebold or

Harris or any other mass murderer come up in casual conversation between your child and his/her friends, it's time to pay attention.

Then the excuse of privacy and giving your child space comes up. Well how much space and how much privacy? If eavesdropping on your child bothers you, get over it. It might save his/her life or the life of someone else's child.

Then there are the parents who own firearms. Many of the school murderers were minors. How did these minors get their hands on a gun? They got it from their own homes or the home of a friend. Hey parents, WAKE UP, if you have firearms and children in your house your responsibility has just quadrupled. You do not put a loaded gun in a shoebox and keep it in the closet where you are sure your child will not get his hands on it. That's just stupid and irresponsible.

If you want to teach your child about the safe handling of firearms and how to shoot, by all means, go right ahead. The time to teach them the proper and safe handling of firearms is when they are young. However, when the lesson is over lock up the gun so junior does not have access to it. Moreover, make sure that junior knows that the only time he/she is allowed to handle it is when you are with him/her. How to drive that point home is up to the individual parents but make sure the point is driven home.

There are people, powerful people, who want to see guns banned from this country period, which is their only agenda. They constantly use any excuse to bring up their anti-gun agenda, and care about nothing else. These people use skewed statistics and false statements to manipulate the left like a puppet master manipulates his puppets.

A perfect example of this was the alleged fact that there have been 18 school shootings so far this year leading some to be-

lieve that kids are being killed left and right. And the left goes; Waaaaa, we need gun control.

In actuality; nine of the incidents involved no deaths or injuries, 2 were suicides, (one of which occurred in the parking lot of a school that was abandoned), and 3 were unintentional discharges. There were three school shooting incidents which would be considered by most to be mass shootings, which is three too many. What we need is people control, but that would be offensive. That would violate people's rights. It would be much better to violate the second amendment after all that does not violate people's rights.

The anti-gunners harp about the accessibility of guns and things like magazine capacities, none of which would have prevented these tragedies They then politicize the "school shooting" to try to advance their agenda using the children, as if they cared about the children, all they care about is banning guns, so they can then advance their socialist agenda. These same people then have the audacity to claim that the Republicans and the NRA have blood on their hands and do not care about the children when the exact opposite is true.

No, it is the left who has blood on their hands for refusing to see or acknowledge all of the problems involved, parenting being the most important one. Instead they keep listening to their puppet masters and keep harping about the guns. Gun, guns, guns, is all they can talk about or care about. They are the ones who do not give a hoot about the children, just their anti-gun agenda.

The left seems to go by the old saying; the squeaky wheel gets the grease. What they don't seem to realize is that the squeaky wheel also gets replaced over time.

Joe Bayona

## Tom's Tax Tips

### Taxes and Virtual Currencies: What You Need to Know

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A. Virtual currencies are all the rage lately. Here are some tax consequences you must know if you decide to dip your toe in that world.

#### The IRS is paying close attention

The first thing to know is that the IRS is scrutinizing virtual currency transactions, so if you live in the U.S. you'll have to report your transactions in Bitcoins and the like to the IRS. Despite some early misconceptions, virtual currency transac-

tions can be traced back to their owners by governments and other cyber sleuths.

In fact, the IRS just won a case late in 2017 against the prominent virtual currency storage company Coinbase, allowing the agency to access records of more than 14,000 customers and assess back taxes on those who haven't properly reported their transactions.

If you decide to use or hold virtual currencies, carefully report and pay tax on your transactions. Act as if you are going to be audited, because if you

don't, you just might be!

#### It's property, not money

Note that the IRS doesn't consider Bitcoin or other virtual currencies as money, because they aren't legal tender. Instead, they are considered property. That means that if you are paid in Bitcoin, you will have to report it as income based on its fair market value on the date you received it.

And, if you sell Bitcoin, you have to pay tax on your gain using the cost (basis) of when you received it. The IRS has said that if Bitcoin is held as a capi-

tal asset, like a stock or a bond, then you would pay capital gains tax. Otherwise, if it is not held as a capital asset (for example if it is treated as inventory that you intend to sell to customers), it would be taxed as ordinary income.

Example: Craig Crypto *bought a single Bitcoin on Dec. 29, 2016 for \$967. After holding it as an investment (capital asset) for a year, Craig sold his Bitcoin for \$14,492. He reports and pays 15 percent tax as a capital gain on his profit of \$13,525.*

**Be aware of the risk** In addition to the increased oversight by the IRS, virtual currencies are at risk of virtual theft with no recourse to a government agency like the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which insures U.S. bank balances. Do your research on storage and security before you invest. And if you need help with any tax questions related to virtual currency, don't hesitate to call.



# 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.*

Gen Hans-Jürgen von Arnim's Fifth Panzer Army launches a five-day counterattack in northern Tunisia on February 26, gaining some ground. British Eighth Army commander, Gen. Bernard Montgomery, issues the plan for "Operation Pugilist," intended to smash the Axis's Mareth defensive line in southern Tunisia. In Poland, the Auschwitz concentration camp receives its first shipment of Romani (gypsies) deported from Germany.

In Germany, Gen. Heinz Guderian on February 27 is appointed Inspector-General of Armored Troops and is given wide-ranging powers to strengthen the *Wehrmacht's* tank arm. On the civilian front in the Third Reich, "Operation Factory Action" begins as the last 8,000 Jews in Berlin are to be gathered up for deportation. Most are factory workers, who until now had been exempted from deportation. Within 24 hours, those rounded up are on their way to Auschwitz.

*SS United Victory*, the first Victory Ship class of cargo vessel, is launched in Portland, Oregon, on February 28. Nine Norwegian commandos successfully climb down the steep gorge on one side of the German "heavy water" plant at Telemark, Norway, and work their way up a 500-foot, almost-sheer rock face to reach the plant on the other side of the gorge. Undetected, they gain entrance to the facility and successfully set and detonate their explosives, ruining the plant. All the commandos escape safely, without taking or inflicting any casualties. Germany's atomic-weapons development program is set back years by the attack.

On March 1, the Allies launch "Operation Cartwheel," a two-pronged assault on Japan. One prong, led by Adm. Chester Nimitz, will push through the central Pacific, while the other, under Gen. Douglas MacArthur, will maintain the pressure on New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. The plan is that the two prongs will isolate and neutralize the powerful Japanese base at Rabaul, on New Britain, and will come together in the Philippines and Formosa. In the U.S., the Office of Price Administration begins rationing canned and bottled fruits, vegetables, soups, baby foods and dehydrated fruits. Canned meats and fish are already generally unavailable. The Royal Air Force and the U.S. Army Air Forces conduct a 30-minute bombing raid on Berlin, killing 486 people and injuring over 370 others.

A major Japanese effort to reinforce troops at Lae, New Guinea, is dealt a shattering blow on March 2 at the Battle of the Bismarck Sea. A convoy of eight transports and four destroyers — carrying 6,900 soldiers (a division) — is mostly destroyed by U.S. and Australian land-based bombers and attack aircraft; the USAAF's B-25 Mitchell bombers are especially effective. Only around 1,200 Japanese soldiers reach New Guinea. In Berlin, 1,500 Jewish men, women and children are deported to Auschwitz concentration camp; 1,350 of them are executed upon arrival.

On March 3, at 8:17 a.m., air-raid sirens sound throughout London. While trying to enter the Bethnal Green Underground (subway) station — a designated air-raid shelter — 173 Londoners are killed in a crush on the blacked-out stairwell. In the darkness, a woman carrying a baby trips and falls three steps from the bottom. Unable to see, people following her fall over them until there is a tangled pile of over 300 bodies. Those on the bottom, mostly women and children, are crushed and asphyxiated. Another 90 are seriously injured. It is believed to be the largest single loss of civilian lives in the United Kingdom during the war.

The 50th trainload of Jews departs from France for the Majdanek and Sobibór concentration camps in Poland on March 4. In Los Angeles, the 15th Academy Awards ceremony is held. The movie "Mrs. Miniver" is named Best Picture, and its star, Greer Garson, wins the Oscar for Best Actress.

**Ask the Rabbi**  
PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - On Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> Rabbi Sara Metz of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Menlo Park Mall food court (near Panera) at noon. Rabbi Metz will answer all questions asked and will also discuss current events and subjects of interest.

**Custom Smoker Raffle**  
SOUTH AMBOY – South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Rd. is having a Custom Smoker Raffle. Tickets are \$5 each. Drawing Date: Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 4 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Army of Hope. For more info call: 732-727-7170. Id# 444-6-2941 LIC# RL-3-2018.

**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, Mar. 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.



**Atlantic City Bus Trip**  
**Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church**  
PERTH AMBOY – AC Bus Trip to the Tropicana Casino on Sunday, March 11, 2018. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 pm - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$30 pp (\$25 slot play). Bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726. Payment due ASAP. NO REFUND FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS!

**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. We are now accepting 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: Mar. 10 & 24. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friends of perthamboy library@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

**Have a Special Pet?**  
E-mail us your Pet Photos to Amboy-Guardian@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.

**Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting**  
PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 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.

**Fish & Chicken Fry**  
SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, March 16, 2018. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5:00 p.m. and dining room seating will be from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.



**Pet of the Week**  
Jean with dog, Hunter

**Blood Drive**  
PERTH AMBOY – There will be a blood drive at St. Stephen's Church School Cafeteria, Mechanic Street Entrance on Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Having an adequate blood supply is a public health and safety issue. Blood donors are needed to save lives!

**Greek Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony**  
PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288 presents the Greek Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony. Join us, so together we can commemorate and show our pride for 197 years of Independence on Friday, March 23, 2018 at City Hall Circle, 260 High St., Perth Amboy. RSVP: by March 12, 2018 George N. Petrakakis – gpetrakakis@outlook.com – 732-522-3797.

**2018 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars**

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The Kearny Cottage Historical Association  
and  
The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library

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.*

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15

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An Evening with Seamus Kennedy

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Parade Committee proudly presents a St. Patrick’s Day celebration with Seamus Kennedy. On Friday, March 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Community Theatre of South Amboy at South Amboy High School. Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Seamus Kennedy has been entertaining audiences across the United States for almost four decades combining music with humor. In this interactive performance, Kennedy invites audiences to sing along to silly lyrics and to jump up and dance to the music of his guitar or bodhrán as he plays a lively Irish jig or reel. Seamus Kennedy’s clear baritone voice delivers on cherished Irish ballads like “Danny Boy”. The Community Theatre of South Amboy is located within the South Amboy Middle High School complex at 200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, NJ 08879. To reserve your free ticket visit [www.southamboyarts.org](http://www.southamboyarts.org) Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts / Department of State. Free Admission

Celebrate! The Year of the Dog - Presented by the Edison Chinese School -

Press Release  
SOUTH AMBOY — The Dowdell Library of South Amboy and the Edison Chinese School will hold a FREE event at the Dowdell Library on Sunday, April 15th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fun activities will be available for the whole family, so mark your calendar!  
“This will be an opportunity to experience a unique cultural event,” said Elaine Gaber, Library Director. “Community members of all ages will have the opportunity to enjoy authentic Chinese culture and refreshments.”  
The “Celebrate the Year of the Dog” event will begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp with a dazzling Lion Dance performed by students from the Edison Chinese School. A delightful traditional dance, fashion show, and orchestral performance will follow. Moreover, art stations featuring Chinese brush painting, calligraphy and origami demonstrations will be showcased with several DIY crafts for children and adults.

Attendees with food tickets will be treated to traditional Chinese refreshments at the conclusion of the program.  
The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School on John T. O’Leary Blvd. Directions: [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org) Free parking. For more information, please contact the Dowdell Library at 732.721.6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).

Senior Scene Happenings

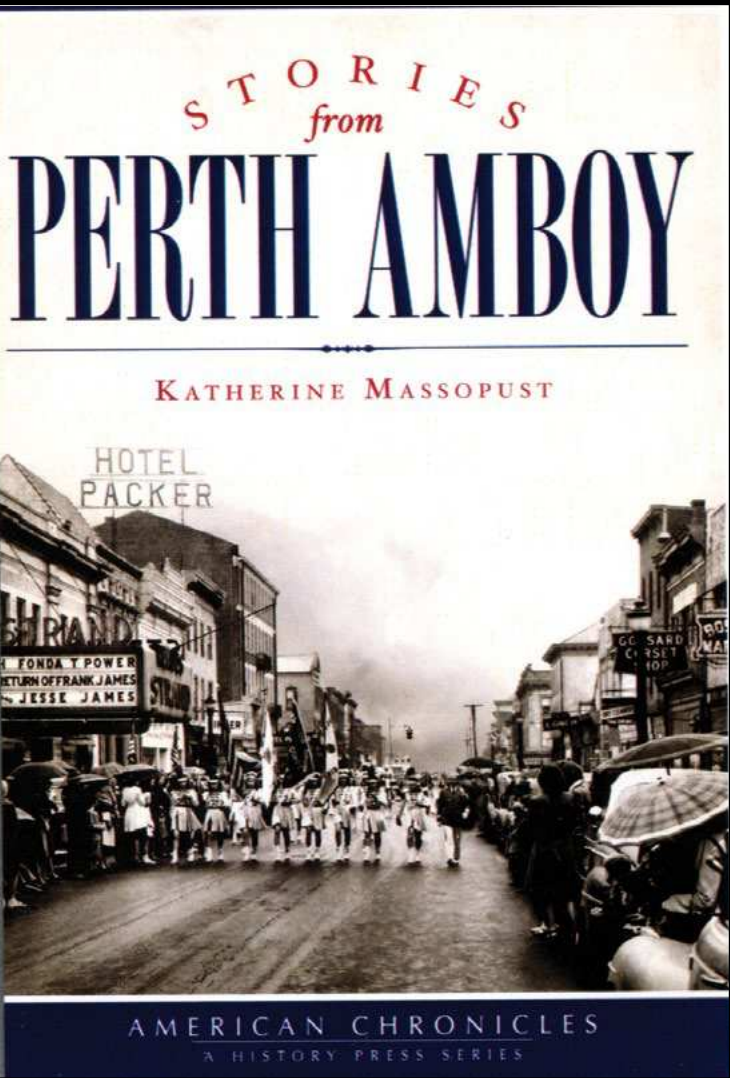
- Perth Amboy**  
TUES. Feb. 27 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
• Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.  
WED. Feb. 28 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.  
THURS. Mar. 1 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
MON. Mar. 5 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES. Mar. 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. Mar. 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. Mar. 8 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**  
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13. Mine product
14. Bait contraption
15. Castle's watery ditch
16. By means of
17. "How have you \_\_\_\_?"
18. Bird's chirp
20. Previously owned
21. Reached accord
24. That guy
26. Ice-skate runner
27. Patriot Franklin, familiarly
28. Play segment
31. Produce (eggs)
32. Cherished ones
34. Spooky shout
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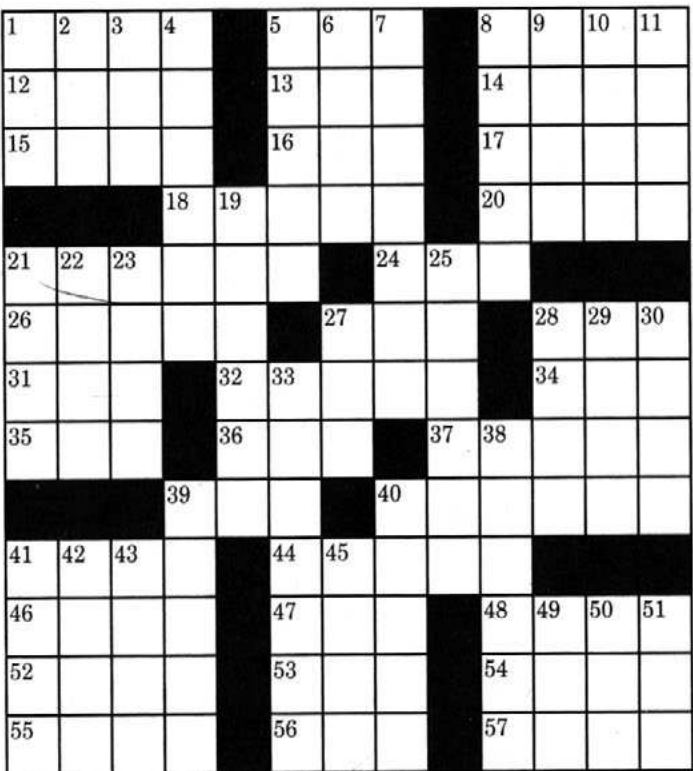
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1. Beaver's building project
2. \_\_\_\_ de Janeiro
3. Ms. Lupino
4. Stroked (a dog)
5. Changed residences

6. Cleveland's Great Lake

7. Tanned cowhide
8. Snapshot book
9. Feels regret
10. Arbor Day planting
11. Transmit
19. Removed dandelions
21. Skilled enough
22. Elated
23. Beams (of light)
25. Not out of doors
27. Good's opposite
28. Adam's shepherd son
29. Layer (of paint)
30. Throw gently

33. Foes
38. Wiped off bookshelves
39. To one side
40. Vigilant
41. Exceeded the posted limit
42. "To \_\_\_\_ and to hold ..."
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