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Discussions on Water Meters & Safety, County-Owned Buildings

5/21/18 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – At the 5/21/18 Caucus, after the call to order, the Council immediately went into closed session. They returned approximately 30 minutes later at 5:10 p.m.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez questioned the agenda item pertaining to the Purchase of Water Meters and Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project. The suggested contractor for this project was Sensus USA, Inc. Gonzalez argued that the Council needed more backup information about this.

Director of Operations USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) Luis Perez Jimenez came up to answer Gonzalez's concerns. He stated, "The existing meters are 20 years old. We went to various vendors. The existing vendor we have now does not have tamper-proof meters. We have 1,200 Sensor meters in the system, now."

Council President William Petrick then asked, "Can the existing meters in the system be wired for radio transmission?"

Perez Jimenez responded, "We already have this in place and there's no need to have meters at houses."

Gonzalez still insisted, "We should wait on this until we get a new water company."

Perez Jimenez continued, "The new company coming in can use the new meters which will be installed."

Petrick then added, "We're bringing in a new billing system in-house."

Perez Jimenez then explained there will no longer be a need for meters at houses. "The readings will be power-driven by the water itself."

The meeting was then opened up to the public.

A resident from Prospect Street had a question about Communication No. 10 dealing with the Market Street Bridge Pedestrian Crossing. She asked what is the status and when it will be fixed. "When will signs be posted for the pedestrians who need to cross the bridge?"

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to speak, "There were four signs (advising pedestrians that they need to walk on the other side of the street) posted."



(L to R) Councilman Helmin Caba, B.A. Adam Cruz, PE, BCEE, Senior Project Manager from CDM Smith Howard S. Matteson, Director of Operations at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) Luis Perez Jimenez at the 5/21/18 Caucus
*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

B.A. Adam Cruz then spoke up regarding the bridge on Fayette Street. "It will cost between \$8 million and \$10 million to fix that Bridge. There are people on site who are working on the Market Street Bridge."

The resident then voiced concerns, "Cars are speeding on Prospect Street and no one imposes the speeding laws."

Resident Robert Mesy came up to speak and proclaimed, "We need clean water! People that live in back of me play loud music and park in my driveway. They play their loud music very late at night."

Resident Ken Balut asked the Council if they were informed of the Nationwide Memorial Service to honor firemen. "We pay someone \$75,000 a year to notify you of events. I got the notification on Facebook. You go to private sessions about personnel matters. I hear there's one lawsuit against the police being settled for six figures. And what about our water problems?"

Petrick answered, "Water will be talked about in a private session. The new meters will be installed prior to the new water company coming in. We need to put in new meters because the old ones were being tampered with."

Balut then asked, "How many people were charged for tampering with water meters?"

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak. He questioned the installation of a lawn irrigation system at 56 Brighton Ave. for \$34,700. "That's a lot of money. The one by Waters stadium watered the streets and not the

grass. Do they work on a timer (system)?"

Petrick responded, "It could be on a timer or done manually. If it works correctly, there should be a sensor. In Iselin, I see streets being watered instead of the grass."

Silber then questioned, "Could some people be paying too much (for their water)?"

Petrick replied, "The meter readings will be done through a radio (transmission). This new company who bid can do this."

Perez Jimenez came up to comment, "We are purchasing 5,900 meters. They are tamper-proof. Certain commercial properties such as Crows Nest and some of Trujillo's buildings have certain kind of new meters. The water bills will be monthly."

Perez Jimenez then answered Balut's question in regard to has anybody ever been charged for tampering with water meters. "There is a bar on Hall Avenue that has been charged with meter tampering and also a house. We must have evidence before we can take these persons to court."

DPW Director Frank Hoffman came forward to talk about the Brighton Avenue lawn irrigation system. "There's a timer and it can also manually shut off if its raining. The timer is 15 minutes, then it shuts off. Everything is adjustable." Hoffman also responded to irrigation systems at City Hall and Dalton Field. "We do maintenance at the end of the season on their irrigation systems."

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Memorial Day Parade Perth Amboy 5/28/18

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All Gave Some... ...Some Gave All



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Clearing the Air and Then Some
5/23/18 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – Councilman Fernando Irizarry questioned, “What will happen to our Engineer of 30 years when the new water contract comes through?”

Law Director Peter King responded, “No one knows yet because we are rebidding.”

Business Administrator Adam Cruz responded to Irizarry’s inquiring regarding to new water meters that are going to be installed, “These readings can be done by scanning.”

Irizarry then had a question regarding resident’s concerns about the proposed units being built on the St. Demetrios property. “I want to know if they will only be for people of Greek ancestry?”

King responded, “They can’t do that.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke up and asked, “Were the 25 signatures on the petition (saying that they do not approve of the plan) forwarded to St. Demetrios Church? I went to the presentation. If people could see it, I think they would be pleased with the project. Only two people from the neighborhood were there.”

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak and asked Council President Petrick if he was aware of the ceremony at the Fire Department. He stated that some of the administrators or directors were not there.

Petrick responded, “The Fire Chief said it was very small and informal and only the on-duty firemen participated. They pulled out a fire truck during the ceremony.” (See the Perth Amboy Fire Department’s Facebook Page for more info.)

Balut continued, “It’s incompetent not to know the numbers (dollar amount the Schools and City are getting from PILOTS.) The administrators don’t know. You couldn’t read the numbers that were on the OPRA request information. You just give money to the rich. You get PACS from the rich money and give them the money back.”

Alan Silber came up to speak and told the Council that someone sent him a picture from Facebook showing him a picture of the Mayor and a City Employee in Puerto Rico. “Who paid for the trip? How much was the trip? And how many days were they there?”

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “We didn’t get any information on this.”

Silber continued and asked about the policy on nepotism. “You didn’t know about the change and was it changed back to the original (ordinance)?”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez responded, “I am meeting with the attorney about this. There may be some additional changes added.”

Silber then asked, “What about cronyism? It’s just as important. People were hired who are relatives of friends of the Mayor. What about our City’s website?”

Petrick said, “I don’t think anything has changed.”

Silber concluded remarking, “It’s (the website) been a year. Maybe he’s working on the next campaign.”

Adam Cruz spoke up to answer Silber’s question about the Mayor and City Employee’s trip to Puerto Rico. “There was no cost to the City.”

Resident Vince Mackiel came up next to speak about the water issue, “3 out of 8 wells were affected. If we have a drought or any other unusual weather conditions, are there any other water sources options?”

Petrick replied, “We can buy water from Middlesex Water Company. They already supply water to Woodbridge. There is incomplete data on the water safety issues.”

Mackiel continued, “I know there are a lot of important industries that stabilize our cities.”

Petrick said, “BASF is remediating the Plume. They will do an experimental process which the US-PA and NJDEP will monitor and provide us with expertise.”

Mackiel then asked, “Are businesses going to be connected to this? 30 years ago, the City lost 1 million gallons of water a day because of one business. Everyone should have to abide.”

Petrick then stated, “Businesses and residents will get new meters, accept for businesses that will need special meters.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez then added, “Even churches pay water bills. Depending on the type of business, they may need a different size meter.”

Parish Council President of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy, Judge Marina Corodemus came up to speak. She first thanked Councilman Fernando Irizarry for the prayers he said at the beginning of the meeting, “We pray for those not truthful about the church. We are putting back the community center and we are abiding by the Fair Housing Laws – Municipal, State, and Federal. I don’t need anyone coming up here to read the laws to me. People spread falsehoods. How miserable and soulless to attack a church? We invited the Council and Citizen Groups to come to a meeting. Religious and ethnic groups were invited to our church to see our plans. I’ve spoken about our plans. Why do some people hate the church? We could be in court filing defamation of character charges. I don’t know what more can be said. It will be a green building and you’ll be getting revenue. This will not be attacking the school system. There will be 24 2-bedroom apartments that are pre-fabs.”

A Resident from Kearny Avenue came up to speak, “The people talking against the church are a bunch of liars. They’re racists. Many Greeks are in this town. 3 or 4 white people are racists. We have been here 100 years. We never made any problems. The Mayor does good things. Don’t listen to them (the liars).”

Resident Dot Daniel came up to speak, “I have many friends from the Greek Church. We need proper housing for all. The Seniors are always asking me for help with housing. We haven’t had vouchers for years. 95% of people in housing units have jobs. Some two jobs. Seniors

have contributed (for years) and are in need of housing. They (St. Demetrios) are doing the right thing.”

Resident David Caba came up to speak, “I was asked to go to a Freeholders Meeting concerning the (County) park. It’s been 4 years. We (the PAHS Baseball Team) are in the County Championships for the first time. Maybe other towns have championships because they care about their youth. Look at the developers who abandoned projects. The real estate is rebounding and maybe that’s why Kushner wants to come back. He still hasn’t fixed Rector Street. I will ask about that park. Build a soccer field and restaurants at the Waterfront.”

Council President Petrick told Caba, “Permits are in place and there should be a ground-breaking in the fall.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “We didn’t ask you to go to a Freeholders Meeting.”

Irizarry then also spoke up stating, “We have not approved the 600 (Seagate) units.”

Caba responded, “I didn’t say you approved 600 units.”

Petrick spoke up again and said, “The playground, parking lot, and a soccer field were supposed to be a part of that park, but a cleanup has to be done first.”

When it came to Council Comments, Gonzalez asked to put in the agenda to have runoff requirements for elections. “They used to have it, but it was eliminated. Every major city has been represented by the majority of voters. Maybe it’s because we have been controlled by one party.”

City Clerk Elaine Jasko responded, “It was done to save money.”

Councilman Gonzalez stated, “Politicians in charge did it to benefit themselves.”

Councilman Irizarry asked that there be a dedication by rider for a Resolution (how PILOT money should be delegated).

Petrick responded, “It was done, but needs to be put on by the Council.”

King told the Council, “It was tabled.”

Irizarry continued and talked about the fences that were on one of railroad bridges, “They look like prisons.”

Cruz responded, “They were installed by the City for pedestrian safety.”

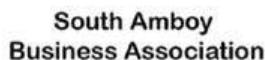
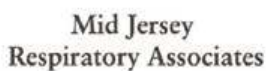
Council President Petrick added, “NJ Transit put up additional fences to keep out dumping.”

Irizarry then said he wanted to recognize two First Responders who prevented a suicide.

Joel Pabon said, “I want to thank the Greek Church for coming here to clean up some issues. I also want to thank Ms. Rivera for giving us the update on the upcoming (County) park. Parks don’t make championships. When I was growing up, we didn’t have great parks, but we played in those parks. Parks have improved dramatically. There are million-dollar parks



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Memorial Day Parades are Special



Memorial Day Parade Perth Amboy 5/28/18
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I love a parade, but I believe the music played should be appropriate.

Memorial Day was a great day for a parade in Perth Amboy and I was filled with pride watching the participants from every age group: the marching bands playing patriotic music, military apparatus, veterans, members of different City departments, youth organizations and everyone else in between.

The only thing that I found disheartening towards the end of the parade was the loud dance music playing from some of the vehicles.

I thought that I would be the only one that found this disturbing. I happened have a conversation with 4 women (3 who looked like they were in their late teens)who said they were pleasantly surprised by the parade. But, they couldn't understand why they were playing dance music for a Memorial Day parade. I told them I would be writing an editorial in regards to how I found this music disturbing for this parade. They told me that they agreed with me.

I had written an editorial about the same issue a few years ago.

I had gone to other events, such as the dedication of the Huey Helicopter at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Homdel which was very moving and tastefully done.

In the past, I would have people cover patriotic parades in Sayreville and South Amboy. I would ask the people who covered those parades if any of the participants played dance music during the parade. They told me, "No." So,

maybe I'm missing something here. Maybe someone can enlighten me why it has become so popular in Perth Amboy. There are a lot of patriotic songs that are uplifting. Why is dance music being allowed in this parade? This is puzzling to me.

Call me old-fashioned, but I remember watching military parades in Perth Amboy where a large contingent of military personnel marching: both veterans and active service personnel.

If anyone can tell me why the inclusion of dance music has been incorporated in the last couple of years, I'm all ears. As for me, I love a patriotic song, and let the dance music be left for a celebration of occasions such as St. Patrick's Day, Puerto Rican Festivals, Dominican Festivals, Mardi gras, etc.

Here are some Patriotic Songs for Memorial Day:

- 1) The Star-Spangled Banner
- 2) God Bless America
- 3) America the Beautiful
- 4) "It's America" - Rodney Atkins
- 5) "God Bless The USA" - Lee Greenwood
- 6) "For You" - Keith Urban
- 7) "If You're Reading This" - Tim McGraw
- 8) "American Soldier" - Toby Keith
- 9) "Home" - Dierks Bentley
- 10) "Only in America" - Brooks & Dunn
- 11) "Some Gave All" - Billy Ray Cyrus
- 12) "Still A Soldier" - Trace C.M.

Already Well Compensated

No one hold a gun to anyone's head when it comes time to choose a career. Yet it seems that certain segments in the "public service" realm believe that the taxpayers should take care of them both financially and benefits wise in perpetuity.

Memorial Day Parade Music

The annual Memorial Day parade happened this past weekend in Perth Amboy (as in most other US towns and cities that host a parade). The parade route covered a good portion of the City, heading through our busy and dense downtown area into our quiet and peaceful waterfront. The local school marching bands played their rendition of popular patriotic tunes as they do every year. First Responder sirens roared through the air as the local police department escorted the parade, blocked traffic and kept everyone safe.

It was all fine and dandy until the last third of the parade line up passed through. During this portion of the parade, rap music and reggaetton blared suppressing the sound of the sirens of the police cars. Not only did the music alter the ambiance, it also disrespected the purpose and meaning of commemorating Memorial Day.

Memorial Day began as a day to remember and honour those who were lost during the Civil War (the deadliest war by far in

Some of these "public servants" can retire and begin collecting pension s and health benefits in their early to mid-forties so that for the next 30, 40, or even 50 years they have a sense of entitlement. So, while some of the rest of us have to work and/or scrimp until we drop dead I guess the "public servants" are the only ones that can lead lives

of leisure but still are not satisfied! All we expect as taxpayers is for the "public servants" is to do their jobs and not hold a gun to our heads when they are already well compensated, way more than in the private sector!

Michael J. Rusznak

USA history). While the exact origins of the tradition remains unknown, it is known that many towns and cities around the country held commemoration services. Graves were decorated, family of fallen soldiers were visited, prayers were sent above and communities came together to reflect on the impact war and battle had made not only to the particular community but, to the larger United States of America. Parades were and continue to be a popular way to get the community together.

While I understand that times have changed, the fact that men and women in uniform is still dying due to job related matters is still prominent. PBS published informational information on Memorial Day which stated "[...] all Americans must take a moment to remember the sacrifice of our valiant military service members, first responders and their families. Memorial Day is a day of both celebration and grief, accounting for the honor of our heroes and reflecting on their tragic loss." (<http://www.pbs.org/national-memorial-day-concert/memorial-day/meaning/>). ;

Ultimately, I believe the music played towards the end of the parade was inappropriate and pushes the national agenda of commercializing holidays. The point of having the day off from school and work is to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our rights. It's to comfort those people who are reminded daily that the sacrifices of their loved one(s). And whilst parades can be fun, I think that now more than ever patriotic tunes needed to be blared through the City considering the population and local and national environment. Similarly, let's not forget the members of our own community who have passed or have suffered due to the ongoing wars being fought overseas. Let's not forget the true meaning of Memorial Day and why we observe the occasion.

Stop teaching our community to disrespect our veterans and active service members and start teaching them to value the sacrifices made in order for our country to remain safe and our rights be protected.

Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe

Same Old Tired Excuses

I usually do not write about local politics or affairs, but in this case, I'm going to make an exception.

I've lived on Inslee Street since 1959, so I know a little about this neighborhood, and in particular about this street. I'm not talking about the people, who have changed drastically over the years. In fact, there are only two other people who have lived here a little longer than I have. However, the one thing that has not changed is the sanitary sewer system, that is until the city separated the sanitary system from the storm water system, more on that later.

The sanitary sewer in the street has been consistently backing up since the late seventies. For those who do not know, the sanitary sewer is the big pipe under the street that all the poop, pee, drainage from your sinks and washing machines go. When these big pipes get clogged the nasty stuff cannot flow and ends up in some people's basements.

Yep that nasty stuff coming into you house is somebody else's poop and pee. This water is full of germs, disease, and smells really bad.

Well, in my part of "Budapest" this has been happening consistently since the late seventies. Most of the time I or someone else would call the city, and the big truck comes, clears the line, and everyone is happy, well almost everyone. The people who have to wash out and disinfect their basements aren't too happy. When I came home to find two feet of water, with turds floating in it, in my basement, I was not happy to say the least. This was back in the early eighties. I complained to the city and even sent them the bill for cleaning up my basement. The answer I got then is that the city cannot be held responsible for something that is essentially, an act of God. I think the lame excuse given was a tree branch getting caught in the sewer during a heavy rain, at the time the sanitary and storm sewers were one in the same so this was possible however improbable. In addition, it had not rained for

two weeks before.

Then came the monumental project of separating the storm and sanitary sewer. The reason being that the city was paying to have storm water treated at the sewerage treatment plant, not to alleviate the "backing up" problem, although I was told this should eliminate the "backing up problem", Not.

Now whenever the city came out to clear the blockage they always went, and still go, to the same manhole to clear it. I suggested to one supervisor, years before, that being it always blocks up in the same place maybe, just possibly, there is something wrong with the pipe in that area. I even suggested putting a camera down there and look. When you find the problem, fix it. Simple, right, nope, I forgot I was dealing with the city. The workers know there is a problem but are powerless to do anything but kick it up to their superiors. Then come the same old tired excuses. People putting things down the

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When I was small, age two or three
The wind began to play with me.
It sang a song to my ear –
“Come here, come here, my little dear.”
Its breath was scented like a rose.
It made me laugh, tickled my nose.
And then right along as I grew
The wind and I found things to do.
I would run like a little deer,
And the wind would sing, “I’m here, here,”
And blow and blow about my hair.
The wind and I made quite a pair.
Now I am old and not quite spry.
Still I love the wind from the sky.
I like to walk, but I must rest.
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And sings to me, “I’ll help you more,”
Then blows me gently to my door.

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Tom's Tax Tips

Know the IRS's "Dirty Dozen" Tax Scams

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

While most people should file a tax return by April 17th, you Every year the IRS releases its "Dirty Dozen" list of the year's most prevalent tax scams. They include ploys to steal personal information, talk people out of money, or engage in questionable tax activity. Here are some of the top scams:

• **Phishing.**

Fake emails or websites claiming to represent the IRS, for the purpose of stealing personal information. The IRS will never try to contact you via email about a bill or refund.

• **Phone scams.**

Scammers impersonating IRS agents over the phone. These impersonators may threaten you with arrest if you don't make immediate payment for fake tax bills. Don't fall for it - the real IRS makes contact via a letter, and never threatens or demands immediate payment.

• **Identity theft.**

Using a stolen Social Security number to file a fraudulent return and claim a refund. The IRS said it is making great progress on reducing this scam as identity theft reports are down 40 percent from a year ago.

• **Fake charities.**

Some fraudsters use the mask of charitable activity to get you to donate funds to fake organizations. Only donate to legitimate charities, which are listed in the IRS database.

• **Inflated refund claims.**

Many taxpayers are wooed by tax-refund services offering pay-outs that seem too good to be true. Cheap tax-preparation services that promise unrealistic refunds are illegal and often get taxpayers in trouble.

• **Padded deductions.**

The IRS is focusing on identifying tax returns that try to reduce tax by overstating deductions such as charitable deductions or business expenses.

• **Falsifying income to claim credits.**

Improper use of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), meant for eligible low-income taxpayers. The IRS has been cracking down on EITC fraud in recent years.

• **Abusive tax shelters.**

Some fraudsters peddle complex tax avoidance schemes known as tax shelters that they portray as legal tax strategies. Make sure you get an independent opinion on any complex tax schemes.

• **Frivolous tax arguments.**

Frivolous arguments to avoid paying taxes (for example, arguing a personal vacation is a business expense) can be penalized by up to \$5,000 per tax return.

• **Offshore tax avoidance.** Using offshore bank accounts and complex international tax structures to avoid paying taxes is still a common scam on the radar of IRS auditors.

Letters to the Editor

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drain like rags, tampons, sanitary napkins, and my favorite grease. These things are mostly true, but if these things made it out of the small house pipe how did it clog the big street pipe, unless these things are getting snagged on something like, I don't know, a broken pipe maybe. If you don't look you won't know.

Another unhappy resident that I know on Summit Ave, which I understand has a similar problem, was told that it was grease that was constantly causing this problem. All I can say about that one is that someone on that street must be dumping grease down the drain by the drum full. Once, I talked to a supervisor after one of these many incidents and he promised to send the truck out every two weeks or so for preventative maintenance. He kept his promise, and we were problem free for a year or so. Then the preventative maintenance stopped, and the problem returned.

After this latest incident,

5/23/2018, I relayed this to someone who told me that since there were no more problems with the sewer they decided to stop the preventative maintenance, DUH. This person also told me that the city has the equipment, camera, but it is so antiquated that it can't be used and even if it wasn't, nobody knows how to use it. If this is true, it is unacceptable.

Not too long ago the city seemed to take an interest in the "Budapest" section. They even extended Budapest all the way to Washington Street, or was it New Brunswick Avenue, I don't remember. Why they did that I don't know, there must have been money in it for someone. They spent a lot of money redoing Francis Street Park. Then flyers were passed around about meetings for residents of Budapest to give ideas on how to improve the neighborhood. Here's an idea, fix the damn sewers.

Joe Bayona

Events at the Dowdell Library

Press Release 5/21/18

SOUTH AMBOY - Join the Dowdell Library for an Animation Workshop, Teen BBQ, Essential Oils Workshop, Adult Tea Party and an Alzheimer's Program.

Tweens and Teens! Are you interested in movie making and video game creation? Learn to animate; attend the introductory animation workshop Monday, June 4 from 3:30-4:30 pm. To register, please contact the Dowdell Library at 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org

Stop by the library for the annual Teen BBQ on Monday, June 4 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Make a creative summer object with the 3D Pen, enjoy delicious fondue, and compete in rounds of Name That Tune for a prize!

Gather with friends and neighbors on Monday, June 18 for a fun afternoon of events for adults which starts at 4 pm with the Adult Tea Party with delicious teas and light refreshments. Also, learn how to boost your health, improve your rest, and enhance your everyday life with essential oils -- free samples and information will be provided. Lastly, at 6 pm, learn about Alzheimer's communication tips and techniques for managing that condition.

Do you have knitting or crocheting questions? Stop by and enjoy working on your knitting projects while chatting with friends. Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. 6 - 8 pm.

Coming in July! Join us for a live animal program presented by Paws Discovery Farms on Wednesday, July 11 at 1:30-3:00 pm. Kids! Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Clubs for a chance to win weekly prizes.

Coming in August for tweens and teens, an innovative animation workshop which will be held Tuesdays August 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 6-8 pm. Learn how to create your own superhero comic and animation skills. Open to South Amboy residents only. Application is available at the Dowdell Library. Limited seating.

To learn more about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newsletter-signup.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. The library is closed on Saturdays through Labor Day Weekend. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Annual Re-Enactment of The Royal Governor's Arrest

**Photo Submitted*



PERTH AMBOY - Proprietary House Association has announced "Arrest of the Royal Governor, a Dramatic Re-enactment" on Sunday, June 10th. Doors open at 12:30 PM and the performance starts promptly at 1 PM. Everyone is invited to the Proprietary House Museum for the annual re-enactment of the June 1776 arrest of Royal Governor William Franklin by American Patriot forces. ADMISSION IS FREE for this special event. Donations are most welcome and will benefit restoration of Proprietary House and its museum operations.

Following the Performance, until 4 PM: FREE Tours of the Museum; Light Refreshments; Museum Gift Shop. Proprietary House Museum is disabilities accessible.

The Proprietary House Museum is located at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861. For information - Phone: (732) 826-5527; Email: info@theproprietaryhouse.org.

June 2018 Events @ the Libraries of Woodbridge Township!

Press Release 5/21/18

WOODBIDGE/FORDS - Celebrate the coming summertime with fun, free events for all ages! From role-playing games to knitting to learning about The Beatles the libraries of Woodbridge are the place to be. All library events are open to all. No registration is required for these events.

Come join our new RPG (Role-Playing Game) Meetup at the Fords Branch Library on Saturday, June 2, from 12:00 – 4:00 PM. This is a chance for those who wish to find a way to leave their world behind. Enjoy a day of fun and adventure. No experience necessary, all you need is your imagination and creativity! We will be running a starter quest using a simplified version of the pathfinder system that focuses on player experience and interaction over rules and regulation. Open to all players ages 10 and up. We will provide everything needed including character sheets and dice. For more information please call the library at 732-634-4450.

If you are a knitter please join us for WWKIP DAY (World Wide Knit in Public Day) on Saturday, June 9 at the Woodbridge Main Library, from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Worldwide Knit in Public is unique, in that it's the largest knitter run event in the world. Each local event is put together by a volunteer or a group of volunteers. Share your time with other knitters! Please bring your chair and a work in progress. Please note that if it rains this event will be moved inside the Main Library.

Woodbridge resident and Beatles Historian Vincent Bruno

will discuss The Beatles: From Liverpool to Abbey Road on Thursday, June 14 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the Woodbridge Main Library. This lecture will follow in the footsteps of The Beatles as they embark on their historic journey starting from their early days as a cover band in Liverpool and Hamburg, into the excitement of Beatlemania, including concert performances, and films, thru their creative ground-breaking studio albums (Rubber Soul, Revolver, Sgt. Peppers) to the formation of Apple Corps and finally to their remarkable final recordings at Abbey Road Studios. Coming full circle, he will then explore the highlights of each individual's post Beatles work.

In honor of PRIDE month, Garden State Equality will present LGBT 101 Workshop on Monday, June 18 at 6:30 PM at the Woodbridge Main Library. This workshop will provide participants with basic information, terminology, and key concepts around gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and intersectionality. Participants will learn the challenges faced by LGBT youth in school and community settings and how to be inclusive and affirming of the LGBT community.

All are welcomed to attend these free events! For more information about our programs please contact the Woodbridge Library at 732-634-4450 or visit our website, www.woodbridge-library.org. The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza and the Fords Branch Library is located at 211 Ford Ave. in Fords, NJ.

Movie Reviews: Solo: A Star Wars Story



By: Anton Massopust III
“I want to be a pilot - the best in the galaxy!”
- Han Solo

Ever wonder how Han and Chewbacca first met? And how they got the Millennium Falcon? Well, wonder no more! In this new film directed by Ron Howard Han Solo (Alden Ehrenreich) is a young street kid who just wants to escape to the stars far away from the Mean Streets of his home planet Corellia, but when he and his girlfriend Qi’ra (Emilia Clarke) become separated, he ends up in the Imperial Army as an Infantry. He then he meets Smuggler Beckett (Woody Harrelson) and Chewbacca (Joonas Suotamo), a Wookiee slave whom he helps to escape. They decide to try to steal hyperfuel from the Imperials, when a group of pirates attack. Unfortunately, their plan goes arwy and their objective is lost so they owe money to a very powerful gangster Dryden Vos (Paul Bettany)

Han’s girlfriend turns out to be one of Vos’s lieutenants and wants them to run a mission for him where failure will mean a

painfull death. With that, they meet Lando Calrissian (Donald Glover) who has one of the fastest ships in the galaxy: The Millennium Falcon. They must get unrefined fuel to a Refinery before the fuel explodes.

The movie is a little bit predictable. That’s my only problem with it. You can tell where the plot is going very easily. It all happens pretty quickly, but that’s okay. The young actor playing Han Solo has big shoes to fill. It’s Harrison Ford, for goodness sake! But he does a really good job as this young arrogant man who discovers himself. It could be that he’s not an outlaw and maybe he’s one of the good guys.

This new movie is Han Solo’s origin. It’s a buddy movie and a heist picture all in one. Many Star Wars fans will complain because it’s not exactly what they think is cannon I suggest go see the movie and make up your own mind. The special effects are great and there’s are brand new characters that are pretty interesting and some pretty interesting cameos, too. Go see it.



By: Katherine Massopust
Growing up I was a Star Wars fan. I loved the original trilogy, and later on, I liked the prequels. When Disney bought Star Wars, I was disappointed with “The Force Awakens.” To me, it was about fan gratification, not telling a story. “The Last Jedi” was a better film, but again, it was mostly about pleasing the audience.

I read some of the expanded universe stories, both novels or comics. Some are good, while some are okay. As for the spin-off films, I liked “Rogue One,” and I liked “Solo.” They don’t try to compete with the original trilogy films and at the same time tell a good story.

“Solo” takes place after “Revenge of the Sith,” and before “A New Hope.” Alden Ehrenreich pulls off a young Han Solo that is both believable and fun to watch. Donald Glover deliv-

ers a slick, full of himself Lando Calrissian, and Woody Harrelson is good as Han’s mentor, Beckett.

“Solo” is fun to watch and the special effects are first rate. The story of Star Wars has always been the hero’s journey, and you see this in “Solo,” as Han discovers himself as time goes on. It’s fun to see other parts of the Star Wars universe come to life and more depth given to some of its characters. Again, I compliment Producer Kathleen Kennedy for the presence of strong women in the film. Both Emilia Clarke as Qi’ra and Thandie Newton as Val make their presence known. There’s even a female droid!

The story is straight forward. The ending of “Solo” sets itself up for a sequel, which just might be very interesting. Go see “Solo.”

LEAF 6th Red Carpet Gala



2018 Student Scholarship Recipients and Sponsors.
Student Scholarship Recipients: Jenisty Colon, Camilia Abreu, Kayveth Santos, Joshua Cabezudo, Yisel Duran, Alice Resituyo, Saidy Cedano, Jimena Almidon Acevedo , Ana Gutierrez, Danielle Nicoletti, Crismary Rodriquez, Jose Pereyra, Natalia Dunyak, Gianna Tapia, Piero Coronado

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - The Learning Empowerment Achievement Foundation (LEAF), celebrated their 6th Annual Red Carpet Gala on April 28, 2018 at The Grand Lake Chateau in Woodbridge. Approximately three hundred guests attended. The foundation awards scholarships to graduating students of the Perth Amboy Schools and Programs of all ages pursuing post-secondary education every year. Through generous sponsorships by corporations, local business, community partners, and families the foundation presented 15 graduating students with scholarships. This year’s Scholarship Recipients were the following : **Danielle Nicoletti**-Middlesex County Vocational School, **Piero Coronado**-Middlesex County Vocational School, **Saidy Cedano**-Academy for Urban Leadership, **Yisel Duran**-Academy for Urban Leadership, **Alice Resituyo**-Academy for Urban Leadership, **Jimena Almidon Acevedo**-Academy for Urban Leadership, **Kayveth Santos**-Personalized Learning Program, **Jose Pereyra**-Perth Amboy Public High School, **Ana Gutierrez**-Perth Amboy Public High School, **Joshua Cabezudo**-Perth Amboy Public High School, **Gianna Tapia**-Perth Amboy Public High School, **Crismary Rodriquez**-Perth Amboy Public High School, **Jenisty Colon**-Perth Amboy Public High School, **Camilia Abreu**-Perth Amboy Public High School, and **Natalia Dunyak**- Perth Amboy Public High School.

Also that evening LEAF honored individuals who have contributed to the success of various programs in the community. This year we honored nine members for their commitment, dedication and involvement, they are the following; Reinaldo Cruz-New Jersey State Trooper, **“Outstanding Mentor Award”**, Monsignor John Gordon-Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Perth Amboy, NJ, **“Humanitarian Award”**, Rosa Napoles-Teacher Assistance in Ignacio Cruz in Perth Amboy, NJ, **“Outstanding Volunteer Award”**, Noelia Colon-Public Relations Officer for the city of Perth Amboy, NJ, **“Community Ambassador Award”**, Enrique Hernandez-Owner of Petra Best Reality, **“Entrepreneur Award”**, Mi-



2018 Honoree with, Mayor Wilda Diaz and Dr. Robles.
Honorees: Monsignor John Gordon, Souson Ortega , Bienvenida Valentin, Rosa Napoles, Alex Perez, Enrique Hernandez, Reinaldo Cruz, Noeila Colon, and Mike Heidelberg.



LEAF Board Members
Enrique Stinga, Joel Rosa, Carlos Sanchez, Kenneth Gonzalez, Tashi-Lee Vazquez, Hector Bonilla, Felix Velez, Dr. Senovia Robles, Henry Roger, Leezenia N. Rodriguez, Sergio Diaz, Luz Sanchez, and Steve Jobin *Photos submitted

chael Heidelberg-Director of Curriculum and Instruction of Public Schools in Perth Amboy, NJ, **“Educator Award”**, Alex Perez- Teacher Assistance in Perth Amboy High School and Head Baseball Coach in Perth Amboy, NJ, **“Perth Amboy Role Model Award”**, Sousan Ortega (Target)-Group Vice President, **“Corporate Leadership Award”**, and Bienvenida Valentin-Zumba Instructor in the Education Center Evening Program and at the Saturday Morning Family School for the past ten years, **“Special Recognition Award”**.

Our 2018 donors were: Tropical Cheese, Harry Pozyski, Petra Best Realty, Patrisa Phillips & William Johnson from (Florida), Mildred & Nicholas Torres, Michael Heidelberg, Jeff Milianiak, Bridge Development Partner and I. Beauty by the Sea, Erika Perugorria from (Florida).

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The Learning Achievement Empowerment Foundation’s mission is to support and offer scholarships and resources to the student population enrolled in the Perth Amboy School System servicing all Middlesex County Communities. A diverse student population, participating in various High School Diploma programs in a non-traditional educational setting will be provided with a variety of opportunities to further student educational goals.

LEAFs goal is to continue to seek and grow their supporters and donors every year. For more information visit our Facebook page; www.facebook.com/LEAF-FOUNDATION to become a 2019 donor or sponsor.

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South Amboy State of the City - 5/23/18

Attendees enjoyed samples of foods from South Amboy's restaurants in a Taste of South Amboy at the State of the City *Photos by K. Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY - Former B.A. Camille Tooker MC'd the event. She acknowledged administrators, department heads, City workers, and former Mayor Jack O'Leary before introducing Mayor Henry.
At the beginning of Mayor Henry's speech, he quoted Henry Ford: *If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.*
Mayor Henry announced that Tooker came out of retirement and is now the Confidential Aide to the Mayor. He stated some of the City successes started under the administration of Mayor Jack O'Leary. Henry summarized programs and achievements past and present. He stated that a new senior bus coming in July, and a street festival in late June. He thanked Council Members Reilly, Noble, and Businessman Dr. Jorge Gonzalez for organizing the street fair. We'll join Perth Amboy again for the fireworks. I want to thank the police and fire departments, the Chair and Co-Chairs and sponsors. The Freeholders will again provide the free summer concert series. The library has many activities including a small business workshop. The historical society and YMCA always have upcoming events. The student Co-op program was held and there is a summer employment program coming up. The police department has almost completed the Rodgers Group Accreditation Program. The police department started a DARE Program under the direction of Detective Danny Holovacko. We have a communication dispatch center with a new camera system and a fleet of SUV vehicles. This is the first time the City will be participating in the National Night Out Program. I want to thank Chief Lavigne and the Police Department. I want to recognize Kim Seber, who is very active in the drug epidemic programs, and I want to recognize Kathy Kudelkak who partners with the Municipal Alliance. We now have a drug receptacle at the Police Department. We've received over \$1 million in grant money for road improvements. We've received \$580,000 for improvements to Jack O'Leary Blvd. I want to recognize Mark Rasimowicz for getting these grants and we will continue to seek more. The Department of Public Works has a new sweeper. New businesses opened up and there's a new business association. Please patronize these places. New developments such as Bayside South Amboy by Ryan Homes and Woodmont will bring in more revenue. We're conducting interviews pertaining


B.A. Glenn Skarzynski, Mayor Fred Henry & Former B.A. Camille Tooker

(L to R) William Henry, Fred Henry, Jr., Linda Henry, Anny Aquino, Mayor Fred Henry
to the Ferry. We have a letter of intent from 2 ferryboats. We've had a surplus for the last 5 years from \$1.1 million to \$2.7 million, smart growth. Our ratings are A3 with Moody and A1 stable with S&P (Standard & Poor). My thanks to CFO Angel Albanese, the Planning Board, the Council and the new B.A. Glenn Skarzynski who help to keep South Amboy on a sound fiscal responsibility. I'm honored to serve the City when the parks, train station, the Y and housing were being developed. I've been blessed with good workers. I want to thank our volunteers, my family. My daughter will be making me a granddad for the first time. Mom's up in heaven with Dad and they always supported me. Linda, you are my best friend. I want to thank the troops for making us safe.

Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?
The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area)
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Discussions on Water Meters & Safety,
County-Owned Buildings

5/21/18 Caucus

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Mayor Diaz then came up to speak, “We are rezoning the business district and are eliminating the Waterfront part. We need to concentrate on our business district, and I want to thank the Council President for coming to those meetings. People agreed to just concentrate on the business district.” The Mayor also was happy to report that Duke Realty, which is handling the E-Port Logistics Center announced that one company in Amboy is taking one of the buildings. She also stated there’s a second company coming in that is European, and they want to hire Perth Amboy residents. “Look at the Remediation on State Street. We have taken steps to make sure residents get hired. By the end of the year, two buildings will be filled. Job Fairs are being held.” Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, “I want to address a couple of problems. The building at the corner of Fayette and Goodwin Streets that has the mural painted on the side is in bad shape.” The Mayor responded, “That is a County building and we’re trying to get control of that.” Gonzalez responded, “The business next door to that building can use it. We seem to be the last ones on the County’s mind. There’s also a building on the corner of Herbert and Smith Street that’s very ugly.” The Mayor responded, “These are also County buildings.” Gonzalez stated, “I will go to the next County Meetings to complain. That area has been that way for 40 years.” The Mayor responded, “Remember, that the area (where BRIDGE is now) was in bad shape for 20 years. Now, look what’s happening. Look what

Duke Realty did with getting businesses at the BRIDGE building.” Councilman Joel Pabon talked about an incident that happened over the weekend, “Between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. there were horns blowing loudly at the Waterfront. There were military helicopters flying. They were flying low and flying loud. Nobody knew why they were here. There should have been something posted. This was done for 3 days in a row.” He was also grateful that some of the roads were repaved. Deputy Chief Cattano came up to talk about the military aircraft. “They were on a planned government mission and their pattern included flying from New York State to Jersey. They were military planes. The United States Coast Guard had a blast for fog warning that occurred every 60 seconds.” B.A. Adam Cruz again talked about the bridges that are being repaired, “We have owned the Fayette Street Bridge since 1929 and it’s deteriorating rapidly. We closed one side of the pedestrian (walkway). We applied for a grant which we didn’t get. There’s \$400,000 set aside for design. Until then, we are on our own and may have to bond money to pay for a new bridge.” Councilman Gonzalez questioned the amount of \$44,000 for new LED lights for the Smith Street area. Hoffman came up to explain, “This is a verbal quote and we don’t have the money in the budget.” Gonzalez then suggested, “Let’s talk to the BID about using some of their surplus money for the lights.” Hoffman then reminded the Council, “We also have to talk to PSEG who we have a contract with.” Councilman Caba spoke up and said, “I thought that BID was for this (helping to pay for the lighting).” BID Chair Barry Rosengarten came up to speak, “We (the BID) are in favor of getting downtown lighting, but we haven’t talked about any payment for this. We can discuss this at our next BID Meeting.” Environmental Engineer Howard S. Matteson, (PE, BCEE, Senior Project Manager from CDM Smith) and Luis Perez Jimenez came up to speak about the City’s water. Matteson said, “There are low levels of dioxins, so you can minimize blending. It’s a known contaminant. The Runyan well is treated before the water is distributed. The Human Health Department extrapolated in order to see what the cancer risks were. The Human Health Criteria was redefined. Your drinking water is safe. Perez can choose which well to take water from to use, but the water was always blended.” Perez Jimenez then spoke up, “3 of the 8 wells are affected by the plume.” Matteson said, “We are using advanced oxidation: ozone and pre-ozone.” Petrick asked, “Are the chemicals broken down?” Matteson responded, “Yes, and you (the City) will be the first to try this process.” Councilman Gonzalez then questioned, “Are there any companies that left behind these contaminants?” Perez Jimenez responded, “There were two companies.” Law Director Peter King ended the conversation and said, “BASF acquired those properties that will do the cleanups.” Councilman Fernando Irizarry was absent due to a death in the family.

Blood Drive

PERTH AMBOY – There will be a Blood Drive sponsored at the Academy of Urban Leadership on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., 612 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy. Walk-ins welcome.

Blood Drive

SOUTH AMBOY – There will be a blood drive at St. Mary’s Church, South Amboy on Sunday, June 17, 2018 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Stevens and Augusta St. at the school cafeteria. To schedule an appointment, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/soamboy-stmary>



Bike Rodeo
Rescheduled

PERTH AMBOY - Safety First! There will be a Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Dr Herbert N. Richardson 21st Elementary School located at 318 Stockton St., Perth Amboy from 12 noon-3 p.m. Teaching children ages 5 through 10 (Grades K-4th) the importance of riding a bicycle safely, fun bike road course and other bike activities for children. Games and Prizes, too! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Must bring your own bike and helmet. Don’t have one? Call us and reserve one for the event! To register or more for information, call 732-324-2114 xt. 134 or register at www.parnternj.org

Farewell Mass
& Reception for
Sister Rebecca
Piatek

PERTH AMBOY - Sister Rebecca Piatek, beloved principal of Perth Amboy Catholic School for 38 years, is retiring this June. Through her commitment, thousands of children have had a moral foundation and have achieved academic excellence. Former students and friends of Sister Rebecca are invited to attend a special Farewell Mass at 5:00 PM in her honor, followed by a reception on Saturday, June 16 at St. John Paul Parish at St. Stephen worship site.

Annual
City-Wide
Yard Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - Saturday, June 23, 2018, 8:00 a.m. - June 23, 2018, 4:00 p.m. Rain Date: June 24, 2018. *New this year: You can register your address for a list that will be available to inform shoppers as to which homes will be participating. This is optional, not mandatory*. Deadline for registration is June 19th, 2018. If interested in registering or have any questions, please contact Jaclyn at (732) 525-5965 or events@southamboynj.gov. *This event is also the same day as the City Business Street Fair. Make your way down town that day and support your local businesses! Sponsored by the City of South Amboy.

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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.*

On May 28, 1943, in the Aleutians, Japanese forces on Attu Island, reduced in number to about 1,000 from their original 2,500, launch suicide attacks against the U.S. troops fighting them.

The RAF on May 29 launches a major raid, comprising 719 bombers, against Wuppertal, Germany, dropping 1,900 tons of bombs. The resulting firestorm kills some 3,450 civilians and leaves 118,000 homeless. The RAF claims that half of Wuppertal has been “wiped off the map.” In Asia, the Japanese offensive along the Yangtze River in China is stopped in the Ichang area, roughly 700 miles inland from Shanghai.

In the Aleutians, organized Japanese resistance on Attu Island ends on May 30. The fighting comes to a halt with only 29 Japanese soldiers left alive of the 2,500 that had been on the island originally. The others not killed in the battle committed suicide as the fighting tapered off. A search of the island finds no survivors. U.S. forces incur 561 fatalities and 1,136 men wounded of the 12,000 involved.

On May 31, American B-17 bombers strike Naples, Italy. In Asia, Chiang Kai-shek claims that three Japanese divisions have been surrounded on the Yangtze River near Ichang. In Scandinavia, the Danish Resistance blows up a railroad-locomotive shed at Tønder, on the border with Germany, as sabotage mounts despite appeals for a halt by King Christian X, the Danish monarch.

On June 1, the United Kingdom’s Foreign Minister, Anthony Eden, announces that British Empire casualties in the first three years of war are 92,089 killed, 226,719 missing, 88,294 wounded and 107,891 captured. The British actor Leslie Howard, flying back to England from a five-week lecture tour boosting the Allied cause in Spain and Portugal, is killed when his DC-3 airliner is shot down by *Luftwaffe* fighter planes over the Bay of Biscay. (Although it was initially believed that the target was Howard’s manager, Alfred Chenhalls, who bore a passing resemblance to Winston Churchill, historians now feel that Howard was the actual target. Alerted to Howard’s presence on the Iberian Peninsula by German agents, Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels likely ordered Howard’s plane shot down to silence the outspoken, anti-Nazi actor.)

Japanese forces are reported on June 2 to be in full retreat along the Yangtze River, in China. In Europe, the Red Air Force bombs Kiev, Ukraine, and Roslavl, a road and rail hub in Russia. Meanwhile, the *Luftwaffe* bombs the Russian city of Kursk. Liquidation of the Lwów Ghetto in Occupied Poland is completed, with the last of the remaining Jewish residents deported to the nearby Janowska concentration camp. At one time, Lwów had numbered 160,000 Jews among its residents.

Rival French leaders Gen. Charles de Gaulle and Gen. Henri Giraud on June 3 agree to share the presidency of the French Committee of National Liberation, formed in Algiers, Algeria, to organize and coordinate activities dedicated to liberating France from Nazi Germany. In China, the Battle of West Hubei ends in a draw. The Chinese suffer more casualties than the Japanese, but the Japanese withdraw from the field without pursuit. In Occupied France, the Resistance destroys 300 tons of rubber tires at the Michelin plant in Clermont-Ferrand.

Clearing the Air and Then Some 5/23/18 Council Meeting

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that have never produced championships. Rudyk Park is second to none in the County. The high school has first preference for using the park. I give credit to the coaches, which is key. He puts time into those kids and kids go to baseball camps, now. In the City, we can now watch the games and enjoy them.” Pa-

bon mentioned the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony which will honor our fallen soldiers. “I thank them and their families.”

Petrick also mentioned the Memorial Day Parade and the festivities leading up to it (Waterfront Arts Festival). “I thank everyone in attendance and watching on TV-Land.”

Councilman Helmin Caba was absent.

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A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

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A.C. Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN – The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Golden Nugget Casino A.C. Tuesday 6/5/2018. Bus leaves 10 a.m. from church parking lot. Cost \$30. \$25 back in play; \$5 food voucher. Any questions: call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.



A.C. Bus Trip St. John Paul II Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Tues. May 29, 2018. Cost \$35 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:30 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

A.C. Bus Trip Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church

PERTH AMBOY - Atlantic City Bus Trip to the Tropicana Casino on Sunday, June 24, 2018.

Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 Noon - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$30.00 per person (\$25 slot play). Bagged lunch provided -To reserve a seat: call: 732-261-8726. Payment due ASAP NO REFUND FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS.

South Amboy Republican Organization

SOUTH AMBOY - Hello Amboy Residents, recently the South Amboy Republican Organization has been formed and we are thrilled to be open to the public to grow our party and ideas. Our next meeting will be on the 23rd at Buddies Tavern at 7:00 p.m. in Parlin. We also have a Facebook group titled the “South Amboy Republican Organization”. Thank you for reading and we hope to see you there!

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Cardiovascular Event

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding a Cardiovascular event Thursday, May 31, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in Centennial Hall, Room A, Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave., NJ. Learn the link between diabetes and the risk of heart disease. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

Nadiya Dance School Anniversary Concert

PERTH AMBOY – The Nadiya Dance School and The Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption presents the 10th Anniversary Concert on Thursday, June 10th, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the auditorium of Assumption Catholic School, 380 Meredith St., Perth Amboy, NJ. Free entry, free appetizers and desserts. Special Guest: Mariana Stetskiv, Professional Singer. For more information, call 732-826-0767 or 732-778-9367.

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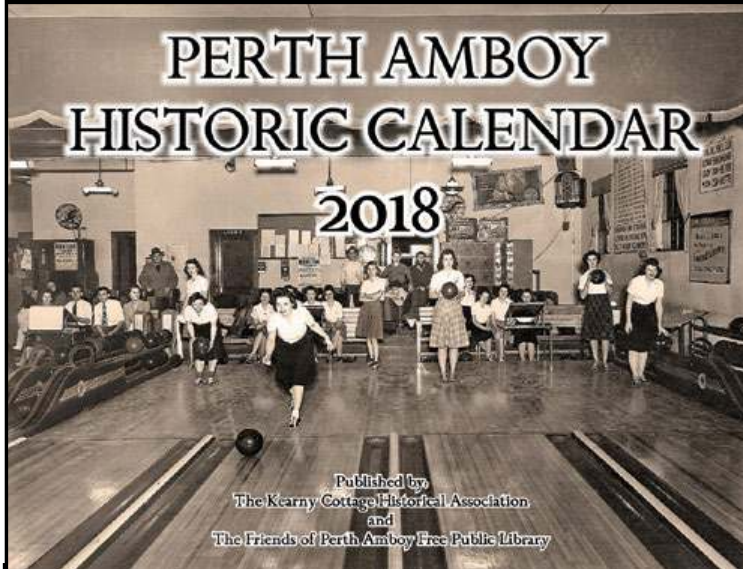
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Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule is as follows: Saturdays: June 9th & June 23rd. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

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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!

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Vintage
Baseball Game

SOUTH AMBOY - Come out and root, root, root for our home team! The John Bulls of Radford's Ferry will be playing the Monmouth Furnace Baseball Club in a Vintage Baseball Game, played by baseball rules of 1864. Saturday, June 9, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Field, South Amboy.

Pops at the
Park

Press Release 5/16/18
SOUTH AMBOY: The Arts District of South Amboy is please to present an afternoon of orchestral pops music under the open sky at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, 1 Keenan Way in South Amboy/Sayreville. Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 4 p.m. Free Admission.

Concert goers are encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic supper and relax to the music from Star Wars, Game of Thrones, Mozart classics, patriotic tunes and more performed by the Music at St. Mary's Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Christopher Deibert.

In the event of rain, the concert will move indoors to the South Amboy High School Community Theater located at 200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy.

Funding for this event is made possible in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, City of South Amboy, Amboy Bank, and Woodmont Properties.

For more information visit www.southamboyarts.org or call 732.316.0222

Flea Market

EDISON - Our Lady of Peace Church 3rd Annual Flea Market will be on Saturday, June 2, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., OLP Parish Center, Franklin Ave & Amboy Ave in Edison. Want to be a vendor? \$15 a space, contact Michael at 732-221-0976 or mchundak@gmail.com.

Flea Market

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having their annual Flea Market on Saturday June 2, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville, directly across from the Borough Hall. Our rain date is June 8th. Come out and see if you find your treasures. Check out our various vendors, have a good meal and just enjoy the day.

Street Fair

SOUTH AMBOY - Come enjoy the South Amboy Street Fair, Saturday, June 23, 2018 (rain date: Sunday, June 24, 2018) from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Broadway. Vendors, Food, Drinks, Music, Children Activities. Fun for all ages!!! For more information, please contact events@southamboynj.gov. Hosted by the City of South Amboy. www.southamboynj.gov

Welcome to the
Celebration

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Township will be 350 years old in 2019!!!! The 350th Sesquicentennial Anniversary will celebrate the traditions of our Township with events and activities that create civic pride and foster community partnerships that honor the past, celebrate the present, and anticipate the future in the days and months leading up to the Grand Community Celebration on June 1, 2019.

The Woodbridge 350th Sesquicentennial Committee has been established to plan festivities and events for the Township's 350th anniversary celebration.

Senior Scene
Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TUES. May 29 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. May 30 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. May 31 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Jun. 4 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Jun. 5 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. Jun. 6 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. Jun. 7 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- WED. Jun. 6 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Jun. 11 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Jun. 25 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

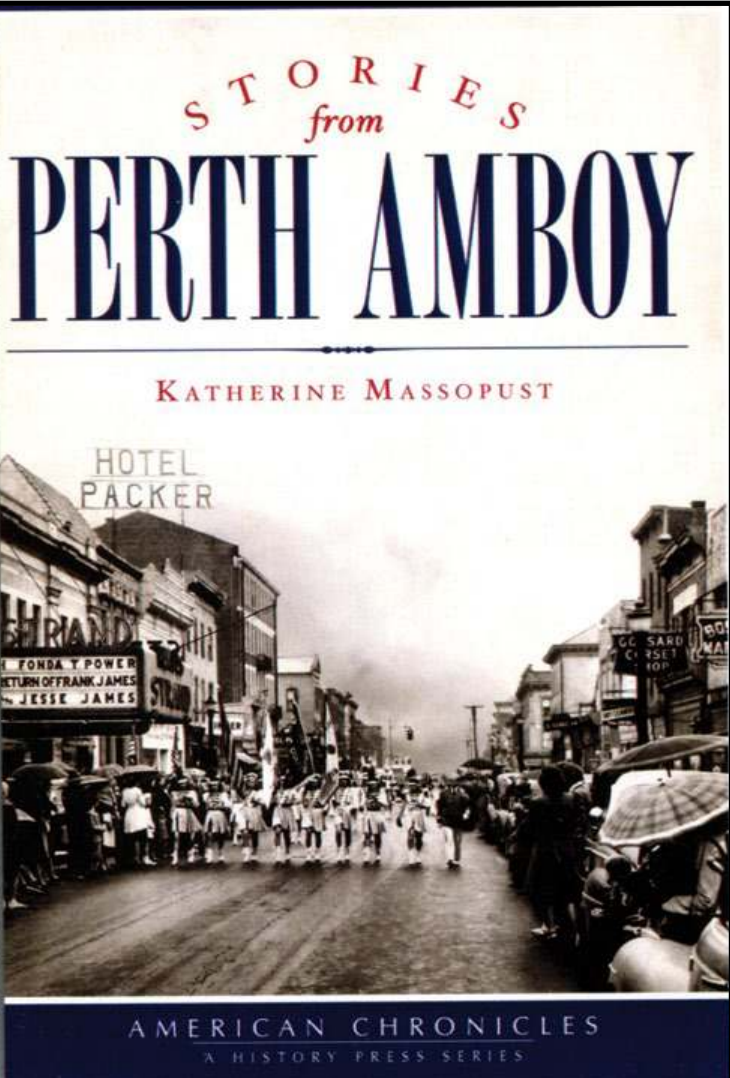
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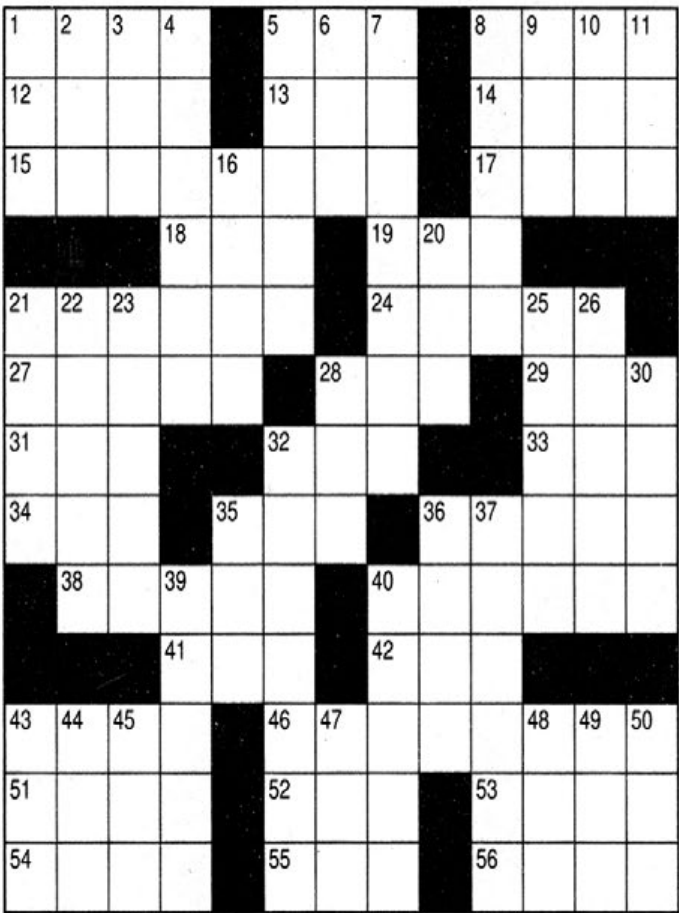
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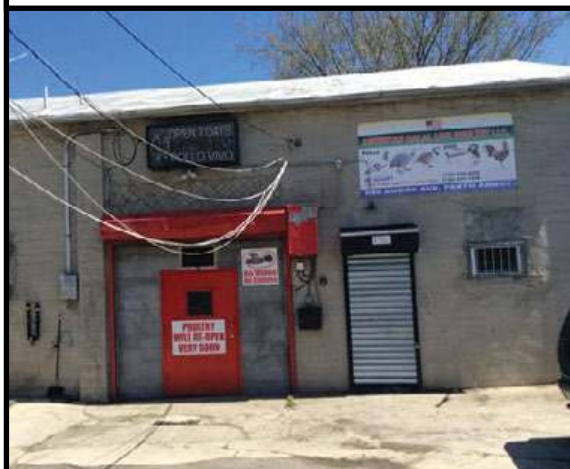
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PERTH AMBOY - EXCELLENT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!!! Used to be a live poultry. It can be brought back or make it what your business desires. (BUYER MUST VERIFY USE WITH Perth Amboy City Code Enforcement). Total of 3 units plus an empty lot on this property. A Two-Family House; 3 BR's & 2 BR's; a Warehouse with high ceilings; and an Empty Lot in the rear that also faces Thomas St. **\$549,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Wow!! Unique multi-unit with great potential, offers 2 homes on one lot. Live in one unit & rent the other to help with the mortgage. **\$349,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Historic corner building on a busy intersection. Building includes a restaurant on the 1st level, and two 3-bedroom apartments; total of 3 units. There is also another room with two rooms separate from the apartments that is similar in size to a small studio, however it is not a legal studio, owner uses the space as storage, along with many closets on the 2nd floor. 5 parking spots. Sold as is. Buyer must conduct their own due diligence on use of property, current use is a Latin/Spanish Restaurant. Come see the property and let your future dreams become a reality with your own restaurant! Both apartment units rent for \$1400 each, total. \$2800 monthly, plus whatever you decide to rent out the restaurant for or keep it yourself and run your own business! **\$549,900**



PERTH AMBOY - LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA. **\$100,000**