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& Boat Parade  
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## 2018 Fireworks Press Conference Addition of Boat Parade to Kick-off a Festive Night

*5/4/18 Cornucopia Cruise Line: Riverboat St. Charles*



Group Photo of participants at the Fireworks Press Conference \*Photo by Paul W. Wang

**PERTH AMBOY & SOUTH AMBOY** - The kick-off press conference for the Fireworks Spectacular was held at the Cornucopia Cruise Line: Riverboat St. Charles, Perth Amboy on Friday, May 4, 2018. This year Fireworks Spectacular will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 (rain date July 5, 2018). Once again, Barry Rosengarten will chair the Celebrate Stars & Stripes Committee. Perth Amboy City Council President Bill Petrick and South Amboy City Council President Mickey Gross will serve as cochair.

WCTC's Radio Personality Bert Baron was Master of Ceremonies.

Chair Rosengarten welcomed everyone. "It is only because of you - the real stars who are our sponsors. You care about the communities of South Amboy and Perth Amboy. The Waterfronts of South Amboy and Perth Amboy are great to visit year round. Last year, close to 60,000 people viewed the fireworks. Garden State Fireworks will be here again. This year, we will have the First Annual Stars & Stripes Boat Parade. It will consist of all the local Marinas and yacht clubs in our Raritan Bay sphere. The parade will include sailboats and maybe the possibility of a tugboat. The tour will go around the coastline of Perth Amboy past the railroad bridge and past South Amboy. It will be not less than 50 boats. I think it will grow into something greater than that. The Raritan Bay serves so many: commercial, industrial, recreational,

fishing, sailing, etc." He thanked the yacht clubs and the marina and invited anyone in the area who owns a boat to participate.

The invocation was given by Msgr. John Gordon and a buffet lunch was provided.

The Master of Ceremonies Bert Baron came up as the music from Rocky was played. Baron thanked Mickey Gross for suggesting the theme song from Rocky for his walk-up music. "I like the addition of the Boat Parade. I was here for the first time (when the fireworks were revived)." He mentioned the beautiful view. Last year, Diaz invited the Deputy Mayor of Newark. I was afraid they would steal our ideas." He then introduced Mayor Diaz.

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz came up to speak, "It's great to see everyone." She thanked Bert Baron for what he has done for both of our communities. She also thanked everyone including B.A. Adam Cruz and her staff, and the sponsors for their generosity. "Perth Amboy has much to offer. The Waterfronts have been restored." She thanked both the corporate sponsors and the small businesses.

"I believe that the fireworks create a lasting memory. This event was spearheaded by Barry Rosengarten." She also thanked Barry Rosengarten's personal assistant, Yolanda Flores. "Yolanda is an amazing woman. Our community is important and on July 4<sup>th</sup> we will have the ringing of the Liberty Bell."

Diaz then added that entertainment and food vendors will

also be a part of the fireworks celebration. "We look forward to working with the sponsors. We also ask those in attendance to share the news that we have a GoFundMe Account. It's about both cities celebrating our freedom and the foundation of our country. Remember those men and women who fought for our freedom, and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice." She then introduced "Our friend and partner: South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry."

Mayor Fred Henry surprised everyone by saying that South Amboy is the third largest city in Middlesex County. (the only other two cities are New Brunswick and Perth Amboy). He introduced South Amboy's new B.A. Glenn Skarzynski and Co-Chairs Gross and Petrick. He also mentioned City Engineer ark Rasimowicz, OEM Mark Herdman and Businessman George Gonzalez. He also thanked Bert Baron for what he has done for both cities and the listening communities. Henry mentioned not only do the sponsors contribute to the fireworks, but they also contribute year round.

"This is a great partnership between both communities. The Fourth of July represents the spirit of the United States. George Washington, Paul Revere, Thomas Jefferson - part of our legacy is part of that. I thank all of those who fought for our country. We love this great coun-

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## South Amboy Looks to Update Outdated Zoning Ordinance 5/1/18 Business Meeting

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

**SOUTH AMBOY** - The city of South Amboy has begun to take the necessary steps to update their current zoning ordinance.

The current ordinance was enacted in 1968 and updated in 1978, but has not been addressed since. City Attorney John Lanza believed it was vital for the city to bring it back up to date.

"We owe it to our citizens, and also to us, to have a comprehensive review of our zoning ordinance and have it brought up to date," Lanza said. "I assure you it's for a good purpose. It's something that's needed in the city especially with the enforcement of zoning ordinances and defending these ordinances we have to put forth."

McKinley Mertz, an Associate Planner with Heyer, Gruel, and Associates, presented her firm's plan to the council during Tuesday's business meeting. Heyer, Gruel, and Associates helped create the city's Master Plan and will now look to help redevelop a zoning ordinance that hasn't been updated in nearly 40 years.

"We spent over a year working with the town, held public meetings, talked with internal stake holders to develop recommendations to amend your zoning ordinance, which is very out of date," Mertz said. "Our work will entail the next step of that, which is taking these recommendations and effectuating them through a completely new

land use ordinance."

"This isn't just making some track changes and coming back, this is a whole rewrite," she continued. "There are zones in your ordinance that aren't even on your zoning map ordinance anymore so it's eliminating those, making sure the ones that are left accurately represent what's on the ground."

"We have very proposed recommendations in [the plan] but we'll do more meetings to make sure this is moving forward in a way everyone likes," she added. "We'll hold public meetings, that's all included in our contract, and in the end, you'll have a brand-new zoning ordinance."

Mertz also explained that with a new zoning ordinance comes a reevaluation of the city's redevelopment plans.

"That goes hand in hand with the ordinance re-write a little bit but they are standalone documents," she said. "Several of those haven't been updated since town changed its course in terms of what they wish to see in some of these areas, so that second phase or step will be amending those plans so your zoning and development plans are complementing each other and they're representative of what's on the ground and what you want to see moving forward."

All council members were in attendance. The next city council meeting will be held on May 16th at 7:00 p.m.

## Female Members of the Fire & Police Depts. Forum, PAHS & McGinnis Schools. 4/28/18 \*Photo Submitted

Photo Release

**PERTH AMBOY** - The female members of the Perth Amboy Police and Fire Departments held a forum on April 24<sup>th</sup> to empower our young ladies at the William C. McGinnis School and the Perth Amboy High School. "I want to thank them for sharing their stories and encouraging our students to not allow stereotypes and differences to keep them from achieving greatness," said Mayor Wilda Diaz. *Cont. p.2.*



**Perth Amboy City Council Meeting Jankowski Center, Olive Street - 5/9/18 - 7 p.m.**



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Fireworks

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try. The boat parade is a great idea. The more people who get involved, the more ideas that come up. It's family orientated and there's good things happening in both cities."

Mickey Gross then stated: "There is no fireworks without Barry Rosengarten! Barry makes it happen! Yolanda Flores is the best! Who would of thought in a million years that the two cites would get together." He thanked both Mayors, their OEM's, their staff, and those who work behind the scenes. He also mentioned that WCTC will have a boat in the parade. He also recognized special friend Jay and Dorris.

Gross also mentioned former NBA Star and 1968 Perth Amboy Basketball Team Champ Brian Taylor. "He's doing great things for kids in sports. You have my support 100%"

Rosengarten then came back up to recognize the Yacht Club, Noelia Colon and Irving Lozada

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Female Members of the Fire & Police Depts. Forum, PAHS & McGinnis Schools. 4/28/18 \*Photos Submitted



A Forum on Marijuana Legalization: Pros & Cons  
Cathedral International, Perth Amboy 4/19/18

PERTH AMBOY – A Forum on the Legalization of Marijuana was held at the Cathedral International on Thursday, April 19, 2018. The Panel consisted of: Perth Amboy Councilman Fernando Irizarry, Senator Joseph Vitale 19<sup>th</sup> District, Psychiatrist Dr. David Nathan, Doctors for Cannabis Regulation, Attorney Lazaro Cardenas, Latino Action Network, and Attorney Jon-Henry Barr, Municipal Prosecutor, Clark.

Councilman Irizarry who was instrumental in establishing this Marijuana Forum spoke first. He thanked the panel, City Officials, Pastor Danielle Brown, The Cathedral International, and the Velez's, Damaris Ramirez, the Council, "...and my wife and also my team who as the song says, "raise me up".

Pastor Brown came up to the podium to thank the panel and asked them to take 3 to 5 minutes to share their thoughts, not to dissuade "yes" or "no." It's important that we respect each other's opinion. It's not a debate."

Mr. Cardenas spoke first, and talked about his ties to the Latino Action Coalition. He talked about the marijuana reform. "It's not a matter if it's going to be legalized – it's a matter of when. I have a question. Do you want to be in the dark or capitalize on it as a business person? It will be a licensed industry and with distribution, it will be a growing business that goes with jobs, whether you agree on legalizing it or not. My second question is: do you want a life ruined because of marijuana offenses? Because of this, a person can lose benefits, housing, student loans. They are known as career criminals and can lose their jobs or be disqualified from jobs."

Then he gave stats of different ethnic groups who had a chance of being arrested on these of-

fenses. "1 out of 1000 for Whites; 1 out of 450 for Spanish; 1 out of 84 for Blacks." There's a disparity for arrests of Whites versus Blacks. It doesn't make sense to criminalize our youth."

Jon-Henry Barr spoke next. He referenced the song that was sung earlier before the forum began, which was, "You raise me up." "That was my wedding song. I was a municipal prosecutor. I grew up in Clark and was elected to City Council in my twenties. I'm a Republican. We need to remove the prohibition. As a prosecutor, I was arguing many cases and found that marijuana cases were not worth my time. The danger posed by marijuana is less than alcohol abuse. When we had drug and opioid OD's, I don't remember anyone ever being taken to the hospital on marijuana OD's when I worked as an EMT. I don't see the public safety threat of marijuana as other substances. It would be better off legalizing and regulating marijuana. Municipal prosecutors came out for legalizing pot. Colorado has come out okay. Marijuana still has problems, but as a whole, there will be more positives. People who were polled between the ages of 18 to 35 support legalizing marijuana. This should be done as safe and effective as possible."

Dr. David Nathan spoke next. He is a psychiatrist in New Jersey and works at a Princeton Health Care facility. "These are my views and I'm not representing that group. I'm in favor of legalizing. Look at the harm done by Prohibition. Prohibition will lead to more harmful drugs. Prohibition has failed. Underage use of marijuana is harmful, and the age should be higher. Put marijuana behind the counter where it could be controlled. There's 22 million users today. Alcohol and tobacco usage is declining by minors.

Marijuana is illegal, but it's uses have increased. We need to distinguish between adults and underage use. People should be at least 21. It has the addiction rate of caffeine. You can't have a fatal overdose of marijuana. There's a big difference between marijuana and heroin use. There were 6000 opioid deaths last year. You can't have labeling or testing of marijuana. Regulation of marijuana is best. It's not worthy of punishment. Would you have wanted your grandparents to be arrested for marijuana use? I helped create the Doctors for Cannabis Legalization which has gone nationwide, and it may go international. Joycelyn Elder (Former Surgeon General 1993-1994) had endorsed legalizing marijuana as has Dr. Andrew Weil. They are mainstream doctors who have called for legalizing marijuana."

Senator Vitale spoke next. "I'm the Chair of the Senate Health Committee. I struggled with this a long time. We should wait for data from states where it's legal. Colorado has a better medicinal program. The first prescription (for marijuana) is not a high dose. Medicinal is one thing (where it's prescribed by a health care provider). We don't want people to self-diagnose themselves and think that marijuana can help. There is an imbalance in arrests and a lot of profiling. The rate of discrimination has not changed in states (that have legalized marijuana). What's the argument? People of color will still be profiled for other reasons. Young people will be affected. It's not a good thing if it leads to other drugs. There is a lot of money behind this and people are going to make billions of dollars. It does have therapeutic value, but it's not going to stop racial discrimination."

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Master of Ceremonies  
WCTC's Bert Baron



Celebrate Stars &  
Stripes Chairman  
Barry Rosengarten



Perth Amboy Mayor  
Wilda Diaz



South Amboy Mayor  
Fred Henry



Bag Giveaways for the sponsors



Chris (L) and Auggie Santore (R) from Garden  
State Fireworks



Signing the Contract



Check Presentation

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from the Maryor's Office, Junel Hutchenson and Randy Convery from the BID. "There's only one Yolanda Flores. She was in the office until "11:30 p.m. last night."

Rosengarten then recognized

the Boat Parade Co-Captains Gary Rumpf and Jeff Steuber and also Baykeeper Bill Shultz. Chris Santore from Garden State Fireworks briefly spoke next, "We're deeply honored to be part of this event. My brother Auggie will take care of you. It's a challenge - so much work. We

get support from so many businesses and we want to raise the bar. We're really excited about the boat parade." Rosengarten showed his appreciation to the Santores and he wanted people to know that it was Coast Guard approved and everything is being done in a

properly orderly fashion. Bert Baron made closing remarks, "This is a great times to make friends with someone who has a boat. He also thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their work. There was a bag giveaway for the sponsors.



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EDITORIAL

Municipal Clerks Week



Perth Amboy Municipal Clerks: Raquel Roche, Elaine Jasko, Theresa Lopez \*Photo by Paul W. Wang



Perth Amboy Assistant City Clerk Victoria Ann Kupsch



South Amboy City Clerk Laura Kemble-Kalantiss \*File photo

On the April 25, 2018 Perth Amboy Council Meeting Agenda, Resolution R-165-4/18 recognized May 6, 2018 thru May 12, 2018 as Municipal Clerks Week.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the professionalism of the Clerks and their staff in Perth Amboy and South Amboy.

There are times at meetings when the Council, Administrators, and Department Heads are verbally attacked. In some cases, I have heard insults directed at the Municipal Clerks. I personally don't know how this one particular clerk can keep her cool and not answer back. That is a true professional. I've even remarked to that person: "You'll go straight to heaven for your restraint." Fortunately, she's served at least 3 mayors

and knows what goes with the territory and is able to shrug it off.

So, just remember: The City Clerks and their staff have a lot of duties they perform that the general public has no inklings of. It's just the tip of the iceberg; it's just a small portion of what you see. The killer this year was when Perth Amboy had a marathon of Budget Hearings. The last Budget Hearings consisted of 5 different departments. That was a doozy. My head was spinning, so I can just imagine what the City Clerk and for that fact, the CFO went through. This would be a big argument for combat pay.

So again, we thank the City Clerks and maybe they should be recognized for a month instead of a week. **C.M.**

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Musicians Mikell's Plot and Author Donald Gavron  
Kearny Cottage, Perth Amboy 4/15/18 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Musician Michael O'Connor and his band, Mikell's Plot were at the Kearny Cottage promoting the band's new CD. Local Author Donald Gavron was there as well signing his books.

Castorina Calls for Outerbridge Crossing  
Traffic Summit

Press Release 5/1/18  
STATEN ISLAND, NY- If last summer stands as an indicator, Staten Islanders can expect horrendous traffic along Route 440 and the Outerbridge Crossing. Assemblyman Ron Castorina has called on officials from both sides of the Raritan to come together in an effort to find solutions to this problem. The Outerbridge Crossing Traffic Summit will take place at Assemblyman Ron Castorina's office on May 18th at 11 o'clock with: Congressman Dan Donovan, Borough President James Oddo, Senator Andrew Lanza, Senator Diane Savino, Councilman Joe Borelli, Councilman Steve Matteo, Councilwoman Debi Rose, Assemblyman Matthew Titone, Assemblyman Mike Cusick, and Assembly-

woman Nicole Malliotakis from New York and Mayor Wilda Diaz, Senator Joseph Vitale, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, and Assemblyman Craig Coughlin from New Jersey having received invitations. Acting New York State DOT Regional 11 Director Luis Calderon, New Jersey State DOT Acting Commissioner Diane Gutierrez – Scaccetti, and Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton also received invitations. The Summit seeks to address ways to mitigate traffic through brainstorming ideas with a bi-partisan, bi-state, and intra-agency approach.

"Coming from differing states, agencies and levels of government we all have a different set of skills and experiences. Tackling this issue from



Assemblyman Ron Castorina

multiple points of view, getting these diverse opinions together in one room will bring us closer to a solution." Assemblyman Castorina continued, "People travel over the Outerbridge Crossing to enjoy the beaches, boardwalks, and apple or pumpkin picking, hoping to unwind from a long work week and spend time with their families. They should not have to sit through hours of traffic as they return home. I am hopeful that a solution to the weekend traffic issue can be reached. These results will positively impact the daily commute as well."

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# A Forum on Marijuana Legalization: Pros & Cons

## Cathedral International, Perth Amboy 4/19/18

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ination.”

Irizarry was the last to make comments, “This will have an impact on this community for a long time. Will there be money earmarked for the police or drug rehabilitation? I’ve seen the destruction. I’ve never used drugs, but I have family members addicted to drugs and lost their lives. A lot of people want it to be legal, but not sold in their neighborhood. Will we have dispensaries on every corner like we have bodegas? Business opportunities for whom? Will there be money for drug addiction programs? Family members got help from faith groups – not the government. Now that the opioids are affecting affluent neighborhoods they want something done. The bottom line issue is racism.”

Rev. Brown then said a few words, “Racism is systemic. If we legalize and regulate marijuana, will this have an impact on people of color?”

Cardenas addressed this concern. “The proposed bill doesn’t address every issue. We want to make sure people of color can get into the business and get their records expunged. The taxes from this will go to rehab programs. No bills are perfect. 25,000 people are getting records every year, while we are waiting for data from other states. People of color are still being unfairly targeted. If we regulate, we know it will be safe.”

Brown then asked, “Once we regulate, will there be more bills behind it?”

Cardenas responded, “We are working on this.”

Vitale then commented, “All money does not go to their original purposes. It’s going to be years before business opportunities become available for this. We can do decriminalization now. We are still going to have criminalization for those who purchase if they’re underage.”

Brown then stated, “Families are being split up because of parents failing marijuana testing.”

Audience members then came up to ask questions or make remarks. Donna Stewart, who is also a pastor talked about people not being addicted to marijuana. “I celebrate the decriminalization. We have a lot of bars and liquor licenses. How can we compare liquor licenses to marijuana licenses?”

Vitale responded, “There’s little opportunity in marijuana. It’s highly regulated, expensive, and technical. There’s a huge investment to be a grower and dispenser. There’s very little opportunity for a family business.”

Pastor Brown then added, “This will help people who have money to invest.”

Dr. Nathan commented, “There are 570,000 arrests a year nationwide. 17,000 were arrested in New York. We will help people of color if we legalize marijuana. We should look for expungement of people’s records. We should give those

who have the least amount of money to get the business opportunities. Marijuana does not lead to harder drugs. The problem is poverty. Colorado is funding schools. I encourage Vitale to join us in helping us.”

Resident Sue Pezza came up to speak and became very emotional stating, “You should be glad that you are holding this forum in a church, so I don’t have to say what’s really on my mind. You just know how it is living with an addict.” She then sat down because she was too emotional to continue.

Jerry Yaros, another audience member came up next. “You talk about money. What about people on harder drugs? How did they start?”

Barr answered and said, “Harder drug use started with liquor.”

Yaros then questioned, “What made people go to drugs first?”

Dr. Nathan said, “Some people start self-medicating and poverty is a problem.”

A woman from the audience said, “Racism seems to be focused on. Alcohol can cause mania behavior. Weed is laced with other drugs. I’d rather have them do weed than alcohol.”

Dr. Nathan said, “The younger you are, the worse it is because it affects the brain which is still developing. At the age of 21, the brain levels off. In rare cases, cannabis can help. We don’t know if there’s prenatal harm. Pregnant women should abstain as well as people predisposed to narcotics.”

Another audience member came up to speak and remarked, “This law will help expunge criminal records. It’s going to be legalized eventually.”

Vitale responded, “We will address the expungement and decriminalize those records.”

Another audience member came up and agreed, “A lot of others can benefit from legalized marijuana.”

Irizarry responded, “To the business end of legalizing marijuana. You have to have money to invest in this. If people are employed and its minimum wage, how will it be a benefit?”

A young 8-year-old boy came up and asked a question, “What will the law look like when I’m of age (21)?”

Vitale responded, “We can’t predict that until we get more data.”

Cardenas responded, “Just stay away from all drugs.”

Resident Daniel Pietro came up and said, “We need to legalize marijuana and just take steps to update the law as we go along.”

Vitale responded, “I see no benefit and we always think it’s going to solve all problems. Let’s wait to see the consequences on families and the community in other states where it’s legal. Let’s be rational. We can fix expungement records now.”

Dr. Nathan said, “Most people arrested can’t afford fines and it leads to incarceration. States where marijuana is legal are doing quite well.”

A resident from South Amboy

came up to speak, “My child started with marijuana and it escalated to hard drugs. We trusted alcohol and drug companies and it failed us. How can we protect against these additives? This is not Grandpa’s marijuana.”

Barr responded, “I don’t want my kids to smoke anything. There are no guarantees things will be better. Marijuana is a multimillion dollar operation already and they’re not paying taxes on it. In the past two years, there were 20,000 marijuana cases pending because test labs have been backlogged and they’re not testing properly. Sometimes the technicians just sniff the product and make a determination by that instead of properly testing it.”

Acting Perth Amboy Police Chief Roman McKeon came up to speak and said, “Mayor Diaz and I support medical marijuana, but we don’t support recreational use. We don’t have the resources for the people coming here to buy marijuana by crossing the Outerbridge from New York.”

Barr continued, “If New Jersey legalizes marijuana, New York will be right behind it.”

Irizarry made a remark, “We will not get help from the Port Authority or the State.”

McKeon then questioned, “How can we test people who are stoned?”

Barr answered, “It would have to be a drug recognition by the police. It’s a mixed bag.”

Cardenas mentioned, “Marijuana stays in your system for one month.”

Dr. Nathan added, “There is not a definitive test for marijuana.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up to speak, “There are three issues when dealing with marijuana: 1) medical; 2) decriminalization and 3) recreational use. I am against recreational use. We have more calls to poison control. Our Governor proposes taxation. We have a black market on marijuana. Do you think that the black market will go away and lose that untaxed money? We all require drug testing? It will be a detriment to our community.”

Barr responded, “This will undercut the black market. Right now, what we have in my view is bad.”

Another audience member questioned, “Will this help the community health programs and who will be the regulators?”

Vitale responded, “The dispensaries will have different strains controlled by law enforcement. Quality of life and transportation will be affected.”

A pastor of a church came up to speak in reference to the three states where marijuana is legal. “In those three states, collision claims have increased. What will it do with our high insurance rates already? There are a lot of health issues associated with marijuana already. This will tax our health issues even more.”

Dr. Nathan said, “That is true. This affects your airways. They can do edible marijuana. Peo-



(L to R) Damaris Ramirez, Attorney Lazaro Cardenas, Psychiatrist Dr. David Nathan, Pastor Danielle Brown Cathedral International, Attorney Jon-Henry Barr, Esq., Councilman Fernando Irizarry, Senator Joe Vitale 19<sup>th</sup> District *\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*



The panel takes questions from the audience. *\*Photo by Eric Salvary*



Resident Sue Pezza (With Mic); Audience Member Jerry Yaros (Rear) *\*Photo by Eric Salvary*



A Resident speaks about the legalization of marijuana *\*Photo by Eric Salvary*

ple vaporize at stronger doses. There is an increase in heart attacks and increases in pulse rate. Marijuana is an anti-inflammatory.”

Geri Barcheski came up to speak next. She questioned the statement when someone said that opioid use was reduced with legalization of marijuana. “I am puzzled by this remark. Pot is easily accessible and is vaporized everywhere. 85% of grade school kids know people who use marijuana. My son who died started with marijuana as did some of his friends who died.”

Vitale responded, “Overdoses have gone down in Colorado because of a stronger medicinal program. That was the first introduction. We have 13,000 medicinal users. That will increase to 200,000. Legal or not, kids will always get their hands on marijuana.”

Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe came up to speak next. “Look at the advertisement that the big tobacco and alcohol companies are putting up and the communities and the age groups they are targeting.”

Dr. Nathan responded, “The packaging (for medical marijuana) will not be attractive to young people. Warning labels

are not a deterrent. We need to talk about regulation even if opposed to legalization.”

Another audience member asked if the sales from marijuana will go into research for clinical trials.

Vitale responded, “It has to be put in a bill. I support funds to go to clinical trials.”

Dr. Nathan suggested people look at the website for Doctors for Cannabis to see what we propose.”

Resident Jeremy Baratta made a simple statement, “If you decriminalize without legalization, this will solve a lot of problems.”

Barr said, “We need to undercut the drug dealers and regulate (marijuana) as we do alcohol and tobacco.”

Cardenas then added, “There used to be an underground for moonshine. Does anybody know any people who make moonshine, now?”

Some people in the audience nodded “yes.”

Dr. Nathan wanted to thank Councilman Irizarry for getting this forum together.

At the end, Councilman Irizarry thanked Carol Dortch-Wright who helped put the forum together.



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The UMOP Second Annual Lung Cancer Awareness Walk, supported by the Royal Rangers Outpost 51, Rutgers Unión Estudiantil Puertorriqueña, Rutgers Educational Opportunity Fund Student Association, Latino Student Council, UndocuRutgers, We Care Perth Amboy Coalition of Food Pantries, Cathedral Community Development Corporation, God's Army Ministries and the City of Perth Amboy, will aim to bring awareness of lung cancer to the community. Registration for this event is free and can be completed ahead of time at [unitedmessengers08.wixsite.com/umop/lca-walk-registratation](http://unitedmessengers08.wixsite.com/umop/lca-walk-registratation).

The walk starts at 11:00 AM at the Perth Amboy Train Station, with participant and sponsor registration/check-in running from 9:15 AM-10:15 AM. Open registration will also occur during this time frame. The program will begin at 10:30 AM. The walk will begin at 11 AM sharp!

"This is our second season hosting this walk and every year we notice how the need for lung cancer awareness rises," said Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe, Founder and President. "With the help of our supporters and community members, we anticipate the spread of lung cancer awareness will increase tremendously this year."

Following the event, participants are invited to refreshments and information provided by various community businesses and organizations!

For more information or to register online, please visit [unitedmessengers08.wix.com/umop/lca-walk-registratation](http://unitedmessengers08.wix.com/umop/lca-walk-registratation).

## Live at the Ferry Slip Original Music Series Kick Off on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018

#### Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Live at the Ferry Slip Original Music Series will return for its 3rd season on Saturday June 2nd 2018 from 7-9 p.m. The music series is at the Perth Amboy Ferry Slip at 300 Front St on the waterfront next to the Perth Amboy Marina. Enjoy great live music and beautiful views of Raritan Bay. Kicking off the series are two great bands The Rollbacks and The EMKAYS. The Rollbacks are a five-piece band that plays Latin fusion, mixing jazz, rock, salsa and bossa nova. The EMKAYS are a 3 piece band that play an eclectic mix of folk, rock, jazz, blues and whatever anyone requests on the back of a hundred dollar bill. The show is free and all ages. There is

room for dancing and limited seating is available first come first served. The Ferry Slip Museum will be open to tour and Empanada Express Food Truck will be at the event. Also, enjoy great food and drinks at the ice cream parlor & bars and restaurants along the Perth Amboy waterfront. Live at the Ferry Slip Music Series is hosted by Perth Amboy Artworks in partnership with the Historic City of Perth Amboy Ferry Slip Museum and the Honorable Mayor Wilda Diaz. 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. The Live at the Ferry Slip Music Series is from

7-9 p.m. For more information and to reserve free tickets, visit [PerthAmboyArtworks.org](http://PerthAmboyArtworks.org). The complete Live at the Ferry Slip Music Series 2018 lineup includes:

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 p.m.-9 p.m. - **The Rollbacks and The EMKAYS**  
Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. - **Tight Lipped and The Despised NJ**  
Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.-9 p.m. **Bodega Satellite and Erotic Novels**  
Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m. -9 p.m.- **Knottyracker and United States of Boogaloo**  
Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. **Segunda Quimbamba**

## Free Programs for People with Diabetes Offered in English and Spanish in Perth Amboy in May

PERTH AMBOY - Are you a person with Medicare living with diabetes or know someone who is? Take control of your health through a completely free and fun six-week workshop series. Meet others going through similar challenges and learn about preventing complications, healthy eating, exercise, medication management, dealing with stress and depression, action planning, and much more. The program has helped over 1,000 graduates in New Jersey eat healthier, lose weight, regulate their blood sugar levels, and live a healthier life.

"I have learned more in this workshop than I have in 10 years of fighting this disease," said Marian, a woman with Type 2 diabetes who graduated from a previous workshop. Free diabetes self-management programs will be offered in both English and Spanish at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA on 357 New Brunswick Ave in Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

The free series in Spanish will be offered on Tuesdays, May 15 to June 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The free series in English will be offered on Thursdays, May 17 to June 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register for either free program, call Brenda Guilles, Director of Healthy Living at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, at (732) 442-3632 ext. 6530.

Complimentary healthy refreshments and free literature will be provided. All attendees must register by the second workshop session.

The free programs are being offered by Quality Insights as part of the national Everyone with Diabetes Counts (EDC) program, which is funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Learn more at [www.qualityinsights-qin.org](http://www.qualityinsights-qin.org).

## 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy was settled in 1683, but it did not become a city until 1718. During 1718, the citizens of Perth Amboy petitioned Royal Governor Robert Hunter for a City Charter. As a Perth Amboy resident, Governor Hunter was sympathetic to his neighbors and granted a Royal Charter.

Before our Royal Charter was bestowed, there was no city government. So, the year 2018 is very special, as it marks the 300th Anniversary of our Mayor's Office, City Council, Police Department, City Clerk's Office, and Business Administrator's Office. And while Royal Charters were typically given out to Townships & other land-holdings, Perth Amboy was the first in the entire Colony Of New Jersey to receive a Royal Charter specifically as a city. Perth Amboy's Royal Charter also called for elections, which was the beginning of our local democratic process.



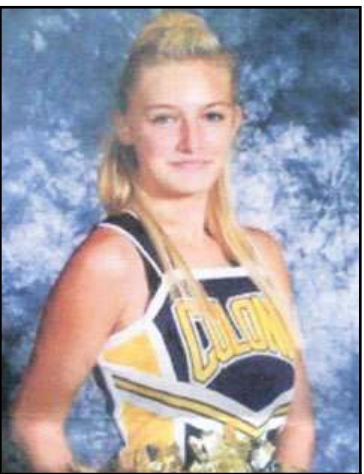
Portrait of Royal Governor Robert Hunter c.1718  
\*Courtesy of John K. Dyke

Channel 34 and You Tube will soon be airing a documentary short entitled: "Perth Amboy's 1718 Royal Charter", which brings forth rare images as well as original documents from that timeframe. Universities, historical societies and archives from across the nation have all contributed to this film, which is a John Dyke Production. Check your local Comcast, Fios and You Tube listings.

## Pasta Night & Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - The JEMMS Foundation Inc. is having their 9th Annual Pasta Night & Tricky Tray on Friday, May 11, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed by an Auction at 8 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy. Dinner Cost: \$10 adult; \$6 Children under 12. (Tricky Tray tickets sold separately). Door Prizes & 50/50 Raffle. Tickets available by email – [metzgerl@ymail.com](mailto:metzgerl@ymail.com) or call 732-850-4156. Bring ONE non-perishable food item and receive ONE FREE raffle ticket. To be donated to local food pantry.

The JEMMS Foundation Inc. was established in 2010 in loving memory of Jennifer Elizabeth Metzger who was a 16-year-old sophomore at Colonia High School. Jennifer was killed in an accident on May 14, 2009. We have established this scholarship to help out the community of high school students in the Greater Middlesex Conference who participate in all sports to help students further their education and to keep the memory and spirit of Jennifer alive. Jennifer was an avid bowler and her dream was to become a pro-bowler. Jennifer was also a member of the cheerleading squad and loved being on the track team in junior high school. We award two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each. We require the students to write an essay



Jennifer Elizabeth Metzger

on "safe driving" in order to be considered for our scholarship. We have also branched out to the community to help out those in need.

On behalf of the JEMMS Foundation Inc., we the board members would like to request your organization to help us with our 9th annual fundraiser, to be held Friday, May 11, 2018. If your organization could be so generous to donate an item for our tricky tray auction or make a monetary donation towards the JEMMS Foundation, Inc., your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Lisa Metzger (President) at 732-850-4156 or Julia Kopko (Vice-President) at 731-261-8726 if you would like to help us out or if you need further information. We the committee thank you.



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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.*

In a speech to Nazi Party leaders in Berlin on May 7, 1943, Hitler says that U-boat warfare — the surest way, he declares, to “cut the arteries of the enemy” — will be stepped up. Even as *der Führer* speaks, however, the calamity of what comes to be known as “Black May” for the U-boat force is unfolding in the Atlantic. where major losses are being incurred. Advances in Allied techniques for convoy protection and anti-submarine warfare drastically reduce shipping losses and increase submarine “kills.” In May in the Atlantic alone, the Germans lose 18 U-boats to convoy battles and 14 to anti-submarine air patrols. In Tunisia, Tunis falls to the British First Army. The U.S. Army’s II Corps reaches Bizerte, 44 miles to the northwest, the same day.

In Washington, D.C., the Joint Chiefs of Staff on May 8 approve the strategic plan for the defeat of Japan, including the objective of that nation’s unconditional surrender. Thousands of Korean-Americans begin signing a petition to have their status converted from that of “enemy aliens” to “friendly aliens.” In December 1943 the petition will be granted, and their status changed. Retreating German and Italian troops in Tunisia attempt to make a stand at Cape Bon, a peninsula northeast of Tunis, but the British overwhelm them. The Germans quickly transfer all assets of the *Luftwaffe* in North Africa to Sicily.

The unconditional surrender of all Axis troops in Tunisia takes effect at 11 a.m. on May 9. The Soviets take over Sevastopol, on the southwest corner of Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula, as Hitler finally changes his mind and orders German troops to evacuate the city. A German Junkers Ju-88 bomber equipped with a new air-intercept radar is flown secretly from Norway to Scotland by defectors. Analysis of this new radar and how it is used by *Luftwaffe* night fighters will prove vital to the Allies.

In China, the Chiangjiao Massacre is in its second day on May 10. For four days, from May 9 through May 12, soldiers of the Japanese China Expeditionary Army perpetrate a massacre in Chiangjiao, Hunan, China, aimed at the civilian population. Over 30,000 people are killed, and thousands of women are raped. In Berlin, Adolf Hitler signs an order extending his leadership of the Third Reich indefinitely. Der Führer also approves the launch of “Operation Citadel,” the offensive against the Kursk salient in Russia, for June 1943.

On May 11, 3,000 soldiers of the U.S. Army’s 7th Division — aided by Canadian reconnaissance and fighter-bomber support — land on Japanese-held Attu Island, in the Aleutians. The fighting is difficult, with U.S. forces withstanding multiple banzai charges. In Washington, despite strenuous Allied efforts to cloak the planned invasion of Sicily in secrecy, U.S. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox almost blows the cover. Fortunately, his statement to a reporter, “Possession of Sicily would obviously be of advantage to the Allies,” is interpreted by the Nazis as a clumsy attempt at a deception. (As a result of a British misinformation effort, the Germans believe an Allied attack will target either Sardinia or Greece.)

The Anglo-American Trident Conference opens in Washington, D.C., on May 12 (and continues to May 25). Churchill secures Roosevelt’s agreement to American involvement in the Mediterranean beyond the planned invasion of Sicily. Churchill, in turn, agrees on a target date of May 1, 1944, for the invasion of France, which the U.S. considers of paramount importance. In North Africa, 130,000 German troops and 120,000 Italian soldiers are taken prisoner. Generals von Arnim and Messe — the German and Italian commanders, respectively, in North Africa — and 24 other Axis generals are also captured. This ends the existence of the once-mighty *Afrika Korps*.

The North African Campaign on May 13 officially comes to an end as the last German units lay down their arms. British Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander sends word to Prime Minister Winston Churchill that “...the Tunis campaign is over. All enemy resistance has ceased.” In the almost three years of fighting in North Africa, nearly 480,000 Italian, German and Vichy French soldiers have been wounded or captured, with another 42,000 killed over the course of the campaign. Allied campaign losses number around 40,000 killed, and another 200,000 wounded, missing or captured.

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**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, June 7, 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.

**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.

**Monthly Tour**  
**of The Berkow**  
**Maternity**  
**Pavilion**  
PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to tour and learn about the maternity unit’s modern comforts, designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990 and reference zip code 08861.

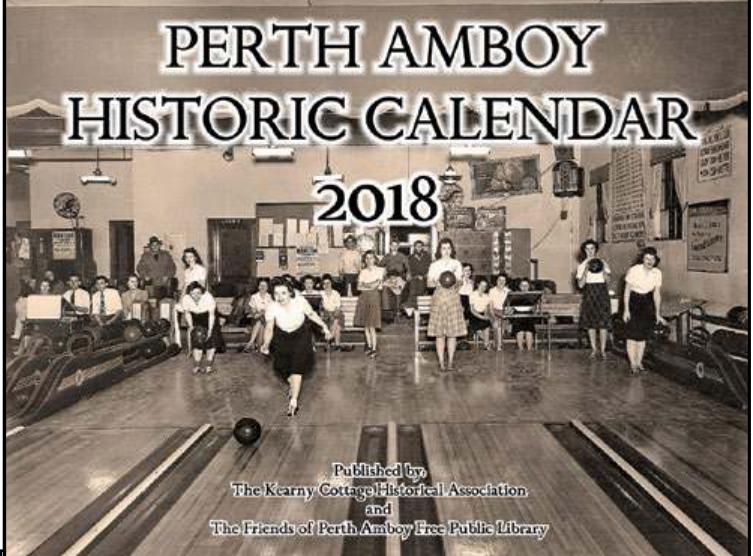
**First Aid**  
**Course**  
PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is having a First Aid course Wednesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn basic first aid training to manage many medical and traumatic injuries. Participant practices use of gloves, bandaging and use of Epinephrine pen (trainer). Cost is \$80.00 per person. Registration required, call Mary at 732.324.5393 or email michelle.norek@hackensackmeridian.org or call 1-800-560.9990 (reference zip code 08861)

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.

**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: May 12<sup>th</sup> & May 26<sup>th</sup> 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. !!!!

**“Weight Loss**  
**Surgery:**  
**The Facts”**  
PERTH AMBOY - The Center for Bariatric Surgery at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding a free seminar “Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts” Thursday, May 24, 6:00 p.m., in Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy. Center for Bariatric Surgery Medical Director Karl Strom, M.D., will discuss the benefits of weight loss surgery. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

## 2018 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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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.

## Pet of the Week



Chucky is a 6-yr. old long-haired cat whose mommy has cancer so now he needs a new home. Text 732.486.6382 to adopt. Adoption application and donation fee apply. Allfor-thepaws.org

**Music at**  
**St. Mary’s**  
SOUTH AMBOY - MASM is pleased to present the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mozart Festival as our final concert of the season. The Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Christopher M. C. Deibert will feature teenage piano sensation Matthew Tricarico in a stunning performance of Mozart’s Piano Concerto # 12 in A Major. Additionally, the concert will feature the winds of the orchestra as they perform Mozart’s Serenade No. 11 for Winds in Eb Major. The program will conclude with Symphony No. 40 in g minor. Come and help us toast the middle of springtime with this unparalleled music. Sunday, May 20, 2018, 4:00 p.m., at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A celebratory wine and cheese reception will follow the concert. For questions call MASM @ 732-857-0202



**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.*

**Prayer to the Blessed Virgin**

*(Never known to fail)*  
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity *(make request)*. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee *(3 times)*.  
Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands *(3 times)*.

*Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you. A.L.S.*

**Eating Heart Smart Event**

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding an Eating Heart Smart event Thursday, May 10, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave., NJ. Join our registered dietitians as they share advice on foods that can help lower your blood pressure. Cooking demos and samples will be provided. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990 or visit HackensackMeridianHealth.org.

**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.

**Movies@ Main: Daddy Issues**

Press Release 4/11/18  
WOODBIDGE - On May 11 the Woodbridge Main Library will begin a new film series scheduled Friday afternoons at 2 PM that will focus on fathers and fatherhood. The first movie is Beginners, a romantic comedy drama based on the true story of an elderly man's exploration as an openly gay man. Christopher Plummer received the 2011 Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in this film. On May 18, we will screen Place Beyond the Pines, a crime drama with Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendes, Emory Cohen and Dane DeHaan. May 25 will feature Nebraska, a film chronicling a father – son road trip from Montana to Nebraska. Delivery Man, a comedy about a slacker who donates to a fertility clinic, will be shown on June 4, followed by Walking Out, an adventure film about the survival of a father and son stranded in the Montana wilderness. Our series concludes on June 15 with Glass Castle, a biographical drama based on Jeannette Walls' memoir of the same name

Our films are sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township. Light refreshments are provided by the Woodbridge Library Foundation. The Woodbridge Public Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge.

**Senior Scene Happenings**

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
TUES. May 8	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 9	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 10	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
	• Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.
MON. May 14	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. May 15	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 16	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. May 17	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
<b>South Amboy</b>	
	Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. May 28	Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
WED. Jun. 6	South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Jun. 11	St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,

**Attn: If Your Club changes its Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com**

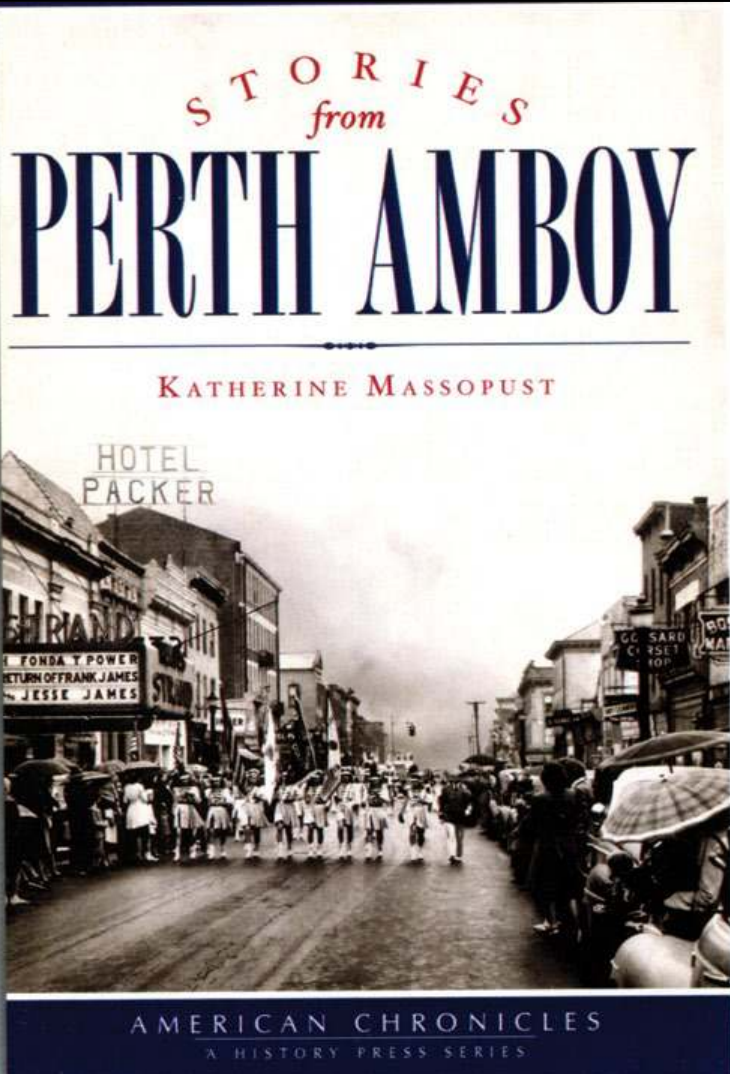
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**LOOKING BACK**



PERTH AMBOY - Mayor George Otlowski at the Marina Park Project Phase I - May 7, 1980. This was the beginning of the revitalization of the Waterfront Area. *\*Photo Courtesy of Mike Keller This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.*



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



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If you wish to publish a Novena in The Amboy Guardian, you may use this coupon.

A Petition to  
St. Joseph

Dear St. Joseph, head of the most perfect household, foster father of Jesus and guardian of His mother Mary, I confidently place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. I ask that, through your powerful intercession with God, you obtain for me all the help and graces that I need for my spiritual and temporal welfare and in particular, the special favor I now ask there mention or think of your home sale or any other petition, especially family needs. Good St. Joseph, I know with confidence, that your prayers on my behalf will be heard by God and that He will grant my request, if it be for His glory and my greater good. Thank you St. Joseph, for having responded to my call. Amen. *G.T.A.*

Prayer To St. Clare

Prayer To Blessed Mother

Prayer To Blessed Virgin

St. Jude Novena

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For Employment

Prayer To Holy Spirit

Thanksgiving Novena

Pray The Rosary

A Petition to  
St. Jude

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

Prayer To St. Jude

Novena To St. Anthony

Novena To St. Joseph

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ACROSS

1. Atlas picture
4. Elongated circle
8. Genesis man
12. In the tradition of: 2 wds.
13. Harsh sentence
14. Soda-machine possibility
15. Signal for help
16. Be bold
17. Exam
18. Blasting compound: abbr.
19. Part of "MFA"

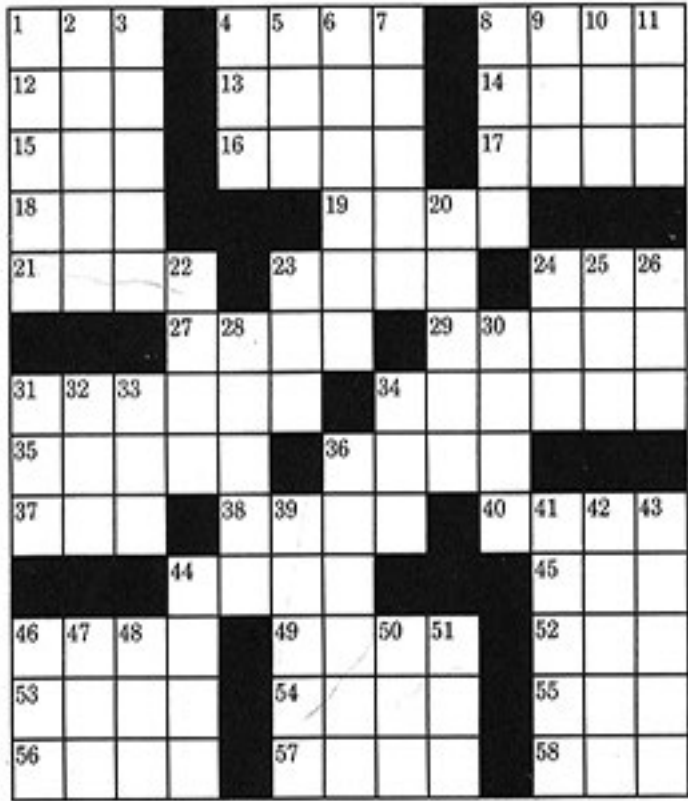
21. Furry sea mammal
23. Serving receptacle
24. Mr. King Cole
27. Very enthusiastic
29. Newport, \_\_\_\_\_ Island
31. TV dog
34. Got misty-eyed
35. Revises (copy)
36. Typical freshman
37. Uppermost point
38. Remove wrinkles from
40. Be aware of
44. Bit of gossip
45. Rhyming heavy-weight champ

46. Jab
49. Operation reminder
52. Fool (around)
53. Fence bar
54. City vehicle
55. Mate of 8-Across
56. Nothing but
57. Daisy stalk
58. Family room

DOWN

1. Poles on schooners
2. Without any company
3. Fettuccine or ziti
4. Like Father Time
5. By means of
6. Scared
7. Sly glances
8. Plays a role

9. Fawn's mother
10. Gore and Jolson
11. Bathroom rug
20. Age after two
22. Final
23. Expire
24. Word with "neither"
25. Summer citrus drink
26. TV's Koppel
28. Call on
30. Singer Williams
31. "\_\_\_\_\_ sleeping dogs lie"
32. Fuss
33. Wee swallow
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ Commandments
36. Male feline
39. Takes five
41. Not wearing any clothes
42. Pimento-filled food
43. Become broader
44. In a nonchalant way
46. Old hand
47. Was a cross-country competitor
48. Petroleum product
50. Lumber-jack's tool
51. Cup edge



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**PERTH AMBOY** - Newly renovated ranch!!! New vinyl sidings, finished basement, large yard, long driveway leading into a spacious 1 car garage. **\$239,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Great potential starter home or investment. Double lot, 3 car garages with automatic doors, driveway, open layout, big kitchen with pantry, good size living room, loads of natural light, 1.5 bath, base board heat, furnace is about 6 years old. Walk up basement, walk up attic ready to be finish for more storage. Property needs updates and TLC. **\$235,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Great investment property, 4 family. 2 bedroom each apartment. **\$490,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - This two is located close to major public transportation and downtown shopping district, all separated utilities. Needs some TLC but has lots of potential. is being sold strictly in "AS IS" condition. **\$304,000**



**WOODBIDGE** - Large updated Kitchen, Washer/Dryer Set up on 1st and 2nd Fl very convenient to wash clothes on both floors, Back yard has a large deck that leads to back yard. **\$385,000**



**EDISON** - 1 Bedroom plus extra room, 1st Floor, centrally located to downtown Highland Park and New Brunswick, commuter train and theatre district. Close to all major highways, Rutgers University and hospitals. Association fees include heat, taxes, water, sewer, ground maintenance and pool. Sold As-Is Condition. **\$55,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Nice starter home in the prestige Lincoln Dr. section of town. Remodeled 5 years ago. HWH 2 years, furnace 15, roof 7. **\$174,900**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Great 3 family close to most major public transportation, Middle and High Schools. lots off street parking spaces, buyer is responsible for C/O and all repairs. **\$369,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Historic Corner building on a busy intersection, building includes a Restaurant on the 1<sup>st</sup> level, and two 3-bdrm apts., 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 with 1 soda refrigerator, 1 double oven, 1 commercial grade refrigerator, 2 fryers, 1 grill, mobile warmer for catering, 2 freezers, dishwasher, slicing machine, triple sinks, 2 separate men's and women's bathroom, full bar, area with stools along with multiple tables and chairs, come see the property and let your future dreams become a reality with your own restaurant! Showing starts Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, both apartment unit 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! **\$599,900**