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# Annie Hindenlang Updates the City on the Focus 2000 Redevelopment Plan Areas 1,2,3

8/8/18 Council Meeting



Annie Hindenlang

PERTH AMBOY – Exec. Dir. Office of Economic and Community Development PARA Annie Hindenlang presented a short slideshow at the 8/8/18 Council Meeting.

During the presentation, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked, "Can the King High Garage Area (outer State Street) be a possible truck stop?"

Hindenlang responded, "Yes."

During the public comments, Resident Stanley Sierakowski questioned, "Who owns the 100 acres of the Gateway Area? If 400 rental units are built, will there be any space for schools? There should be components for zoning to set aside acreage for schools. Look at what Johnson & Johnson did in New Brunswick. To have developers be required to pay in lieu of taxes is disingenuous. It should be a requirement to set aside acreage for schools."

Annie Hindenlang then spoke about the Sayre Avenue Redevelopment Property. "There are 4 owners on that Gateway property. You have to do a physical impact on the schools."

Council President William Petrick had a couple of comments stating he's never seen an impact study on schools that were done when any presentations were made. "In the 1990's, there were more concerns about schools in new developments. Our schools are bursting at the seems now. The SDA (School Development Authority) said they didn't want schools in highly contaminated areas."

Resident and Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman came up to speak next, "Was the presenta-



Stanley Sierakowski

tion shown tonight available online? It would be helpful. We are already overcrowded, and our infrastructure is not up to date. Open space money should go into a trust. We should have an open space presentation account like other cities have. The BRIDGE Project was the worst deal for the City because it was a PILOT and they flipped the land for a profit. This will lead others to take advantage of the City. If we want to spur the economy, we need more commercial (businesses coming in). If you leave it to the City, we will have a bigger administration and less for the citizens."

Resident Ken Balut came up next. "Professionals (such as former Law Director Arlene Quinones) hired by the Mayor made bad deals. Kushner Properties were supposed to be ownership and not rentals. I don't



Sharon Hubberman

see the Board of Education here talking about the impact of schools (traffic, location of new school by the firehouse). What happened to the school and the firehouse that was supposed to be built at Harbortown? What about the impact (new developments) on emergency services? You should ask the Board of Education to come here?"

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up to speak and stated, "You're going to get at least 200 kids from 400 units. It's going to be a real draw on services because of extra toilets, showers, etc."

Annie Hindenlang concluded her remarks stating, "The City Council always has to be involved in Redevelopment."

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Overturned Truck, New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy 8/20/18 \*Photo by Katherine Massopust



Pictured above is a truck that was overturned New Brunswick Avenue due to a motor vehicle accident on Monday, 8/20/18 during the morning hours.

# Are Rats Becoming A Problem in South Amboy?

8/15/18 Council Meeting

By: Joseph L. Kuchie SOUTH AMBOY - Several South Amboy residents attended last Wednesday's city council meeting to express their concerns about the recent increase of rats in and around the city.

Residents alleged that rats have been discovered all over town, including in the roads and yards of many residential areas. Resident Barbara Pasternack claims that the abandoned property near her home is where the rats are coming from, and that she has killed six rats in her yard thus far.

"The rats are running rampant around here, I know we killed six in our backyard," Pasternack said. "Not only is it disgusting, it's a health hazard, it's a safety hazard."

"The house that is abandoned on my block has been abandoned for three years," she continued. "Nobody has done anything... I know we're responsible for our property but what is the city doing with their property? We pay taxes and quite frankly I haven't seen anything done with our tax money that really benefits us and I want to know what's going to happen."

"We are aware that there are reports of rats in the city here and there," Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski replied. "I take issue with calling it rampant...I'm not disagreeing with the fact that there are sightings and as we receive each complaint I've got Jay Elliot [from code enforcement] and Lee [Lloyd] our health officer working in concert to go to the places, cite the responsible parties, compel them in municipal court to effect a cleanup."

"It's a situation we take very seriously," he added. "Tonight, on first reading the council introduced an abandoned property ordinance which would give us a little bit of a better mechanism to follow up and identify some of these delinquent property owners...that's a mechanism that we're putting in place in response not only to the rodent is

sue but other issues with regard to the properties."

Resident Ken Feely explained that he too had seen rats near his home, both running across Barkalow Street and in his backyard. He too thought the rats were nesting in an unkept property a few doors down from his home, and he was concerned that the kids in town were at risk of getting bit.

"I've watched several of these [rats] come running across my street the other day and yeah, I've got them in my backyard and it just caught me by surprise last week," Feely said. "Do I want them? No. Is my backyard pristine? Yes. It has to be the house a couple doors down from us."

"The big key is I saw them in the park...that house is right next to the park," he continued. "Your words just now were 'we'll take care of the properties, we'll find out what the problem is, and we'll take care of the properties. If one kid, which there's always kids in there, gets bitten from this I'm going to tell you right now you're going to hear holy hell from people in this town and I'm going to be honest with you I'll be one of them."

Business Administrator Skarzynski pledged to walk the trouble areas that residents presented in hopes of bringing an end to the problem.

"I assure you without having to be directed by the governing body we will bring everything the city has to bare to get this situation under control, and that responsibility will fall directly on me, "Skarzynski said. "I'm the paid professional that they employee to handle problems like this and we will make sure that it gets handled."

Council Vice President Christine Noble ran the council meeting as Council President Mickey Gross was unable to attend. All other council members were in attendance.

The next city council meeting will be held on September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

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## If It's Local - It's Here!











## South Amboy's Response to Rat Problem

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY - At the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Mayor and City Council several residents spoke about sightings of rats in several specific locations in the City. In response to these complaints the City mobilized several key departments including, Health, Zoning, Code Enforcement, and the Department of Public Works to immediately address the problem.

On August 16th Mayor Fred Henry, Council President Mickey Gross along with the City Business Administrator and representatives from the Middlesex County Health Department did a walking tour of the affected areas to determine the best course of action.

"Clearly", said Mayor Henry, "despite the distribution of informational flyers in May to City residents encouraging folks to clean up their yards there are several, who despite the best efforts of our City Health Inspector simply will not maintain their property. Sadly, some of these properties have deteriorated to the extent that they may be harboring rodents. We cannot and will not allow this problem to go unaddressed."

In order to address the complaints, the City dispatched representatives from Health and Code Enforcement to cite property owners who are not maintaining their yards win accordance with City Ordinance. In the course of these inspections several uninhabited bank owned properties were identified and the responsible parties were also contacted and cited to ensure that immediate corrective actions were taken.

Additionally, the City has arranged for a special bulk pickup schedule City wide in the month

of September to afford property owners to dispose of items that may be accumulating in their yards to remove any potential harborages for rodents.

According to Health Officials rodents are attracted to areas by available food and water. This often comes in the form of garbage cans without lids, garbage bags left out of containers, and standing water. In addition, piles of debris, unkept lawns and even abandoned vehicles can provide safe haven for all

forms of undesirable animals.

"Health, Code Enforcement, and Zoning Officers have been directed by the Business Administrator to engage in a vigorous enforcement campaign to compel negligent homeowners to come in to compliance. On the first day of this stepped-up campaign 21 summonses were issued.", said Henry. In instances where there is continued noncompliance the City will conduct the cleanup and use liens to recover the cost.



## **Atlantic City Bus Trip**

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



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## Kearny

## Cottage Open

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

## Historic Surveyor General's Office

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

Free tours are available Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Clubs, classrooms & groups are welcome. Come & view this newly restored building!

## Proprietary House Open

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

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

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

## **Community Calendar**

#### **Perth Amboy**

THURS. Aug. 23 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.

McGinnis School, State St.

Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

#### **South Amboy**

WED. Sept. 5 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.

City Hall, N. Broadway

WED. Sept. 19 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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## **LOCAL PERSPECTIVE**

## **EDITORIAL**

## The Toughest Job

No matter who is in the oval office, the job of President of the United States is the most difficult in the world. No matter how you slice it, the President of the United States is the most powerful person in the world.

Today, the second most difficult job in the world is being Mayor of Chicago.

Let's look at the stats: As of August 14, 2018 there have been 1,876 people shot this year in Chicago and that is 473 less than last year. FYI Chicago has one of the strictest gun control laws in the United States.

If all of these celebrity and non-celebrity protesters are so concerned about protecting the welfare of the youth in the United States, would they dare confront the gangs of Chicago? What about going to Long Island to help the Police there confront the MS-13 gang members who are recruiting some of the vulnerable's? MS-13 gangs did not just pop up recently. They have been active for years.

What about having a protest he people who distributed synthetic marijuana to the 90+ people who overdosed in New Haven, Connecticut? (In a park. According to sources the first call came in around 8 a.m.)

There are many people who are very well off and own a lot of land where they can build schools, summer camps or wildlife habitats that could probably be tax write-offs. This could be a place where disadvantaged kids can spend summer to get away from dangerous environments.

This constant war of words between Lebron James and President Trump is getting to be very old. I do have to commend Lebron James (an Akron, Ohio native) and the Akron Public School System for teaming up to build the I Promise Elementary School for disadvantaged youth. The James' Family foundation will cover extra costs in the school, and upgrade of the building.

In 2010, Mark Zuckenberg donated \$100 million to help improve the school system in Newark. That money was mismanaged.

It's one thing to donate the money, but you have to follow the paper trail to see what the money is being used for.

The best way to fight impoverished cities is through a good education, job creation, and recreation.

Recently, on one of the conservative radio stations had a fundraiser so that children whose parents who are incarcerated could go to camp for a few weeks. Their goal

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was to send 100 kids to camp. The response from the listeners was so overwhelming, that they were able to send over 1000 children to camp. This station throughout the years are always having fundraisers to help disadvantaged youth (in the United States and impoverished countries), and they make sure the money they raise is actually going toward that purpose.

Yes, I know there are different organizations and people of all political persuasions that do similar fundraising. At least I know with this station, each cent is going toward those children.

One of the hosts of the same station founded an organization called "Gallagher's Army." Mike Gallagher raises money to give surviving family members of a police officer who has been killed in the line of duty.

Mike Gallagher has done this for over 5 years.

Celebrities are at their best when they come together to help our fellow citizens in times of tragedy. We need to stop screaming at each other and start talking to each other.

You know what they say, there's always 3 sides to every story: yours, mine, and a compromise.

I know the election of 2016 tore a lot of people apart. Many marriages, friendships, and families were divided or severed. In my opinion, if one person in one election could tear you apart from many years of a relationship, maybe that relationship was not as strong as you thought it was. Remember, we are a democracy, and that's why we have elections.

Can you imagine living in a country where you have no choice and the leadership is passed down through generations?

As an exapmle, look at North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Won who inherited his position from his father, who was just as bad as him. Kim Jong Won was accused of killing his uncle and his brother and many citizens who disagreed with him.

All these rich celebrities and personalities who threatened to leave the United States and have more than enough money to live comfortably in other countries are still here. They know they don't have the same personal freedom, especially in some countries where women have to adhere to a very strict dress code (at the very least). Some of those celebrities were banned from performing there because they cannot perform in some of their non-clothing that can wear here. So all political parties should put their heads together to help our citizens first. C.M.

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## THE COMMUNITY VOICE

## Election Day 2018

Okay. Get ready for Election Day 2018! This will be fun to watch! In fact, even the dead voters will jump out of their grave. This is where those Democratic and Republican voters will fight to the end. You know, too far from the right or

left. Now, here in Perth Amboy there's three City Council Candidates that have the Mayor's support. That's okay, BUT do they have a Master Plan for the city? We want to know.

The Perth Amboy Democratic Party needs a wake-up call. There will be 6 candidates running for City Council. They may split up the Democratic

Party.

Yes, it's still early to talk about the elections, but YOU, the voter better start doing your homework before you go out and vote. I always said voting is a right, but watch who you vote for.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

## Unfinished City Projects

The City Administration has overlooked Sandy recovery efforts for the once legendary Tennis Courts on Sadowski by putting another 5-month delay on the contact with Hellios Construction for tennis courts construction. Grants the City wishes to request from State Officials have been in place since the devastating effects from the Hurricane. Government funding of 17 million dollars in recov-

ery have been spent since 2013 on restoring scenic Waterfront piers, marinas, sanding, plantings, and walkways. Yet, recreating a key recreational area slowly is put of well into 2019.

The recalled city Business Administrator stated at the August 6th Council Meeting that issues related to neighborhood parking, bathrooms, and negotiations with contractors have stalled this project. He placed a price tag of about \$1 million for completion. In 2014, City Officials placed a large sign stating

the opening of recreational play by September 2014.

I have witnessed neighborhood kids, adults, and scores of students from City Schools seeking to utilize the former broken down tennis courts. I hope that a consistent effort is made by members of the City Council and the Mayor to complete the project. It can only enhance the beauty of the Waterfront

Vince Mackiel

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## Raritan Bay Cruisers

### Car Show

WOODBRIDGE- Tuesdays from May 15<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Wal-Mart Parking Lot) Weather Permitting. Rock & Roll Music, Trophies, Kids Games, and Just Family Fun. For more info about Cruise Night Call 1-732-407-2396.

## Remembering Patti Page

**Patti Page**SOUTH AMBOY – The Sacred Heart Seniors are sponsoring an outing Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> to Lakeside Manor Route 36 Hazlet to see the musical tribute to legendary singer Patti Page. Cost of \$70 includes the show plus lunch. Transportation will be on your own. For more information call Judy at 732-727-0154.

### **Book Sale**

PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paper-backs/\$1 for hard cover) or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Presently, we are not 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: Saturday: Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</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. !!!!

## "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

A Musical Performance by Cathedral International and the Greater Perth Amboy Community - September 7, 2018

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - A buzz is in town about rehearsals taking place for a popular musical coming to Perth Amboy. It's the spectacular staging of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." This international smash hit plays one night only, Friday, September 7, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Cathedral International, 277 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy, NI

The production is a reimaging of the Biblical story of Joseph, sold into slavery by his brothers after his father gave him a coat of many colors. Joseph's gift of prophecy saves him from an uncertain fate and helps him to rescue Egypt from famine.

Often described as a high voltage extravaganza, this full-scale musical performance has a cast of singers, dancers and musicians from Cathedral International and

the greater Perth Amboy community.
"We have been rehearsing since

May with a multi-generational cast who are excited and ready to get on the stage," stated Musical Director, Ted Elias.
"This show is hailed for its fam-

"This show is hailed for its family-friendly storyline, universal themes, and catchy music," said Anita Dowd, production director. "Consider bringing the entire family."

Susan Roque is the choreographer.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is presented by arrangement with the musical company, LP. Lyrics to this legendary performance were written by Tim Rice and music was created by Andrew Lloyd Webber

For more information please visit www.cathedralinternational.org/Joseph.



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## Live at the Ferry Slip Saturday August 25th features artists with Perth Amboy Roots Knottyrocker and United States of Boogaloo



Bodega Satellite



Erotic Novels Band



United States of Boogaloo

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Artworks invites you to Live at the Ferry Slip Original Music Series on Saturday August 25th from 7-9pm for an evening of music with Knottyrocker & United States of Boogaloo. The Perth Amboy Ferry Slip is at 300 Front St. Perth Amboy, NJ.

Perth Amboy native Chris "Jof" Jefferson is the singer, songwriter and lead guitarist of

the NJ indie ska reggae rock trio called Knottyrocker. Their self released EP Wasted Love showcases their dance songs. Knottyrocker's live performances are positive, energetic and entertaining. Chris Jof has been in many important ska, punk and reggae music projects, including co-founding NJ's Hub City Stompers, bass player for NJ's Inspecter 7, guitarist for NJ's June and the Pushas and lead guitar for international Ska band "The English Beat" among others. Knottyrocker goes on at 7pm on Saturday August 25th.

United States of Boogaloo are a 6 piece NJ indie band who mix rock, salsa and soul. BJ Torres of Perth Amboy is one of the bands songwriters, singers and guitarists. The band was recently interviewed and performed live on the world famous WFMU radio station on the Transpacific Sound Program (available for listening on the WFMU website.) Their 2018 release Songs from Da Sala features originals like "The Negator," and "Elena Got Cut." They play Puerto Rican and Latin soul music incorporating rock and punk that showcases the bands creativity. Their latest original songs "1898" and "New Day" are homages to their Puerto Rican roots and issues facing the Island. United States of Boogaloo goes on at 8pm Saturday August 25th.



Knottyrocker

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Live at the Ferry Slip Original Music Series has focused on promoting great local and regional NJ artists. Earlier this summer the series featured Erotic Novels Band, featuring Shannon Perez of Perth Amboy. Shannon Perez, lead guitarist, singer and songwriter for the trio, plays pop punk soul-filled rock. She was born and raised in Perth Amboy and has been at the forefront of the NJ indie music scene as principal songwriter and vocalist for multiple NJ indie bands. Her band Erotic Novels was signed to GTG Records and has been touring.

Bodega Satellite, popular NJ indie rock band performed at the Ferry Slip this summer. Alberto Rios, guitarist/ singer/ songwriter for Bodega Satellite grew up in Perth Amboy and Puerto Rico. Bassist Diego Ponce is also from Perth Amboy. The band is a dynamic power trio with a unique indie rock sound sprinkled with Latin flavor. They have released 3 albums and toured all over the country and performed at major rock festivals.

The upcoming finale of Live at the Ferry Slip will be held on Saturday September 22 from 7-9pm and will feature Segunda Quimbamba, the dance and drum ensemble that perform authentic bomba and plena, the vibrant drum music of Puerto Rico! Join us again for this great event that was standing room only last year!

Live at the Ferry Slip is presented by Perth Amboy Artworks in partnership with the Historic Perth Amboy Ferry Slip Museum and 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. For more information visit www.perthamboyartworks. org or find us on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/perthamboyartworks/.

#### Dominican Festival, Sadowski Parkway, Perth Amboy, 8/10-12/18











Mayoral Citation to the Members of the Middlesex New Jersey Youth Soccer Assoc. Teams on Winning the Championship for their Respective Divisions: Lady Warriors & the Wildcats, Perth Amboy 8/8/18 Council Meeting

\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



(L to R) Dir. of Recreation Ken Ortiz, Council President Bill Petrick, Kevin Arias (the only NJ Resident to Represent the Olympic Development Team Eastern Division (Youth Soccer)) Catherine Villarreal, Secretary, David Federo, President of Middlesex NJ Division of Youth Soccer



The Lady Warriors Girls Soccer Team and their Coach pose for a group photo after being presented with a Mayoral Citation at the 8/8/18 Council Meet-



The Wildcats Boys Soccer Team and their Coach pose for a group photo after being presented with a Mayoral Citation at the 8/8/18 Council Meeting

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## Classic Car Cruise Night

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual fall Classic Car Cruise Night on Friday, September 7th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the K of C parking lot 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Food, refreshments, oldies music will be provided. A 50-50 drawing will be held. Trophies will be presented to the best entries. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry. For more information call 732-553-9060 or 732-721-2025.

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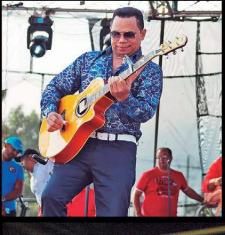
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## This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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 Ukraine, Soviet forces on August 20, 1943, capture Lebedyn, 107 miles northwest of Kharkiv. On Papua-New Guinea, Allied troops engage in heavy fighting southwest of Salamaua. In Asia, Japan and Thailand sign a peace treaty, which includes a provision that four Japanese-occupied provinces of the former British Malaya will be transferred to Thailand.

On August 21 in Washington, D.C., Andrei Gromyko takes over as the U.S.S.R.'s ambassador to the United States, replacing Maxim Litvinov. From Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, President Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King jointly announce that troops from the two countries have retaken Kiska Island in the Aleutians. The two say that announcement of the victory was delayed "for security reasons."

With no reinforcements expected in the foreseeable future, the Japanese on August 22 evacuate the last of their soldiers on New Georgia Island to neighboring Kolombangara. In Ukraine, German troops begin to withdraw from Kharkiv.

The heaviest raid to date on Berlin is made on August 23, as 727 RAF bombers drop more than 1,700 tons of bombs on the German capital. The Red Army retakes Kharkiv, Ukraine. Japanese planes conduct air raids on the Nationalist Chinese capital of Chungking.

On August 24, a blanket of smoke covers Berlin to a height of 20,000 feet. The first estimates put German dead at 5,860 after the previous day's air raid. Adolf Hitler names Reichsführer-SS Heinrich Himmler as Germany's Reich Minister of the Interior. The Battle of the Dnieper begins as the Red Army launches an offensive to capture the east bank of the Dnieper River, which flows through Russia, Belorussia and Ukraine. The attack — involving 2.3 million Red Army troops and 1.25 million Germans stretches across a front of 870 miles, from Smolensk, Russia, in the north to the Sea of Azov in the south.

U.S. forces complete the capture of New Georgia Island in the Solomons on August 25. British Royal Navy Vice Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten is named Supreme Allied Commander of Southeast Asia. He will conduct war operations in concert with the Supreme Allied Commander of the Southwest Pacific, U.S. Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

U.S. bombers attack Hong Kong on August 26. The Soviet Union and Egypt establish diplomatic relations for the first time.

## ESL Literacy Registration Fall 2018

Press Release 8/16/18 WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP - English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation groups and beginning instruction will be offered at all Woodbridge Township Libraries from September 2018 through May 2019. Instruction and ESL Conversation Group leaders will be provided in partnership with LiteracyNJ, (https://literacynj.org/), a statewide literacy services provider.

In-person registration is required for a fifteen week series of Conversation Group classes that will be held at the Iselin Branch Library, the Henry Inman Branch Library and the Main Library. Also available to English language learners will be Beginning ESL group instruction at the Fords Branch Library

For more information about ESL classes at Woodbridge Public Libraries, LiteracyNJ or classes offered in the area, please contact Melissa Bernstein of LiteracyNJ, 732-906mbernstein@literacynj. org.

Bunco Night
PARLIN - Thursday, August

23, 2018 at 7 p.m. \$10 donation. Presented by the Friends of the Sayreville Public Library to benefit the Museum Pass Program. Location: Knights of Columbus, 775 Washington Rd,

## Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk

SOUTH AMBOY - Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club's 41st annual 5K Run and Health Walk will be held Sunday, September 9th, 2018. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the South Amboy First Responders. There will be a free youth Fun Run, awards, t-shirts, post race picnic, and use of pool facilities. For the Frog Hollow Run, entry fee is \$25 + \$3.75 Sign-up Fee. Registration Ends September 2, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. For the 1 Mile Kids Fun Run, Sign up is Free. Registration ends September 2, 2018. The Kids Run starts at \$8:30 a.m. For the For more information or to download a registration form, to https://runsignup.com/ Race/Events/NJ/SouthAmboy/ FrogHollow5Miler

## 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, Sept. 6, 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 St. John Paul II **Seniors**

PERTH AMBOY - A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Wed. Aug. 22, 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 Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Golden Nugget Casino, Atlantic City, NJ, Tuesday October 2, 2018. Bus leaves 10 a.m. from church parking lot. Cost \$30; \$25 back in play and \$5 food voucher. For any questions, call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

## **Art Show** Jacqueline Baker

PERTH AMBOY – Art Show of Jacqueline Baker, in honor of Patricia Baker, August 25-29, 2018. Opening Reception: Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., at The Gallery for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Guest Artist Henry Osaretin. Entertainment: Ernest Baker, Bass & Noel Beers, Trombone.

**Open Mic**SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 resume their monthly Open Mic musical evening Friday, September 28th at 8 p.m. at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. There is no cover charge. Anyone who belongs to a group or is a soloist is invited to perform. Drums and amplifiers will be provided. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

## Summer Wine-Down

SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart Church in South Amboy will have their first ever wine tasting fundraiser Saturday September 15th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Sacred Heart's Memorial Hall. Tickets are now on sale and are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. You must be 21 or over to attend. Children will not be admitted. Tickets include food, dessert, and over 150 wine, beer, and spirits to sample. For more information call the Sacred Heart parish office at 732-721-0040.

## 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.

## Vendor Night SOUTH AMBOY - The South

Amboy Columbiettes hold a Fall Vendor Night on Friday, November 9th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Columbian Club at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Vendors are wanted. Please contact Cheryl at 732-407-3295 or sa426ladies@yahoo.com

## Helping Veterans Find a Place to Call Home

PERTH AMBOY - Are you or know a veteran with DD 214? Are you or they interested in being a first-time home owner? The Perth Amboy Housing Authority is looking for a Veteran to help realize the dream of home ownership. The first step is to attend the First Time Homebuyer Class to obtain information on how you can be eligible for our upcoming lottery. You fought for our country, now let us fight for you! Register Today! Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy, 881 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Call to reserve your seat today: 732-826-3110 ext. 647 or email homeownership@perthamboyha.org We are a HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency. Free for all Veterans with a DD 214.

### Pet of the Week



Angie with her owner, Maria (R) with Carolyn (L)

## St. Mary's **High School Class of 1958**

#### Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - Friday, Sept. 28. 2018 from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. The Grand Marquis, Old Bridge. All Graduates from St. Mary's or Perth Amboy High School invited. Call Betty Pappas: 732-236-4479 or Joan Dias: 732-634-0239.

## Feast Day Celebration

SOUTH AMBOY - A celebration for peace will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Ave., on Sunday, August 26, 2018 in honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The Altar Rosary Society and Holy Name Societies welcome everyone to an afternoon of prayer and song to our Blessed Mother, ornately pictured on the altar as Our Lady of Czestochowa. The 12 noon Mass will be followed at 1 p.m. by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction, Litany for Peace and Meditation on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Refreshments afterward in Memorial Hall. For further information, call Virginia: 732-721-1521 or Michael: 732-40-8966.

### **Fall Photo Contest** Share your Photos of South Amboy's **Dynamic Businesses!**

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY - The Dowdell Library of South Amboy invites avid shutterbugs to enter the library's Fall Photo Contest. Celebrate our community through the art of photography, and contribute to the Library's local history picture collection.

All photo entries must feature a SOUTH AMBOY BUSINESS. The submission should be a clearly identifiable image of an interior or exterior place of busi-

Photographs should be taken between September 1 and October 31 and submitted by November 15, 2018. Contestants may submit up to five high resolution DIGITAL images to: comments@dowdell.org; open amateur photographers only.

Please include the location of the photograph, the date the photograph was taken, your name, and contact information.

Important photo release! Photographs that contain recogniz-

able people must be accompanied by a release form signed by each person photographed. If individuals are under the age of eighteen, their parent or legal guardian must sign the photo release.

Awards will be based on artistic distinction and historical value. Awards will be presented for the best "South Amboy" photograph, the Runner-up, and one for the best "architectural" photograph. Winners will be announced at the library's HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE on Monday, December 3 at 7:30 pm.

By entering the contest, participants allow the library to use the images in library publications, their website/social media or in future exhibits; photographers will be credited.

For further details, please contact the Dowdell Library of South Amboy at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The Library is located off John T. O'Leary Blvd - adjacent to the South Amboy High School.

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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!

> Answers From Puzzle On Page 15

#### A Petition to St. Jude

O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles near the kingdom of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of al who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has Given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition, in return I promise to make your name known cause you to be invoked. (Say 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Mary's, & Glory Be's. Publication must be promised. This novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Never known to fail.) Thank you, St. Jude J.K.

#### Novena to St. Therese

Most gracious Little Rose Queen, remember your promises of never letting any request made to you go unanswered, of sending down a shower of roses, and of coming down to earth to do good. Full of confidence in your power with the Sacred Heart, I implore your intercession in my behalf and beg of you to obtain the request I so ardently desire: (mention it).

Holy "Little Therese," remember your promise "to do good upon earth" and shower down your "roses" on those who invoke you. Obtain for us from God the graces we hope for from His infinite goodness. Amen. *J.M.P.* 

#### 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.) **J.M.P.** 8/29

## **Farmers** Market

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PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Tennis Courts. Circa 1930's.

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## **Senior Scene**

## Happenings

#### Perth Amboy

TUES. Aug. 21 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. Aug. 22 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. Aug. 23 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Aug. 27 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. Aug. 28 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

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WED. Aug. 29 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.

St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

THURS. Aug. 30 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

#### South Amboy

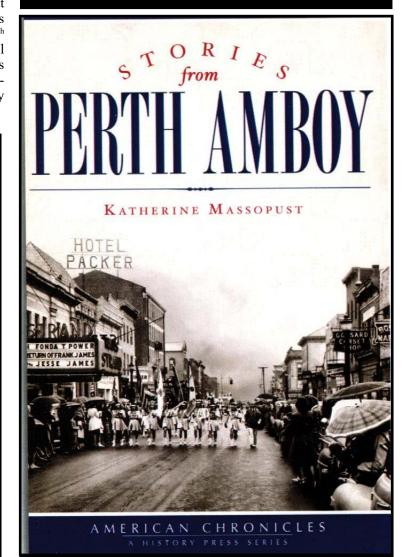
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- 49. This 24-hour period
- 54. Thespian's clue
- 55. Small children

57. Enlightened

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- 58. Encountered
- 59. Angel's headgear
- 60. Wicked
- 61. Asner and Sullivan
- 62. Chunky soup
- 63. Distribute cards

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Farmer's chore
- 2. Folk knowledge
- 3. Egg-shaped
- 4. Share (a story)
- 5. Museum exhibit
- 6. African desert

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- 7. Talk to God 8. Did a
- tailor's job
  - 9. Boasting 10. Legal
  - 11. Traveled
  - back

  - 25. Unrefined
  - 26. Cabinbuilding
  - material 27. Feel under
  - the
  - 28. Bed
  - 30. Principal
  - 32. Pair

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33. Matched collection

- assistant
- on horse-
- 19. Extent 23. Border
- mineral

- weather
- warmers?

- 35. Hollywood's Lupino
- 37. Air duct
- 40. Baby's toy
- 43. Trails
- 45. Summit 46. Took to
- court 48. Winter outer-
- garment 50. Had debts
- 51. Descend (into the pool)
- 52. Largest continent
- 53. Scream
- 56. Female pig 10

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