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Continuing Battle 9/24/18 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - Ever since former B.A. Adam Cruz left his position earlier this summer, the Council has asked the Law Director to amend an ordinance entitled: "Administration of Government" (Ordinance No. 1-72) R: Amending Section 4-24 Business Administrator.

Law Director Peter King explained, "With this amendment, if the Business Administrator is not reappointed, or if they're terminated, the Council will decide if that Administrator will get paid."

There was a Resolution R-416-9/18 in regard to the contract agreement with Center State Engineering for design engineering, specifications, bid documents, and construction inspection for the NJDOT. Specifically, for improvements to Rector Street and Hall Avenue (State Street to Railroad Bridge) in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.

City Engineer Jeffrey Rauch came up to explain that the paving would cost between \$320,000 to \$330,000. The part of Rector Street that we are talking about will be from Washington Street to Smith."

Councilwoman Irizarry had a question regarding R-418-9/18 Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy to submit a grant application to the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission for a Performing Arts Program. Irizarry asked, "Can we get an increase in an amount for the grant that we receive?"

Acting B.A. Fehrenbach answered, "We did not respond in time to get the \$6,000 grant, so it was reduced to \$3,000 as awarded in the past."

Fehrenbach also answered a question regarding R-420-9/18. A grant of \$37,457 for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance. The monies for this year was only for Perth Amboy and New Brunswick."

Deputy Police Chief Roman McKeon then came up and stated that this is a Federal Government Grant and told us that we (the City of Perth Amboy) are the lead agency for this grant because of the safety equipment we have."

The next resolution to be discussed was R-423-9/18 which is a Change Order to the contract with Z Brothers Concrete

Contractors. Increasing the contract for their replacement of various 4-inch water mains in the amount of \$5,329. Fehrenbach explained in the original contract there was an estimate for police traffic control. "The actual cost came in at a higher number. There was credit for other work which will be on the 9/26/18 agenda. The police department and I are in talks to see if there can be a reduction in traffic control, especially on the minor streets."

Fehrenbach gave more information to the Council regarding R-424-9/18 - A Contract with Air Brake Equipment for the repair of a tractor engine and purchase of various heavy-duty truck parts in an amount not to exceed \$39,000. "The reason for this contract is because an engine was blown in one of the vehicles and we only had \$17,000 authorized as part of the adopted budget."

During the public portion, Resident Philip Clark came up and stated, "I was here a couple months ago to talk about how speed bumps are needed on Compton Avenue because of vehicles who speed there." He also wanted to know, "What happened to the port 'o johns that used to be on the waterfront? We need them."

DPW Supervisor Danny Cleaver came up to explain that the port 'o johns are removed after Labor Day."

Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak and asked if there are any updates on the tennis courts. Mackiel then made a comment in reference to lack of rest room facilities. "Port 'o johns are available and Brighton Avenue Community Center bathrooms can be used during events taking place on Sadowski Parkway. The private property (that is infringing on City Property) shouldn't be a problem since the City owns the property. In the five years I've come here, more recreational facilities have been needed."

Fehrenbach responded, "The grating, the drainage, and the paving should be completed by the end of September. Only one person has been on the site recently who was there for the elevation. I don't believe it can

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Petrick Supporters Outnumber Protestors; Council Stands with Petrick 9/26/18 Council Meeting



At the 9/26/18 Council Meeting, Councilman Helmin Caba reads a statement supporting Petrick,
*Photo by Katherine Massopust



Nancy Soto leads the protest against Council President Bill Petrick outside City Hall during the 9/26/18 Council Meeting
*Photo by Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY - During the Public Comments for the Ordinances, Resident Ken Balut came up in reference to Ordinance No. 1 entitled: An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled: "Administration of Government" RE: amending Section 4-24 Business Administration

Balut asked, "Will this take clearly take care of how this person gets paid?" He stated that the former B.A. Adam Cruz is a member of the Latino PAC who supported Helmin Caba and Fernando Irizarry. "The Mayor is all about supporting women. Did a former woman B.A. who left get paid? Something is wrong with his picture. There is no resignation letter (regarding Cruz). What other job is there that when you resign you get paid? The relationship to another woman employee was not disclosed."

Law Director Peter King responded, "This could happen

again (a person getting paid upon resignation). If a person appeals a decision, if they are being denied pay. This ordinance only pertained to the Business Administration position."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach added his own comments, "This statute is for the governing body to decide to make a decision (regarding the administrator only). In August, the resolution was adopted that payment should be ceased and future payments were stopped (regarding former B.A. Adam Cruz)."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up next, "The Mayor hasn't addressed some of the problems such as tickets, dismissals, and relationships (that administrators have with their subordinates). Contact the Attorney General's Office regarding Cruz who was protected, but not the woman who resigned (in the other office)."

Resident Alan Silber came up

next. He stated that the former B.A. (Cruz) was paid because he wasn't reappointed. "The Mayor's attorney and the B.A. were too busy doing too many other things. There was no reappointment of former B.A. Cruz, but the person kept working. There was a nonreappointment, and there was after 3-month notice. Cruz still got health benefits, but not the woman (who also left). The Mayor cost us money. After a nonreappointment, the clock starts to tick."

Fehrenbach responded and stated, "You can have a nonappointment, but stay on a job until a permanent appointment is made."

Law Director King then added additional comments. "He (Cruz) was held over until there was a replacement."

Council President Bill Petrick then spoke up, "There was

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9/4/18 Caucus

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be done by the end of September. We've been in talks with the contractors, attorneys, and engineers."

Mackiel then had a concern because he hasn't seen a bill list online regarding funding from FEMA and the Economic Development Department.

Fehrenbach continued his remarks and said, "Some of the reports have not been submitted and we asked for an extension of time for some of the grants."

Council President Bill Petrick spoke up and said, "Our website still hasn't had the municipal boards updated."

Fehrenbach responded, "The website should be updated by October or November and additional staff is needed."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up next, "Money was set aside for this purpose (updating the websites) and the person who had maintained the website is gone."

Resident and Businessman David Caba came up to speak about some derogatory remarks

made on social media. He began by saying, "I have been living in the City for 30 years and I don't go into social media that much. It's sad about some of the remarks made. Your name was mentioned, Mr. Irizarry along with Pabon, Caba and the Governor. To get this is disgusting. We are a diversified community. Growing up, my best friends were Puerto Rican. Toronto is very diverse. Nancy Diaz (Soto) makes these remarks and she doesn't live in Perth Amboy. Maybe she doesn't think we are diverse enough. It's a shame how she makes personal attacks and putting out names. I don't agree with you (the Council) all the time, but I respect you as elected officials. I come here to defend you and the community. Does the Mayor have skeletons? No one should make personal attacks about our citizens or public officials." Caba then turned around and pointed to the audience and remarked, "Is anybody here from Sayreville criticizing us?"

Resident and former City Council President Lisa Nanton came up and distributed let-

ters to the Council, B.A., Law Director, and City Clerk. This challenged one of the candidates for City Council as to whether or not they should be able to run if they didn't meet the residency requirements. Nanton was told this could be on the communications for the 9/26/18 Meeting. Nanton also referenced some of the gifts she had given to her fellow Council Members before she decided to not run for reelection for Council. "They were prints showing what is good and bad government that were placed in City Council hallways." She wondered why the description of bad government was removed and the prints were eventually found by a garbage can in City Hall and were rescued by a worker in City Hall.

Council President Bill Petrick asked if anyone can find out who removed those prints from the wall.

Councilman Helmin Caba requested that a special meeting be held because some residents have been calling him asking him for an update of the rezoning areas in the downtown.

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Council Stands with Petrick
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no official notice if you were a holdover."

King responded, "That is correct."

Fehrenbach then stated that he will give the Council a finding on a permanent replacement.

Resident Linda Ferria came up to speak, "There was a cover-up. They need to investigate this. There's corruption and dirty politics involved. She thinks we're stupid, but we're not."

Resident and Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman came up and asked if an ordinance addresses nonappointments if a person resigns. A voluntary resignation means no payment. Nonreappointment means working without a contract. Resigning without a notice voids payment. There is a lot of plays with words which can be interpreted in many ways. You (the Council) need an outside counselor."

Resident and Businessman David Caba came up next and addressed Law Director Peter King, "With all due respect, please stop talking to us like Kindergartners and tell us the truth. I've been here for 35 years and have seen the good and the bad. First you said that Cruz was not getting reappointed. Cruz didn't have any answers to our concerns."

King responded, "I haven't told any lies."

Caba then spoke again, "Cruz was not getting reappointed. He was sitting there all that time after that. The Council didn't know the circumstances of his leaving."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry

spoke up and addressed Caba, "You stepped over the line when you called Mr. King a liar!"

Ken Balut came up to speak again about R-416-9/18 – Professional Services RE: Improvement to Rector Street and Hall Avenue. "Kushner owes us \$4 million and he has spent \$2 million on property in Long Branch." Balut stated that when former Law Director Arlene Quinone was here, she said she was representing the City regarding the Landings Property. "We are fixing Kushner's property. Somebody in the City got a college funded education to a college from a Board that Kushner sits on. I got a phone call regarding this." Balut then talked about the residents on Mary Street who have personal parking spaces. "Did they pay \$100 for those spots, yet you turned down handicapped applicants." He stated that the residents on Mary Street should be made to pay \$100 for those personalized spots. Can the police give out personal parking spots?"

Councilman Fernando Irizarry responded, "When the Handicapped Parking Committee was formed, the Mary Street residents had already been granted those spaces. They are not related to the Handicapped Parking Ordinance. There's a problem with the fire engines going down Mary Street. The Former Business Administrator Jillian Barrick who worked on this issue (the personal spots on Mary Street)."

Balut then responded, "The Fire Department couldn't get down my street because of all the illegal parking."

Council President Bill Petrick spoke next, "There needs to be a special meeting to address the

Knights of Columbus building and the St. Demetrios property. It can be done tonight or before the next Planning Board Meeting."

The Council voted on the Consent Resolutions on the Agenda. R-403-9/18 thru R-425-9/18 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon.

During the last public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak. He said it was the 27th anniversary of the murder of a prominent Perth Amboy Resident Ruth Jacobs. It was on a TV Show called "Cold Case." He then talked about the DeCotiis Law Firm and how they were able to negotiate a contract to become the City's attorneys.

Resident Ken Balut came up and stated, "The first Hispanic female Sergeant was skipped over, and the position was given to a white guy. Did our female Police Director help women who filed sexual harassment suits? DeCotiis Law Director Arlene Quinones said she was here to help the Mayor. Did the woman who quit get help from our Mayor? What about the female chaplain who filed the sexual harassment suit? Did she get help from the Mayor? What about the racial discrimination suits? What about the pregnant Police Officer who had to still work because they couldn't find a replacement for her? Did Quinones still get paid after she said she was here to help the Mayor? No one helps the female victims of sexual harassment, especially the female officers. I would like to debate the Mayor's (Council) candidates. A judge discrimi-

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A MESSAGE FROM WILDA DIAZ

Two weeks ago, as Mayor, I released a letter to the residents of Perth Amboy with regards to the improper conduct of Council President William Petrick, notifying the community of his non-democratic views and actions as a member of the governing body.

I want to be clear, I have supported all of the sitting councilman at one time or another. They ran for election and re-election touting my Administration's accomplishments, while committing to continue pursuing a vision of growth and development for the City. I have always been a team player and by supporting them, I sought to build a team that believed in a common vision and inclusion of all our residents' diversity.

However, in addition to expressing his non-democratic views on Facebook in **2016, 2017 and in 2018**, Council President Petrick has a record of obstruction and of official abuse of power that I feel is important to bring to light given his current attacks against my administration and our employees:

Abuse of Power, Council President Petrick has:

- Most recently, inquired about a medical procedure of a female employee of the City.
- Improperly questioned employees of city business by directly messaging and contacting employees via Facebook and other means.
- Knowingly appointing a man to a public board with a questionable background involving moral turpitude, after I suspended him from one of the boards, based on qualifications.
- Attempting to run a shadow government, violating State Statue and the City's form of government under the Faulkner Act.
 - o Usurping my (Mayoral) appointment rights
 - o Hiring their own attorney, while the law allows for the retention of a city attorney who is responsible for advising both mayor and council.
 - o Requesting to have their own dedicated server and a private IT employee, in order to prohibit access to their emails.
- Circumventing OPRA and sharing government documents with selected political allies.
 - o Sharing a draft city budget prior to its formal and proper introduction to the general public.
- Undermining the administration:
 - o Council President had privately met with a developer (Kushner Companies) and could have potentially compromised contract negotiations, as he still has not disclosed what was discussed.

Last year, a Superior Court Judge stated on two separate occasions that the council had completely violated our form of government, costing the residents thousands of tax dollars.

Disagreements between the Legislative body and the Executive body of any city are part of governing in a Democratic process, and I welcome that. However, his record of obstruction and abuse of power outlined above are targeted at City Employees and residents and cannot be ignored. I will speak out against it.

This is about an elected official and his inability to serve our community because of his non-democratic views and constant violation of state statutes, as a member of the governing body. As elected officials, our duty is to serve the people.

For 10 years now, as Mayor, as a mother and as a woman of color, I am committed to fostering an environment that is safe and secure and free from ethnic, sexual and gender-based discrimination and harassment, sexual violence, and other related misconduct.

History has shown that Perth Amboy has always been resilient, we have overcome much together. I want to remind the council that my years as Mayor have been transformative.

My administration has kept its promise to be fiscally responsible, grow our economy, create future jobs, enhance our quality of life and expand services for our residents.

Friends, I am proud of what we have achieved together. We have put our hands to the plow. As residents, you can trust that my administration and our employees will make every effort to serve you.

I call on all the members of the Council to do the same.

Sincerely,
Wilda Diaz

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Three Sides to Every Story:
Hers, His, and the Truth



Dr. Christine Blasey Ford
*Photo Michael Reynolds AP

Should one accusation ruin a person’s life? With modern social media such as Facebook and Instagram, everyone knows everyone else’s business. Is it fair to accuse someone without proof or without anyone as a witness to back up your accusations?

Recently, some politicians had a walkout in Trenton to sympathize with victims of sexual abuse. That was fine. The only problem was they should not have thrown in Brett Kavanaugh’s name in the press release before any testimony was given.

That was a prejudgement. How would you feel if one of your loved ones were prejudged just based on accusations alone.

Remember, the law states that burden of proof lies with the prosecutor. Whatever happened to innocent until proven guilty? Our founding fathers wanted this to be one our rights as an individual. Does social media override an individual’s rights? What happened to a legal court of law?

The “Me Too” movement came into being when movie mogul Harvey Weinstein was accused of rape and other sexual crimes. The women who are coming out now accusing Weinstein. These actresses feared reporting him because if they did, they would be black-balled in Hollywood.

Sometimes you think your worth is tied up to what people think of you. Guess what? They’re not worth it. The only opinions that should matter are those who respect, value you and as a public official, those ho you represent. Sometimes when you elevate those who try to bring you down, you give them more relevance than they deserve. In turn, it can make you look smaller when give them more credence.

Social media can be both positive and negative. Who hasn’t said



Judge Brett Kavanaugh
*Photo Jose Luis Magana AP

anything verbally or written or on social media that hasn’t come back to bite them in the butt?

As we stated in a previous editorial, people’s hearts and minds can sometimes change.

Let your record and your deeds speak.

During the year, Woodbridge City Hall will display information and sometimes photos recognizing certain events. In September, they had a display about domestic violence.

When we often think about domestic violence, we always think about a male abusing a female. One of the most heartbreaking was Sarah’s Story. She told about the domestic violence she experienced with her (female) partner. Another story dealt with actor Patrick Stewart who told about how he saw his mother suffer through domestic violence.

One of the women made a statement that she went to those parties as a teenager knowing full well what the boys were doing. First of all, if you knew what was going on, and if the boys’ behavior upset you so much, why did you go back to these parties and why did you not report this to anyone?

As far as Brett Kavanaugh is concerned, with the new accusations, he will be investigated by the FBI for the 7th time. President Trump has not given the FBI a deadline to complete the investigation. Kavanaugh is no longer allowed to coach his daughter’s basketball team.

In conclusion, we will see how this all plays out. Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and Brett Kavanaugh were both very emotional. What we condemn are the death threats, social media posts, and most of all, the conclusion drawings before the investigation concludes.

Everyone has a right to their opinion. *C.M. & K.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Assemblywoman
Lopez on
the One Year
Anniversary of
Hurricane Maria

One year ago, Hurricane Maria made landfall on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico.

In its wake, Hurricane Maria left wide spread devastation, taking more than 2,000 lives and leaving the island in complete disarray. From one day to the next the Puerto Rico we all knew was completely changed.

For the Puerto Rican people fortunate enough to evacuate the island, they found a new set of challenges awaiting them on the mainland. And for those who still remain in Puerto Rico the most basic of necessities have become scarce and prog-

ress comes in slow waves.

Today as we contemplate Hurricane Maria, it is important that we dwell and focus on the hope that remains for Puerto Rico.

We must focus on the immense outpouring of love and compassion that was provide across the world for Puerto Rico.

We must focus on those leaders that worked hard to provide Puerto Rico with funding for relief.

We must remember the immense work and leadership displayed by our State and the City of Perth Amboy in providing critical assistance to evacuees when they had nowhere else to turn.

Most important of all we must remain confident that our resilient island will heal and become stronger each and every day.

May God bless the those we lost and their families and



Assemblywoman
Yvonne Lopez

friends. And may God continue to bless Puerto Rico

Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez

The Property
Tax Problem

A recent letter asked whether the number of towns and school districts affects their property taxes. Aren’t costs based on the size of the populations in towns and school districts? What are the comparable costs in Pennsylvania and New York?

Does NJ have more municipi-

palities per square mile than other states? Perhaps it results from having a greater population per square mile than other states. Comparing population and municipalities overlooks the laws of states that have more democracy. California passed Proposition 13 years ago to lower property taxes; NJ does not have Initiative and Referendum. New York splits its sales

tax with each county. Pennsylvania allows each municipality to have an income tax on its residents.

I understand NJ did not have the highest property taxes with the previous 1844 state constitution. Is it time to adopt a new constitution that is more resident friendly?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Bombs Away!

Bombs Away! President Trump just declassifies FISA applications and texts. With many witnesses and some big names that tried this Russian collusion back in 2017. Washington D.C.

is in PANIC MODE! Those rats are running, and some might get a trip to GITMO. In fact, at the Confirmation Hearing for United States Supreme Court Judge U.S. Sen. Graham (R) asked Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh about TREASON

and how it’s applied in a Military Tribunal. NOW, why would he ask this question? Better start waking up people. Something is in the pipeline! So, stay tuned for more REAL NEWS.\

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Open Letter to
Governor
Murphy

New Jerseyans, to be prepared for a slew of new taxes and increases in most of our “Highest taxes in the nation.” On October 1st, gasoline will be increased again by four, plus cents. What happened to that last increased again by four, plus cents. What happened to that last increase which was to cover maintenance and repair of our roads and highways?

The answer they gave was that they ran out of money. They ran out of money because the people in charge get paid very well for doing nothing or very

little. Who are these people with all kinds of titles, having staffs of deputies, associates, ass’t administrator secretaries, etc. What are their duties? What do they do?

Mr. Governor, I suggest that all N.J. Government employees get a large cut in pay and lose some of those wonderful “perks.” That’ll save millions.

Are you proud of the fact that your state, New Jersey has the title of “Highest Taxed State in the Nation”?

You said you’re waiting for economic growth. From where? People are leaving New Jersey, and no one is doing anything about it. How about you, Mr. Governor? – NAH, you’re pushing for more taxes and tuition

free Community College and \$170 million dollars to cover NEW HEALTH BENEFITS COSTS for active and retired public employees.

Just stop taxing us poor workers. Cut those big paychecks now.

If you don’t know how to run the State with the present budget, ask any housewife who knows that when money gets tight, you cut the spending. You should do the same.

In closing, I’m somewhat reminded of a previous administration that attempted to tax toilet paper! Remember that? What happened to them?

Looking for tax relief.

Mary Vargo

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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

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.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. Oct. 10 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
• City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
THURS. Oct. 11 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.

South Amboy

WED. Oct. 3 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Oct. 17 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
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9/26/18 Council Meeting

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nated against a first-time home-buyer applicant. This is worse than Joe Vas. There are lawsuits going on in court today.”

David Caba came up to speak and said he’d like to apologize for remarks he made earlier to the Law Director. “Mr. Blunda (Former Law Director) would not speak to me like that.” Caba continued. “The Mayor’s sister is making remarks on social media and she is out there (in front of City Hall) protesting. Nancy (the Mayor’s sister) hasn’t lived here in 12 years. This is a disgrace putting a person down. The Mayor is using people to try to divert us from our problems.” Caba then came to Council President William Petrick’s defense. “Petrick has served 40 years to those in our community. Those on a ticket that our Mayor is supporting now have never served. She (the Mayor) is worried about social media posts. I’m sorry to say I’m from Perth Amboy now. Our Law Director, Mr. King says I keep talking about the same things. People should protest about something that affects the City, and not protest an individual.”

Alan Silber came up to speak, “Can anybody bring signs into the Council Chambers?”

Law Director King said, “I have to read the ordinance.”

Council President Petrick said, “I think the signs should be kept on the outside.”

Silber then started talking about municipal elections over

the years starting from 2010 thru 2016 and candidates that the Mayor supported in these elections and how an election was overturned, and a special election had to be held and how a woman’s life was changed because of one election. “I wonder if the Mayor even voted for Petrick (when she was supporting his team). In 2016, the Latino Action Group endorsed Wilda. She got rid of all the people who were a hindrance to her.” Silber then addressed Councilman Helmin Caba, “What was your first vote as a Councilman?”

Caba responded, “For Petrick to be Council President.”

Silber then stated, “It’s the third time she’s tried to destroy someone over elections. It’s garbage. There’s no addressing the issues, nothing.”

Resident Vince Mackeil came up. “There’s been a national debate on immigration and sexism. This shouldn’t be part of the issue in Perth Amboy. There’s a large part of our population who can’t afford to rent here. Some things are not going forward as they should.”

Resident Linda Ferria came up to speak, “I’ve been through a lot of elections, too. I worked on her campaigns (and those who she has supported). There are too many lies and dirt, now. I refuse to sell my soul for a job. It’s cronyism. It’s corruption, lies, smearing people, and phony. A lady passed away that worked on the Mayor’s campaign. The Mayor had tried to get the lady fired (before she died). You don’t do her dirty

work, then she’ll attack you. I will put my lie detector test against hers. I’m a C.N.A. but won’t work in this town. She’s got her hand in everything. Smarten up everybody, you (the protestors) didn’t come on your own! She (Diaz) told you to come!”

Perth Amboy Republican Chair Sharon Hubberman came up to speak, “We (the Republican Party) were denied a table at Family Day. We were denied twice for a table even though other political parties were there. I ran for Mayor twice. Recently, the police towed my car the day after I spoke out at a Council Meeting about what happened to us on Family Day. My car was egged, and I got a death threat. Other cars on my street were parked illegally, but I got ticketed. I got targeted for advocating for my Republican neighbor. Where is the Latino Action Network for me? The Taxpayers owns the streets – not the City. There is overcrowding, no parking, illegal housing. We are Americans. We live in our town. Do not get distracted – that is not the issue.”

Resident Maria Peralta came up to speak next. She started speaking in English, saying she’s a proud Dominican and her parents and grandparents are from the Dominican Republic and Spain. She then asked to continue in Spanish and Councilman Fernando Irizarry translated. “I’ve been a citizen since 1990 and always voted. The majority of us (in the City) are Latinos. No matter what ethnic

group, we have to respect each other.” She then asked Petrick if the Latino community asked for is resignation.

Nilda Rivera came up, “The person who just spoke does NOT represent me! I am a Latina woman and I completely disagree with her (Peralta) 200%!”

Milady Tejeda, who is Vice-President of the Board of Education and is now running for City Council came up next, “I am running with them (Present Council Members Pabon and Petrick) because they are men of character.” She also made reference to the people who were protesting outside of City Hall waving the Dominican Flag. “Don’t use my flag (the Dominican Flag)! You don’t represent all of us. No one can use me. I do what is best for my community.”

Resident Renee Skelton, stating, “This whole situation is jimmied up. Council President Bill Petrick never made any bigoted remarks about any ethnic group. This is a disgrace (that these people are here protesting). Our problems are with taxes, the budget, transparency, and code enforcement. Everybody has done or said something that they regret, but that’s not the sum of their life. These McCarthy tactics need to stop.”

The Council Comments were next. Councilman Helmin Caba spoke first, “This division is nonsense. I’m asking everyone to pray for this City.” He then read a lengthy statement (see below).

When Councilman Fernando

Gonzalez started to speak, he became very emotional and started to tear up and then said, “I can’t do it.”

Councilman Irizarry had no comments.

Joel Pabon said, “I’m shocked and don’t know what to say. I have a sister who lives in Florida and as I was speaking to her about what was going on in Perth Amboy then her husband got on the phone. He was shocked about the remarks said about Petrick. He had nothing but good things to say about Bill Petrick and his family.” Pabon then continued, “We are sticking with Bill. It’s not about the postings on Facebook. The people that are protesting are not being told the truth.” Pabon then turned to Bill and said, “I’m with you!”

When Bill Petrick spoke, he addressed Councilman Fernando Gonzalez, “I know you suffered a lot of personal attacks. Dirty politics is dirty politics and people would rather look at Facebook posts. When I put up those Facebook posts, I didn’t give it much thought.” Petrick then referenced his experience as a firefighter, “When I ran into fires, I’m looking for people to get them out safety, or put out the fire, putting the wet stuff on the red stuff. I have a very diverse family.” He mentioned his diverse family background and his fellow Council Members.

Fernando Gonzalez teared up again, and spoke about the damage that personal attacks are doing to Perth Amboy. “I have friends that are both Republican and Democrat.”

Councilman Helmin Caba Open Letter to Perth Amboy Residents - 9/26/18

Jesus once said, “Then you will know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH will set you free.” (John 8:32)

In the winter of 2016, I decided to run for city council for the City of Perth Amboy on Mayor Wilda Diaz’s ticket. It was a decision I made and one that I now regret. It is with great sadness and disappointment that I have to write this letter. Anyone who knows me can vouch for my character. I believe that it is necessary to tell the entire truth and bring to light what is going on in Perth Amboy.

The exchange initiated by the Mayor about Council President is definitely political. One of Mayor Wilda Diaz’s sisters (Nancy Soto Diaz) has been targeting me along with some state, county and city elected officials and questioning our leadership. She also has been demanding that we say something in regards to Council President William Petrick’s right wing old facebook reposting.

This is what I have to say:

I do not in any way, shape or form condone Mr. Petrick’s right wing old reposting on social media. That said, Mayor’s Wilda Diaz and her sister’s timing to come out and express their outrage is definitely political and disingenuous at best.

Here is the reason why: In 2016, Councilman Joel Pabon ran for mayor against Mayor Wilda Diaz. He was supported and endorsed by Councilman

William Petrick.

In the summer of 2016, at the Mayor’s campaign headquarters there was talk among one of Mayor Wilda’s family member, campaign staff and some of her city staff members regarding some of Councilman Petrick’s facebook postings.

In the fall of 2016, again at our campaign headquarters there were more conversations among the Mayor’s campaign staff members regarding Mr. Petrick’s right wing facebook posting. A decision was made by one of the mayor’s family member and campaign staff members to save it to use against him at a later date. On Tuesday, November 8th, 2016. We (Mayor Wilda Diaz, Councilman Fernando Irizarry and I) won the election.

December 2016, Councilman Fernando Irizarry and I were lobbied by Mayor Wilda Diaz and some of her staff members to vote for Councilman William Petrick as our next Council President.

January 3, 2017, Councilman William Petrick was approached by the Mayor’s staff members and told that he had the votes and for him to accept the nomination. Mr. Petrick agreed to accept the nomination for Council President.

January 3, 2017, Councilman Petrick was voted in as our new Council President. Summer of

2017, Council President Petrick was asked to support Mayor Diaz’s Board of Education ticket. Mr. Petrick agreed, supported, and attended one of their fundraiser event.

Fall of 2017, Council President Petrick was asked to attend the Mayor’s political fundraiser that took place on December 8th, 2017. Mr. Petrick accepted the invite and attended her fundraiser.

Winter of 2017, Council President Petrick had a fall out with Mayor Wilda Diaz due to several disagreements on the direction of City of Perth Amboy. Summer of 2018, Council President Petrick decided to run for re-election with Councilman Joel Pabon and BOE member Milady Tejeda.

Fall of 2018, Mayor Wilda Diaz’s sister Nancy Soto Diaz states that someone “just” sent her disturbing snapshots of Mr. Petrick’s right wing old facebook postings.

Fall of 2018, Mayor Wilda Diaz writes a press release questioning Council President Petrick’s ability to serve the City of Perth Amboy due to the supposedly “new revelation” of his right wing old facebook postings.

Fall of 2018, Mayor Wilda Diaz and her sister Nancy Soto Diaz disingenuously calls out state, county and city elected officials telling us to ask for Mr. Petrick’s resignation.

These sort of deceitful and calculated tactics are some of

the reasons why at least 13 councilmen and councilwomen from the last 12 years don’t agree with Mayor Wilda Diaz’s leadership and direction for the City of Perth Amboy.

We understand firsthand that the person she portrays in public is not the same person behind closed doors. Keep in mind that all of us are, or were elected officials who supported her in the past and five that even ran on her ticket. We come from different backgrounds and are of different age, sex, race, color, religion and ethnic background. This speaks volume on what is really going on in the City of Perth Amboy and how difficult it is working with Mayor Wilda Diaz. We as elected officials deserve better and so do you.

So stop all these distractions so we can concentrate on several other important issues concerning the City of Perth Amboy. We need to solve urgent issues: our high property taxes, our increased population, overcrowding of our schools, rezoning issues, redevelopment issues, horrible street conditions, quality of life issues, lack of recreational space, old infrastructure issues, parking issues, and lack of transparency within the Mayor’s office.

Several people working for Mayor Wilda Diaz know all this to be true. They are afraid to speak up due to fear of retaliation.

Mayor Wilda Diaz, some of

her family members and campaign workers knew about Council President William Petrick’s right wing facebook reposting back in 2016. Since then, they have sought his support, endorsement and made him Council President. So why the outrage now and not back in 2016? This speaks volume on the shadiness of Mayor Wilda Diaz, her sister Nancy and her inner circle. We deserve better!

Mayor Wilda Diaz, this is real news, and I am willing to take a polygraph test and start an investigation to prove it. What about you?

I’ll sum it up with this famous quote from an inspirational individual:

“Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer.

Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.”

- John F. Kennedy

Sincerely,
Helmin J. Caba
Councilman, City of Perth Amboy

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Tom's Tax Tips

Is a Tax Surprise Waiting for You?

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Often lost in the excitement of large-scale tax change is how they can negatively impact some individual situations. Check out the questions below to see if you might be in for a tax surprise this year:

• Will you pay more than \$10,000 in state and local taxes?

Previously, you could take a full deduction for all state income, sales and property taxes as an itemized deduction. That deduction is now capped at \$10,000 per year. Take a look at your 2017 itemized deductions to see if your state and local taxes were greater than the new cap. If so, you will now lose any excess amount over \$10,000 as a deduction.

• Do you pay for work expenses?

Before this year, employees were able to deduct work expenses (business mileage, uniforms, continuing education and other non-reimbursed expenses) as an itemized deduction. These deductions are now gone. If you typically pay for job related expenses, you might be on the hook for more taxes. Employees who deduct business use of their homes may be impacted even more.

• Do you own a small business?

There are many business tax changes for 2018. Bonus depreciation and Section 179 expensing are expanded, the domestic production activities deduction (DPAD) is eliminated, and there is a new qualified business income deduction for pass-through entities. It is a near certainty that one or more of these changes will affect your business taxes.

• Did you adjust your withholding allowances?

When the tax cuts were finalized, the IRS adjusted the withholding tables as best they could to fit with your current allowances. As a result, your take-home pay likely increased earlier this year. However, based on a recent report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), as many as 21 percent of taxpayers will unknowingly underwithhold their taxes throughout the year. If you are one of these people, you will have a tax bill and maybe some penalties to pay next April. It would be time well spent to double-check your withholding for 2018.

• Do you have children?

Some good news! The Child Tax Credit is now double to \$2,000 per child versus \$1,000 last year. The income limits for the credit are also raised significantly to \$200,000 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for single status and \$400,000 AGI for married couples. In many cases, the additional credit will actually offset the loss of the personal exemption that you could take for yourself, your spouse and children in the past.

Now is a great time to do an assessment of your situation in light of the new tax changes.

School of Rock Clark's House Band

Press Release 9/20/18

WOODBIDGE - Join us for a special acoustic set @ the Woodbridge Main Library with the School of Rock - Clark's House Band on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7 p.m.

The School of Rock – Clark's House Band consists of the school's top student ambassadors. Touring on stages across the nation from Nashville, Memphis, Philly and NYC, these players represent their most dedicated and experienced musicians. Not only do they tour each summer, but they also perform for local music festivals, charity events and street fairs. To learn more about their house band, follow them on Facebook @ facebook.com/schoolofrockclark and on Instagram @schoolofrockclark.

This program is free and open to all. Come out and support these awesome young performers!

The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ. For more information please call the Library @ 732-634-4450 or visit us online @ <http://woodbridgelibrary.org/>

Museum Pass Program

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have generously provided FREE passes to some of the area's most popular museums! Museum passes offer a great way for family and friends to experience educational and cultural fun.

Picking Up and Returning Passes: Passes can be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Patron must present the library card under whose name the pass was reserved. Only Adult patrons whose cards are in good standing will be able to check out Museum Passes. Passes are good for a total of three days and are **NOT** renewable. Passes can be returned at the Circulation Desk or at the Book Drop after hours.

Late, Lost or Unreturned Passes: There will be a \$5 amount late fee each day the pass is past due. The maximum fine will not exceed \$25.00. Passes not returned within 14 days after the due date, will be presumed lost and borrowers charged the full replacement cost.

Replacement costs for items are as follows: **Lost museum pass:** Full cost of the pass. Replacement costs vary according to the museum and listed on the catalog record for each museum.

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Museum Passes available:

• **American Museum of Natural History**, New York, NY | free admission and 1 free exhibit or show

• **Grounds for Sculpture**, Hamilton NJ | pass admits 4 people

• **Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum**, New York, NY | pass admits 6 people

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Indoor Flea Market & Yard Sale

PERTH AMBOY - October 13, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Rain or Shine) Hungarian Reformed Church Center Corner of Kirkland Pl & Fayette St., Perth Amboy. Tables are 1 for \$20 or 2 for \$30. "Many tables with many treasures" New and Used items!! Food Available. For more info call 732-521-1017 or call the church directly at 732-442-7799.

Super 50/50

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Rd, South Amboy are having a Super 50/50 Drawing. Drawing Date: Friday, October 12, 2018 at 8 p.m. \$10 Donation. 1st Prize: 70% of half the proceeds; 2nd Prize: 20% of half the proceeds; 3rd Prize: 10% of half the proceeds. Do not have to be present to win. No substitution of the offered price may be made. For more info call 732-727-7170. NJ LGCCCC ID#444629541; RL #17-2018.

Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE- Tuesdays from May 15th - Oct. 9th 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.

Buffet Breakfast

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Rd. is having a Buffet Breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 30th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The menu includes: pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, baked egg dishes, potatoes, sweet treats, assorted breads, coffee, tea, and juice. Adults: \$9.00; Under 8 yrs: \$5.00. All you can eat served buffet. For more information call: 732-727-7170.

Fall into Business, Cooking, Photography, Reading, Halloween, And More At The Dowdell Library

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — Autumn is a season of returns: students go back to school, leaves flutter to earth, and South Amboy citizens flock to the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library. From aspiring entrepreneurs and photographers to creatively costumed kids and, of course, avid readers, the Dowdell has something for everybody!

Swing by on Monday, October 1, at 10am for our New Jersey Sales and Online Business Workshop. Presented by the New Jersey Division of Taxation in tandem with the State Library, this free 100-minute seminar provides local business owners and entrepreneurs with a comprehensive overview of the Garden State's sales tax laws and practices. Topics covered include taxable products and services; sales tax inside and outside New Jersey; protocol for shipping products; methods for collecting New Jersey sales tax; and tutorials on filing sales and use tax returns. Registration is required—contact the library to reserve a seat!

Teen Read Week runs October 9 through October 15, and patrons ages 13 through 19 are encouraged to enter the Dowdell's annual Ruined Book Contest! Simply take a book title—say, The Hunger Games—and add a word to "ruin" it—say, The Hunger Games Diet. At the end of the contest period, the library's elementary and middle school students will vote for their favorite, and the winner will take home a spectacular prize! One entry per patron per day

Cook up something new scrumptious at the library's bi-monthly Culinary Workshops!

Bring in your kids on October 18 or 25 between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm and watch them make their very own chocolate spider doughnuts. It's sure to be an arachnid good time!

Halloween only comes once a year, but your friends at the Dowdell are celebrating twice! First, get into spooktacular spirits at our Annual Halloween Costume Party. This year's event, which runs from 3:45 pm to 5 pm on October 22, will also feature a special Celebrity Storytime with South Amboy City Councilman Mickey Gross! Just one week later, on October 31, steer clear of goblins and ghouls (and food allergies!) by trick-or-treating at your local library!

We encourage all local shutterbugs to enter the library's ongoing Local Business Photo Contest, which is accepting entries through November 15. Amateur photographers are encouraged to submit up to five high-resolution digital images featuring a clearly identifiable South Amboy business via email to comments@dowdell.com. (Be sure to specify the location of your photo, the date it was taken, and your name and contact information in your message.) Awards for Best Photograph, Runner-Up, and Best Architectural Photograph will be announced at the library's Holiday Open House on Monday, December 3 at 7:30pm.

Comments, queries, compliments, concerns? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

Baby & Me Story Time

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY -- It is never too soon to share the wonderful world of literature with children! The new Baby and Me Storytime Series at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library invites very young children (ages birth through 24 months) and their enthusiastic adult caretakers to explore language and literature through rhythm and rhyme, finger plays and very simple stories. Each story time will last about 45 minutes, with time for parents and children to enjoy one another's company and the library's resources afterwards. The series will run alternating Wednesdays at 11:00 am from September 5th through December 19th.

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information, please call the library at 732.826.2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

Library Hosts Teen Anime Club

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY -- The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is looking for teens to participate in its newly formed Teen Anime Club. The Anime Club is aimed at teens that enjoy Manga (Japanese comic books) and Japanese style cartoons and for fans of "J-pop" and "K-Pop". The club will meet Monday October 29th at 6:00pm in the Library's main reading room at 6pm. Discuss your favorite characters, learn about Japanese culture, make arts and crafts and new friends who share your obsessions. Participants will vote on what Anime to watch at the next meeting. Snacks will be provided, registration IS required. This club is for teens in grades 6-12 only. To register, please call the library, or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ.

Day of Reflection : Puerto Rico: Mi isla del encanto, PRAHD, Perth Amboy 9/20/18 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Match Game:
Elks Edition

SOUTH AMBOY – Saturday, October 13, 2018 starting at 6 p.m. at South Amboy Elks Lodge #784, 601 Washington Rd., South Amboy. Entry Fee is \$10. Includes sandwiches and salads. Cash bar.

Medicare
Workshop

Press Release 9/20/18

WOODBIDGE - On Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 pm, the Woodbridge Main Library will welcome Justin Lubenow and Michael Salum of Senior Advisors. At this free workshop you will learn:

- What's Changed?
- 5 Biggest Mistakes Made by Most Medicare Beneficiaries.
- Original Medicare versus Medicare Advantage Plans.
- How do Medicare Supplement Policies Work?
- How do Medicare Prescription Drug programs work?
- When must you sign-up for Medicare to avoid late enrollment penalties and coverage gaps?

Senior Advisors is family owned and operated since 2009. They have over 20,000 Medicare Clients across 22 different states. Their top priority at Senior Advisors is to reduce stress for Medicare beneficiaries, by providing education, an overview of the choices available, and making recommendations for reach individual's coverage.

This program is free and open to all. Registration is required. Please call 732-634-4450 to register or register online @ <http://woodbridgelibrary.org/>

The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ.

Story Time with
Ms. Mel

PERTH AMBOY --Parents with children of all ages are invited to the Perth Amboy Free Public Library for an especially exciting story time with Ms. Mel. Story time consists of age-appropriate picture books, songs, fingerplays, poetry, and crafts. Join In on the following dates: October: Tues, 23 & Thurs, 25; 1:00 p.m.; November: Tues, 13 & Thurs, 15; 1:00 p.m.; December: Tues, 18 & Thurs, 20; 1:00 p.m.

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information, please call the library at 732.826.2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

Sphero Code
Club to Meet at
the Library

PERTH AMBOY -- Are you interested in learning about basic robotics and coding using Sphero robots? Then come see how we roll! Join the Perth Amboy Free Public Library's Sphero Code Club and each month explore Spheros and learn how to code by completing different challenges.

Draw coding and drag and drop coding will start you off before we venture into more difficult projects for the more experienced. Registration for this event is required. To register, please call the library, or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ.

Food Lovers Get Ready for the Taste of
Perth Amboy on October 18

Perth Amboy BID Invites Restaurants to Join the City's Most
Popular Culinary Event and Fundraiser

News Release 9/28/18

PERTH AMBOY – Food lovers are getting ready to please their palates by sampling scores of appetizers, entrees and desserts during the Taste of Perth Amboy 2018, which takes place on Thursday, October 18.

The tasting starts at 6 PM aboard the Cornucopia Cruise Line's spacious St. Charles vessel, which is docked at 401 Riverview Drive in Perth Amboy. All told, more than 30 restaurants chefs, bakers, dessert makers and food artisans and purveyors from Perth Amboy, Woodbridge, and many nearby communities across Middlesex County will participate. Each eatery is creating a wide variety of food specialties for their guests.

Proceeds from The Taste are being donated to the Raritan Bay YMCA's homeless initiative that is called The Center for Support, Success and Prosperity. The Center was formed through an alliance between the YMCA and God's Army Ministries of New Jersey. The facility provides a range of supportive programs to homeless individuals and families. Its efforts include morning and noontime meals, showers and access to a range case management services from career readiness activities to substance abuse counseling and job placement.

The easiest way to buy tickets is to visit the Eventbrite website and search for the Taste of Perth Amboy 2018. The cost is \$30 a person for adults 18 to 59 years of age. For individuals under 18



Mayor Wilda Diaz with Hidayet Kilic, Vice President of the Cornucopia Cruise Lines *Photo by PA BID

or 60 and older the price is just \$15 a person.

The Taste is sponsored by the City of Perth Amboy, the Honorable Mayor Wilda Diaz and the community's Business Improvement District (BID).

Taste of Perth Amboy Committee Chairman Jason Conway said, "I would like to thank all the businesses that have participated in the past and who are confirmed to attend this year's Taste. We will be supporting those in the community who have fallen on hard times and need our help. I ask the rest of our restaurant community to please participate as this is a win-win for everyone involved. The best way for you to advertise your business is to have people taste your food. This event can help you expand your business and you will know that you have also given back to the community by participating."

Speaking about The Taste as a fundraiser, Pastor Berny Fal-

con-Lopez of The Center for Support, Success & Prosperity, said, "It is tremendous blessing that Mayor Diaz is very passionate about the work we do to serve homeless families. I am grateful to Mayor and the directors of the City's incredible BID for recognizing the needs in our community and in the region and taking steps to assist us."

Restaurants, Cafes, Chefs, Bakers and Food Artisans Invited to Join the Taste

The BID's Chairman Barry Rosengarten encourages Perth Amboy's chefs, restaurants, cafes, and bakeries to join The Taste today. The quickest way to become part of The Taste event is to contact BID Executive Manager Junel Hutchinson at 732-826-0290, ext. 4048, reach out to Field Representative Randy Convery at 732-826-0290, ext. 4050, or email: rconvery@perthamboynj.org.

Emerging Leaders Program, 9/26/18 Council Meeting

**Photo by Katherine Massopust*



Students part of the Emerging Leaders Program from the Jewish Renaissance Foundation gave a presentation on traffic in Perth Amboy. For more information about the program and the students' projects, go to <https://www.njhi.org/projects/emerging-leaders-healthier-community/>

WOTM Flea Market

PERTH AMBOY - The Women of the Moose are holding a Flea Market on Sunday, October 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Perth Amboy Lodge, 989 Convery Blvd. Tables are available for \$15. If you are interested, please contact Donna at Donna-Roche16@Yahoo.com. Uncle Bubba's Barbeque will be there.

Tricky Tray

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Parish at Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Rd. in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge, NJ will be hosting a Tricky Tray Auction in Msgr. Gambino Hall on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Admission is \$15, which includes 25 Level 1 tickets, coffee and dessert. Adults only. Hall is handicapped accessible. Doors open at 12 noon and drawing will begin at 2 p.m. There are 5 levels of prizes plus grand prizes including Broadway Show tickets and Vacation Accommodations. Advanced ticket sale special available before 10/2/18. Currently taking reservations for tables of 6 or more. For more information and tickets, please contact Marie at 732-442-6916 (before 10/2) or the Parish Office at 732-826-4859 or by email at gstrickytray@gmail.com.

The Morgan Explosion Centennial

PISCATAWAY - There will be a presentation on the Morgan Explosion Centennial with Author Randall Gabrielan on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Rutgers Visitor Center, 100 Sutphen Rd, Piscataway. On the evening of October 4, 1918, an explosion occurred at the T.A. Gillespie Company Shell Loading Plant in Morgan, New Jersey. The chain reaction that occurred left hundreds dead, buildings destroyed and many homeless. Join us for a presentation on the 100th anniversary of the tragedy. Free event and parking. Text CULTURE to 56512 for more details or go to www.middlesexcountynj.gov The Cornelius Low House will be open until 6:30 p.m.

Perth Amboy Free Public Library Sets up for A Spooktacular Halloween

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY --The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is ready to scare up some Halloween fun this October! Drop in every week for a new make and take craft and to play our Children's Room Monthly Game! Registration is required for the activities below, to register call the library or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

Escape the Library: Friday October 19th 5:30 pm (ages 13+) Search the library for clues and other items that will help you unlock the locks on the box. Using all your knowledge solve the puzzles using other items in the room. In the box you will find the key to breaking out of the library and maybe a prize! You better start fast as you only have 30 minutes!

No Sew Halloween Costumes: Monday October 22 6:00 p.m. Put together your own costume or accessories no thread or needle required!

Carve Your Own Pumpkin: Tuesday October 23 5:30 pm A Halloween staple, stop by the library and create your own masterpiece!

Teen Craft Night: Oct 30th 6:00pm Stop in the Library to create a chilling craft.

Careers from the Crypt: October 25th 6:00pm Learn about nonmainstream professions from those in the field.

The Ghost Train Visits Perth Amboy: October 26th 7:00pm. Local Horror author, Donald Garvon reads his latest scary tales.

Trick or Treat at the Library: October 31st Stop by the Library to show us your creepy costume!

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information, please call the library at 732.826.2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

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

Vendors Sought for Craft Fair

SOUTH AMBOY - Crafters, vendors and shoppers are needed for Sacred Heart Rosary Society's upcoming Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall across from Sacred Hart Church, 531 Washington Ave., South Amboy. No admission charge for shoppers or browsers. Food will be available. Helpers will offer assistance in carrying out your purchases. To reserve a table or for more information, call Janice: 732-309-8405 or Virginia: 732-721-1521.

The Haunting of Kearny Cottage

PERTH AMBOY - An exclusive reading of an original short story The Haunting of Kearny Cottage (and a few more if time allows) by Donald Gavron from his new collection Turn on The Dark. Light refreshments will be served. All ages welcome. Gavron's books will be available for sale and signing after the reading! Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave.

Movies @ Main: True Stories

WOODBIDGE - On September 7 the Woodbridge Main Library will begin a new film series scheduled Friday afternoons at 2 p.m. that will feature films based on true stories. The first movie is *Patriots Day*, a depiction of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing starring Boston native Mark Wahlberg.

I Can Only Imagine, an inspiring drama about a father-son relationship that is the basis of the song "I Can Only Imagine," will be shown on September 28, followed by Marshall, a biographical film depicting the life of the first African-American Supreme Court Justice. On October 12 we will present *Chappaquiddick*, a dramatic film about the 1969 fatal car accident in Massachusetts. The following week we will show the war drama, *The Darkest Hour* on October 19. This film, with Gary Oldman in his a Best Actor performance, depicts Winston Churchill during the early days of World War II. Our series concludes on October 26 with *Adrift*, the true story of Tami Oldham and Richard Sharp's heartbreaking adventure at sea.

Our films are sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township.

Light refreshments are provided by the Woodbridge Library Foundation. Films are free and open to all.

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Maximizing Social Security Benefits

Press Release 9/17/18

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - Join us at the Woodbridge Main Library, October 15 at 7 p.m.; for an information session which will help attendees learn the ins and outs of Social Security. The session will explain—the history of Social Security, how the system is funded, how to become eligible for benefits, what ages you can start receiving benefits, how payment amounts are calculated, and steps you can take to maximize benefits for you and your family. In addition to this, our speaker Andy Panko, will cover relevant current events as it relates to Social Security and offer his thoughts on the future of the system.

Our speaker, Andy Panko has 18 years of professional experience at multiple large insurance companies, brokerages, and investment banking organizations. Andrew holds the Retirement Income Certified Professional ("RICP®") designation and is nearing completion of the requirements to earn the (Certified Financial Planner ("CFP®") designation. He has an undergraduate degree in finance from the University of Delaware and a Masters of Business Administration from Rutgers University. Furthermore, Andy had previously taught graduate-level finance courses as an adjunct lecturer for the Business School of Rutgers University.

All are welcomed to attend this free event! Registration is required to attend this event. Please call 732-634-4450 or visit www.woodbridgelibrary.org to register and to find out more information about the event.

15th Annual Tricky Tray & 50/50 Raffle

PERTH AMBOY - Sunday, October 7, 2018 at Saint John Paul II Parish, St. Stephen's School, 500 State St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Doors Open at 12:30 p.m.; Drawing starts at 2:30 p.m. For more information call 732-826-1395. Over 300 Prizes. Cash Bar (No Outside Alcohol Permitted). At the Door Costs: Admission \$20 (includes: buffet, dessert, coffee, one ticket for a door prize & 1 sheet of 25 level one tickets).

Level 1/WHITE TICKETS: (prize value up to \$50) \$5/sheet of 25 tickets

Level 2/GREEN TICKETS: (prize value \$50-\$100) \$3/each, 6/\$10

Level 3/YELLOW TICKETS: (prize value \$100-\$200) \$5 each, 3/\$10

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LEVEL 1: 2 sheets (50 tickets); LEVEL 2: 12 tickets; LEVEL 3: 6 tickets; Special Level Prize: 3 tickets; Super Special Prize tickets available at the event only.

For more information call Ana Maria Zevallos @732-485-9367 or email: azevallos@johnpaulsecond.com or go to www.johnpaulsecond.com

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Paint and Sip
PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic School is hosting a Paint and Sip Party on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018. This is an *adult only* event sponsored by Investors Bank. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to benefit Assumption Catholic School. The event starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. and wine, cheese, and crackers will be served. \$25pp. Please call the office to purchase tickets: 732-826-0767.

**South Amboy
Fall City Wide
Yard Sale**

SOUTH AMBOY – Fall City Wide Yard Sale - Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain or shine. All South Amboy residents can participate at no cost. *Not Required, but if you are interested in participating and registering your address, a list of participants will be made available to prospective shoppers. Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 3, 2018. To register or for more information, please contact Jaclyn at kellyj@southamboynj.gov or call 732-727-1683.

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Teen Craft Night

PERTH AMBOY -- Please join us at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library for a FREE craft activity just for teens. Teen Craft Night takes place the last Tuesday of the Month at 6:00pm. Registration is required for this event. To register for this event, please call the library at 732-826-2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org.

The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ.

**Cruise Nights
on Broadway**

SOUTH AMBOY - Come join DJ Richie, The Flash and Crew for great cruise nights the third Friday of every month from June to October from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Music from the 50's to the 80's Trophies will be awarded - Bring the Family! For additional information please contact carshowsRus@gmail.com or Mike Toth at mtoth1@optonline.net or 908-930-3497. Sponsored by the City of South Amboy.

**LiteracyNJ ESL
Tutor Training**

FORDS - Imagine if you couldn't read a prescription, job application, bedtime story, or ballot. Become a volunteer literacy tutor and help adults improve their reading, writing, or English skills. Sign up now for our next tutor training class! You can make a difference! Classes are on Saturdays October 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (must attend all 4 sessions) Location: Fords Branch Library; 211 Ford Ave. Fords, NJ 08863. To register: contact Melissa Bernstein at mbernstein@literacynj.org or 732-906-5456. Registration fee: \$45.00.


**ESL Literacy
Registration
Fall 2018**

Press Release 8/16/18
WOODBIDGE 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 state-wide 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, 732-906-5456, mbernstein@literacynj.org.

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***This Week in World War II
75 Years Ago***

By: Phil Kohn. *Dedicated to the memory of his father, GM3 Walter Kohn, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, USNR, and all men and women who have answered the country's call in time of need. Phil can be contacted at ww2remembered@yahoo.com.*

On October 1, 1943, in Italy, Neapolitans end their uprising as the last of the German military occupiers retreat from Naples. Before leaving, the Germans lay waste to the city, damaging many cultural landmarks and burning over 200,000 books. Later in the day, British and American units of the U.S. Fifth Army enter the city. Banker Averell Harriman, U.S. special envoy to Europe, is named ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Australian troops retake Finschhafen, on Papua-New Guinea on October 2. In Japan, military conscription is expanded to college students; within six months, the draft age will be lowered from 20 to 18. The only exceptions are students of science or medicine. Boys as young as 17 may volunteer for the Japanese military, and before long, 15-year-olds will be accepted. In Europe, the government of neutral Sweden issues a proclamation welcoming all refugees from Occupied Denmark to the kingdom.

The Japanese attack on many fronts as they open a large offensive across central China on October 3. In the Aegean Sea, 1,200 German paratroopers capture the Greek island of Kos, off the Turkish coast. Around 900 Allied and 3,000 Italian troops are taken prisoner. Some 90 Italian officers are executed for having fought against their former allies, the Germans.

The French Mediterranean island of Corsica is liberated by Free French forces on October 4 after 25 days of fighting. Allied aircraft attack a German convoy off Narvik, Norway, sinking 40,000 tons of shipping. *Reichsführer-SS* Heinrich Himmler addresses an audience of SS officers and German administrators in the German city of Posen (now Poznań, Poland). Among his comments, he states: "... I shall speak to you here with all frankness of a very serious subject. We shall now discuss it absolutely openly among ourselves; nevertheless, we shall never speak of it in public. I mean the evacuation of the Jews, the extermination of the Jewish race ..."

The first of two heavy raids by planes of a U.S. Navy task force is made on October 5 against Japanese-held Wake Island, with 61 Japanese aircraft being reported destroyed. At the instigation of Office of Strategic Services head William "Wild Bill" Donovan — without the knowledge of President Roosevelt — a representative meets with Fritz von Papen, the German ambassador to Turkey, and tries to persuade him to lead a *coup* to overthrow Adolf Hitler, with von Papen to become the new leader of Germany. Von Papen rejects the proposal.

The Naval Battle of Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, takes place on October 6. Nine Japanese destroyers engage six U.S. Navy destroyers to divert attention from the seaborne evacuation of the Japanese garrison from the island. Each side in the naval engagement loses one destroyer. The Allied takeover of the island completes the second phase of "Operation Cartwheel:" the capture of the central Solomon Islands. The U.S. Navy hits Wake Island with a second heavy air raid. In the Aegean, a German convoy bound for the island of Leros is attacked by two British cruisers and two destroyers. Seven Axis troop transports and one escort ship are sunk. In Germany, *Reichsführer-SS* Heinrich Himmler makes it known that he wishes for an acceleration of "The Final Solution."

In retaliation for the two U.S. air raids on Wake Island, 97 American civilians being held prisoner there are executed by the Japanese on October 7. Blindfolded, they are marched to a beach, machine-gunned and buried in a mass grave.

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**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. Oct. 24, 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
San Salvador Seniors**

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, Oct. 4, 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.

**Calendar
Dinner Dance**

PERTH AMBOY – The St. Ann Society of Ukrainian Assumption Church will sponsor its annual Calendar Dinner Dance on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, in the Assumption Catholic School auditorium, Meredith & Jacques Sts. Enjoy a night of dining and dancing: appetizers and a lavish buffet by Palms Plaza and DJ music by Supreme Sound and Entertainment. Doors open at 6 p.m., buffet at 7 p.m. As always, BYOB. Tickets are \$40 pp and can be purchased by calling the church office at 732-826-0767 or after liturgies from members. Get your tickets soon!

**National
Friends of the
Library Week**

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are celebrating National Friends of the Library Week on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. After a brief meeting at 6 p.m. at the library (adult library upstairs), 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy, the PAFOL will be offering a live reading of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven," and other spooky stories. Light Refreshments will be available. Come out and support your local library! Everyone is invited to attend. For more information call 732-261-2610.

Mentors Wanted

MIDDLESEX COUNTY/FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - Catholic Charities is seeking volunteer mentors. Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. Do you:

1. Have a minimum of three hours per week to offer a child?
2. Like having fun?
3. Reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township?
4. Want to make a difference in a child's life?

Contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org, for more information.

Pet of the Week



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Love, Lisa

Have a Special Pet?

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**Fish & Chicken
Fry**

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, October 19, 2018. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5:00 and dining room seating will be from 5:45-7:00pm. For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail: churchoffice172@optimum.net.

DVD/Media Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Please place your unwanted DVDs, Blu-Ray, CDs, and video games in good condition, into the collection boxes at the Dowdell Library, or Madura Pharmacy Your contributions will be donated to the Dowdell Library to help enhance its current collection. Larger collections call Grace at 732-721-6592 for pick-up Thank you for your support! This on-Going Collection Drive is Sponsored by the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc.

**Discover the
World of
Dungeons and
Dragons at the
Library**

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY --The Perth Amboy Free Public Library Hosts Dungeons & Dragons on Tuesdays starting at 4 p.m. Dungeon Master, Ben Irizarry will guide players through this fantasy role playing game where they'll take on the role of their own heroic characters and work together to battle enemies, find treasure and solve puzzles. Dungeons and Dragons promotes collaboration, creative problem solving and literacy. New players, the curious and well-established players are all welcome!
The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information, please call the library at 732.826.2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org



**Saturday
Storytime**

SEWAREN – The Sewaren Public Library warmly presents: Saturday Storytime with special assistance from Kara & Elizabeth. Stories, crafts, snacks, and more! 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 1st & 3rd Saturday of every month! (Starting Oct. 6th). Bring only imagination. Interested? Contact us at : 732-634-7571 or email us at sewarenlibrary@gmail.com The Sewaren Library is located at 546 West Ave.

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Presently, 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: Oct. 13th & 27th. 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. !!!!

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.

Cult Classic
Film Nights at
the Perth Amboy
Free Public
Library

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY --Perth Amboy Free Public Library invites the public to "Cult Classic Film Night" Join us for some good old fashion campy, nostalgic, artistic or so bad they're good movies. Our film schedule is as follows:
October 5th 7:00 p.m. I Saw What You Did Starring Joan Crawford. Teenagers Libby and Kit innocently spend an evening making random prank calls. These calls lead to murderous consequences
November 2nd 7:00 p.m. Labyrinth Starring David Bowie and Jennifer Connelly. A 16-year-old girl is given 13 hours to solve a labyrinth and rescue her baby brother when her wish for him to be taken away is granted by the Goblin King.
The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information, please call the library at 732.826.2600 or visit us online at www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

Pokémon Club
to meet at
Library

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY --Perth Amboy Free Public Library's Pokémon Club will meet on the second Saturday of every month the library, 196 Jefferson Street.
This club is open to anyone ages 4 to 14 interested in battling Pokémon cards with other trainers, just stopping in to talk Pokémon, or hunting Pokémon in the Library via the Pokémon-GO App.
Bring your own cards and collections, play and share knowledge. We have Pokémon mats too. No trading allowed. So, tell your friends and join us!
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Family Game
Night at the
Perth Amboy
Free Public
Library

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY --Join us for board games, puzzles, trivia and more. Play an old favorite or learn a new game. The library will supply games for all ages or bring your own favorite to share. Light refreshments will be provided. Family Game Night takes place the second Friday of every month at 5:30pm.
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Senior Scene
Happenings

Perth Amboy
TUES. Oct. 2 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. Oct. 3 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. Oct. 4 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Oct. 8 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Oct. 9 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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WED. Oct. 10 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. Oct. 11 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
• Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.
South Amboy
WED. Oct. 3 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Oct. 8 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Oct. 22 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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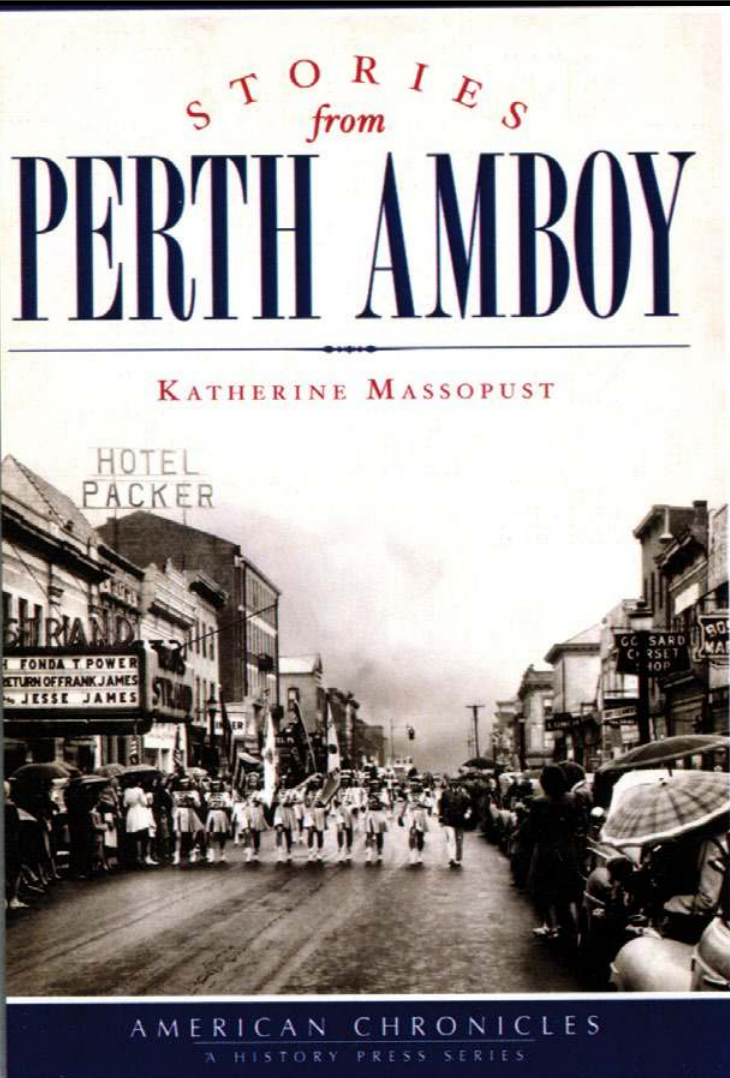
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Dedication of the Restored Ferryslip (L to R) City Clerk Elaine Kiczula, Peter Jimenez, Barbara Booze, Mike Keller, Congressman Bob Menendez, Senator Frank Lautenberg, Mayor Joe Vas (cutting the ribbon), Evelyn Vas, Mel Ramos, April 27, 1998 *Photo Courtesy of Mike Keller
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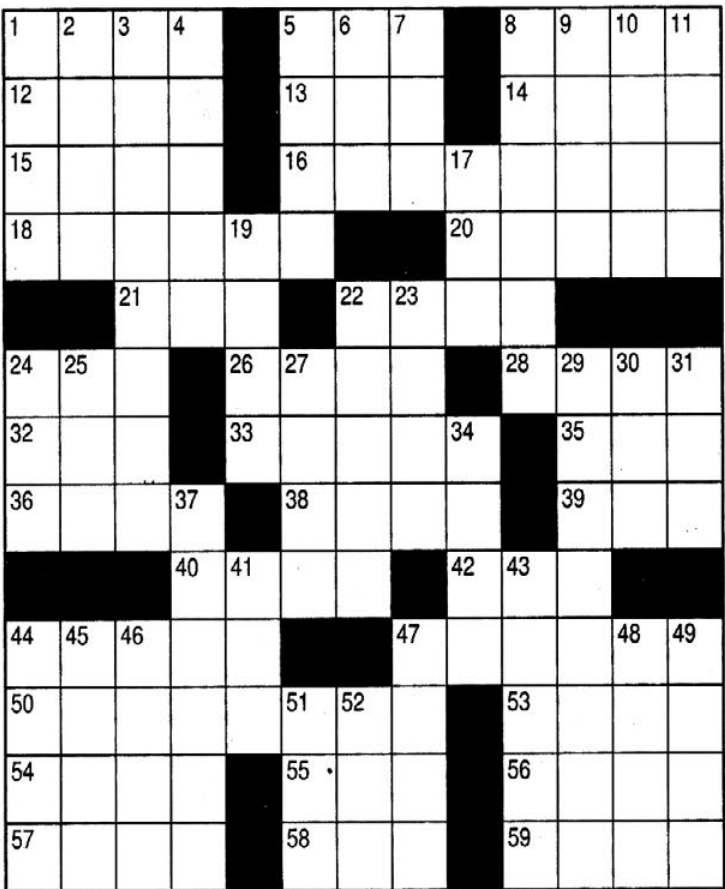
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- 12 Tackle box item
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- 14 Director Kazan
- 15 Inventor's starting point
- 16 Removed snow
- 18 Small café
- 20 Packs tightly
- 21 Half a fly
- 22 Brontë's "Jane ___"
- 24 Biol., e.g.

- 26 Singer Guthrie
- 28 Compact disk movies (abbr.)
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- 33 Winter coat
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- 36 General Robert ___ (2 wds.)
- 38 Yummy
- 39 No longer working (abbr.)
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- 42 Brylcreem unit
- 44 More skilled
- 47 Lend a hand
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 - 54 Talk excitedly
 - 55 New York time (abbr.)
 - 56 Waffle brand
 - 57 Lather
 - 58 ___ jacket ('60s style)
 - 59 Cozy abode
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- 1 Smooth-talking
 - 2 German car
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- 19 Harvest
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- 23 ___ Ono
- 24 The girl
- 25 ___-de-sac
- 27 Fury
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- 30 Tie-___
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- 34 Attaches
- 37 Removes the video cassette
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