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## BOE Recognizes Outgoing Board Members Obdulia Gonzalez & Milady Tejeda for Their Service 11/15/18 Board of Education Meeting



PERTH AMBOY - (L to R) Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivan Rodriguez, Outgoing Board Member Milady Tejeda, Superintendent Dr. David Roman, Outgoing Board Member Obdulia Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Richard Chromey

*\*Photo by Katherine Massopust*

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – The Board of Education recognized outgoing Board Members Obdulia Gonzalez and Milady Tejeda. Gonzalez did not seek reelection and plans to spend more time with her granddaughter. Board Vice President Milady Tejeda will go on to serve on the Perth Amboy City Council.

Superintendent Dr. David Roman thanked the outgoing Board Members for their service to the Community, “These two outstanding human beings have integrity, respect, kindness in many different ways. I want to express my thanks as they go on a new journey. I’m a better educator because of this.”

Outgoing Board Member Milady Tejeda stated, “When I started this journey, I never thought there would be an end of it. The Board of Education means so much to me. I’m a better person because of this. I’ll be coming to Board Meetings as a spectator. We were trying so hard to move forward. Because of you (Dr Roman), your staff, the Administration, everyone in a child’s life to say I was a part of that. When I came to this country, I adopted Perth Amboy as my City. I hope to continue to give support to make things happen. Thank you for this love we have here.”

Outgoing Board Member Obi Gonzalez stated, “It’s been a journey – not a destination. I’ve gave of myself to the community. As an educator, when we hang up that shingle, what we left behind is an inspiration. Nine years is a long time. I’m ready for new adventures. It was difficult, this journey. As it turned out, it was very hard on the way, sometimes with Board Members I agreed and disagreed. It’s sort of a good place to be. I’m excited to have Dr. David Roman on board. I’ve seen things happen. I congratulated Milady. When you see your students give back to the community, it reaches back to you soon. We came before the community and take sides. I congratulate Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe (who is Board Member-Elect). She has learned so much. I think she is going to bring to the table her youth and will grow. I walk into the sunset of a different life. I’ve been really busy. It’s been a wonderful journey. Ken Puccio has done a wonderful job. I have tremendous respect and love for him as well. I’ve appreciated you all and everyone in this community. They’re worth it.”

Board Member Anton J. Mas-

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## Lung Cancer Awareness Flag Raising, Perth Amboy 11/3/18

*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - The Fourth Annual Lung Cancer Awareness Flag Raising was held in City Hall Circle on Saturday, November 3, 2018. The event was sponsored by the United Messengers of Peace and led by Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe who also personally designed the flag.

## Fire at El Boy Restaurant, 454 State St., Perth Amboy 11/18/18

*\*Photos courtesy of PAFD Facebook*



*From PAFD Facebook*

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department responded to a reported explosion at 454 State Street at 04:12 on 11/18/18. Units arrived, confirmed that an explosion had occurred and reported a working fire with residents above still exiting. 12 occupants were safely removed. The fire escalated to 4 alarms and was contained to the building of origin. Two tower ladders and numerous hoselines were used to bring the fire under control. Responding units were E-3, E-1, E-4, T-2, C-5, C-1, C-3, C-9, C-2 & C-8. Mutual aid from Keasbey, Hopelawn, South Amboy, Fords, Port Reading, Sayreville, Iselin & Edison assisted on location along with the Middlesex County Fire Marshal’s Office. Middlesex, North Brunswick, Colonia & Piscataway covered the city during the incident. The fire is currently under investigation and crews are still operating awaiting the demolition crew to bring the building down to complete extinguishment. There were no civilian injuries and there were three firefighter injuries that were all treated and released from the hospital.



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David Grasso	615 - 13%
<b>Lynn Kasics</b>	<b>1121 - 23%</b>
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Women Who Came Together for the Common Good



Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe



Board Member Obi Gonzalez



Board Member and Councilwoman-Elect Milady Tejeda

Congratulations are in order to three Community Leaders in Perth Amboy. At the young age of 20, Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe can rightfully take her place as a newly elected Board of Education Member. To put it mildly, she has earned her dues. Stephanie has always voiced her opinions because as a student she felt it was important to be heard. She would constructively challenge the Board of Education Members when it came to issues that she felt would be best for the students.

Stephanie was the founder of the United Messengers of Peace.

From the 11/21/13 issue of the Amboy Guardian: The Messengers of Peace, a student-run non-profit organization held their first meeting at Perth Amboy High School on Thursday, August 15. The group consists of Honors Students who want to voice their concerns on the redefinition/elimination of the Honors programs in the Perth Amboy Public School System. The students: Rafael Tafur, May Bileye, Stephanie Rodriguez (President and Founder), Rosemary Nivar, Henry Rosado, Haliee Baez, Maitta Harris and Randy Rivas all spoke. They presented their feelings and concerns about how eliminating the Honors Programs in the early grades and grades 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> would affect them.

Aside from the United Messengers of Peace, Stephanie went on to speak about issues involving all the students as a whole, no matter what program they were in.

At one Board of Education Meeting Stephanie emphasized academic achievement was just as important as athletic achievement. I found her to be a young



Stephanie (Rodriguez) Márquez-Villafañe (far left) leads the United Messengers of Peace at their first open meeting at Perth Amboy High School \*File Photo 2013 at 8/15/13 United Messengers of Peace Meeting

lady with a old soul.

When Stephanie spoke at Board of Education or City Council Meetings, she never held back her feelings.

Recently, this past year before she became an active candidate for the Board of Education, she was instrumental in having the Council Meetings (because the elevator was not working) moved to facilities that were ADA accessible.

Stephanie was also fortunate enough to have a strong mother (Nilda Rivera) backing her up. Nilda knows that when Stephanie wants to go for something, there's no stopping her.

Even though Stephanie had transferred as an out-of-district student to Colonia High School where she graduated in 2016, she still attended the Perth Amboy Board of Education Meetings.

As a Board of Education Member, this is only a natural continuance of Stephanie's service to the community.

Congratulations are also in or-

der to outgoing Board of Education Member Obdulia (Obi) Gonzalez who did not seek reelection after serving on the Board for 9 years. She has chosen to spend more time with her granddaughter. Obi Gonzalez has served as a calming voice of reason as a Board Member.

Before she was a Board Member, Gonzalez was a Guidance Counselor at Perth Amboy High School which made her a valuable Member of the Board.

Milady Tejeda has recently served as Vice-President of the Board of Education. She has proven to be very popular with the students, teachers, and administration and has attended many school functions which highlighted the students in each grade level.

As she joins the City Council, she will become a valuable bridge between both entities (the Board of Education and City Council). As Milady Tejeda has stated previously, she came here as a teenager from the Dominican Republic and made the most of the opportunities that the United States offered to become successful.

What all three of these women have in common is that they wish the best for the students and the community as a whole. That's all that we can ask for. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Constitutional Reform

A recent letter had a list of complaints about President Trump. Trump defeated a Bush for the nomination and a Clinton in the election. This prevented a dynastic succession. That letter was wrong to claim Trump didn't curb use of "AR-15 automatic guns". Machine guns have been restricted since the 1934 Firearms Act. Congress passes laws, not a Presidential decree.

The AR-15 is not restricted as it is not an "automatic gun". You can look this up on the Internet to learn why it is so popular. Its features make it excellent for hunting packs of coyotes or feral pigs; these are not a problem in central Jersey.

I recommend a Constitutional change to prevent a dynasty. Ban the brothers, sisters, spouse or ex-spouses, sons and daughters of any President from becoming President.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

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Nursing Your Newborn/Baby Talk-Breastfeeding /Infant Care Class

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is providing a free Nursing Your Newborn/Baby Talk-Breastfeeding /Infant Care class Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Diapering, feeding, and sleeping will be taught by a Certified Child Birth Educator. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990 and reference zip code 08861.

Maternity Tour and Family Health Information Open House

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy's Check out our Cribs: Maternity Tour and Family Health information open house will be held Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts, designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990 and reference zip code 08861

Healthcare Provider CPR Class

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is providing an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR class Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Raritan Bay, Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. This class is for health care professionals. Participants will receive certification in CPR for adults, infants and children and learn about ventilation devices, automated external defibrillators and how to clear obstructive airway in responsive and unresponsive patients. Cost is \$80.00 per person. Registration required, call Mary at 732-324-5393, email michelle.norek@hackensackmeridian.org or call 1-800-560-9990. Reference zip code 08861.

Beautiful Beginnings: Accelerated CB Prep Class

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is providing a free Beautiful Beginnings: Accelerated CB Prep class, Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. A certified childbirth educator/registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and infant care will facilitate the class. The class is intended for those who already have children and need a refresher or for those with limited time. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990 and reference zip code 08861.

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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!

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House Open

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

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

MON. Nov. 26 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
WED. Nov. 28 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Dec. 5 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway.  
WED. Dec. 19 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway

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Lung Cancer Awareness Flag Raising, City Hall Circle & St. Peters Parish House, Perth Amboy 11/3/18

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Fire at El Boy Restaurant, 454 State St., Perth Amboy 11/18/18

\*Photos Courtesy PAFD Facebook



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Congratulations Lady Warriors!!!

\*Photos & Article Submitted by Junior Iglesias



Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY- Congratulations to our athletes, the Lady Warriors for winning the State of New Jersey Commissioners Cup. This is a highly competitive tournament. 24 teams around New Jersey must play and win every game to be the commissioners cup champion. One game loss and you are out. This is the first time in the history of Perth Amboy a U12 girls team won the State Cup. Congratulations Lady Warriors!!!! You made history!!! Congratulations to the coach Carlos Basurto and all the Lady Warriors parents for supporting our young athletes' accomplishment!



**BID's Kick-Off for Small Business Saturday**  
*\*Photo by Bob Rinklin for the Perth Amboy BID*



PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (BID) held an event for local retailers and companies as part of the kick-off for Small Business Saturday®, which occurs on November 24. Retail Sales Specialist Rocky Romeo (holding Shop Small® sign) encouraged local merchants and businesses to Think Big as they prepare for the holiday shopping season. The BID Directors Jason Conway and Gary Rumpf as well as BID Executive Director Junel Hutchinson reminded local residents and visitors to make their seasonal purchases at Perth Amboy’s retailers, businesses and restaurants.

**Amboy Bank Draws Winner for Sayreville Branch Renovation Sweepstakes**  
*\*Photo Submitted by Amboy Bank*



SAYREVILLE - Amboy Bank Sayreville branch manager, Burton Wilkins, congratulates Beth Gavin as the grand prize winner of Amboy’s month-long grand opening sweepstakes. Gavin won a 50” VIZIO Smart LED television. The sweepstakes celebrated Amboy’s branch renovation at 412 Washington Road in Sayreville. The bank is continuing to welcome new clients with special deposit offers.

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**Middlesex County STEM Charter School (MCSCS) Celebrates Its Grand Opening**

By: Manuela A. Jimenez, M.A in Educational Leadership  
PERTH AMBOY—On Friday, October 26, 2018, Middlesex County STEM Charter School (MCSCS) held a ribbon cutting ceremony, in order to celebrate the school’s inauguration. The event occurred roughly a month after beginning classes; and was widely attended by the community. MCSCS, is a Kindergarten through 5 Grade school, currently serving students in grades K through 2; and will expand one grade level per academic year.

This event symbolized the achievement of a collaborative effort, that started in Fall of 2017. To ensure this accomplishment, a group of devoted staff members, teachers, and community members, worked collectively in order to establish Middlesex County STEM Charter School (MCSCS). A school with the mission to provide rigorous science, technology, engineering, and math curricula in a diverse and nurturing environment to spark students’ interest at early ages in STEM careers.

With the goal of improving the quality of education in the City of Perth Amboy, MCSCS’ Chief Education Officer, Dr. Namik Sercan, perceived the school’s ribbon cutting inaugural ceremony, as the beginning of a reputable educational trajectory in the city of Perth Amboy.

Dr. Sercan stated that “addressing the educational needs of the students and parents is the key to the socio-economic growth and wellbeing of our township, Perth Amboy, N.J”. He envisions that MCSCS will be able to emulate the success of its sister-school, Central Jersey College Prep Charter School (CJCPCS); the recipient of many academic awards, including the 2016 National Blue-Ribbon Award for educational excellence.

“Middlesex County STEM Charter School will continue to provide students with excellence in education through collaboration and support,” in



order to thrive, he said, after explaining the school’s mission, vision, and curriculum initiatives, Dr. Sercan; reassuring the Perth Amboy NJ community that the school will thrive.

To conclude his speech, Chief Education Officer, Dr. Sercan, culminated by gratefully thanking all of the stakeholders whom believed and supported MCSCS’ vision from the beginning; the honorable Perth Amboy N.J City Mayor Wilda Diaz, the MCSCS Board of Trustees, Perth Amboy City Administrators, MCSCS’ business partners, and the general public who attended the school’s inauguration.

“To know that we are preparing out young people starting from kindergarten through grade 5, in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math is remarkable,” the honorable City Mayor, Wilda Diaz, said, in support of MCSCS.

Mayor Diaz, said that MCSCS is a great improvement for the community, as many companies in the United States are forced to recruit international engineers because they are of-

ten times unable to find suitable prepared candidates in the United States.

Therefore, she stressed the importance of having the STEM Charter school in the City of Perth Amboy, “this is the only STEM-based school in the area; and it will provide the youth with more opportunities to lead in STEM based fields, in the 21st century,” she said, “and know that the children of City of Perth Amboy is enriching,” Mayor Diaz added.

Furthermore, Mayor Diaz responded by asserting the youth that she believes they are the future of tomorrow. “That’s why you deserve this educational opportunity; I like that the school provides a small student-to teacher ratio; I think that is so important,” she said.

Mayor, Diaz concluded her speech by encouraging current MCSCS community members to informing other families in the community about the school “you guys need to get the word out there, for more families to be able to have access to this great educational opportunity, in the years to come,” she said.

**“Wassail, Wine & Song” at The Proprietary House**



PERTH AMBOY – The Proprietary House, the Royal Governor’s Mansion, will welcome the holiday season with “Wassail, Wine & Song” on Saturday, December 8th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person, \$15 for members. (Adults only - must be at least 21 years old.)

Renowned heritage musician, Jim Kurzenberger, will perform seasonal tunes in the colonial brick & stone wine cellar. Tours of the historic mansion, lavishly bedecked for the holidays by the Royal Garden Club and Museum Volunteers, will also be offered. Wassail (spiked punch), Mulled Wine, Hot Cider, Egg Nog & Desserts. Museum Gift Shop.

For information contact PROPRIETARY HOUSE ASSOCIATION – Phone: (732) 826-5527; E-mail: info@theproprietaryhouse.org; Address: 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861





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## Tom's Tax Tips

### Five Annual Tax Essentials

*Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.*

The more things change the more they stay the same. This is especially true when it comes to reviewing your tax situation. Mark your calendar to review these essential items each year to ensure you are not missing something that could cause tax trouble when you file your tax return:

**1. Required minimum distributions**

If you are 70½ or older, you may need to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your retirement accounts. RMDs need to be completed by Dec. 31 every year after you turn the required age. Don't forget to make all RMDs because the fines are extremely hefty if you don't - 50 percent of the amount you should have withdrawn.

**2. Your IRS PIN**

If you are a victim of IRS identity theft you will be mailed a one-time use personal identification number (PIN) as added security. You can expect to receive your PIN in the mail sometime in December. Save the PIN as it is required to file your Form 1040. If you would like to sign up for the PIN program, you can do so on the IRS website. Note that once you are enrolled in the program, there is no opt out. A PIN will be required for all future filings with the IRS.

**3. Retirement Contributions**

You may wish to make some last-minute contributions to qualified retirement accounts like an IRA. This can be \$5,500 for traditional or Roth IRAs plus an additional \$1,000 if you are 50 or older. Contributions to traditional IRAs need to happen by April 15, 2019 to be deducted on your 2018 tax return.

**4. Harvest Gains and Losses**

Profits and losses on investments have their own tax rates from 0 percent to as high as 37 percent. Knowing this, make plans to conduct an annual tax review of investment moves you wish to make. This includes:

- o Understanding investments held longer than one year have lower tax rates as long-term capital gains.
- o Trying to net ordinary income tax investment sales with long-term investment losses.
- o Making full use of the annual \$3,000 loss limit on investment sales

Timing matters with investment sales and income taxes, so having a year-end strategy can help lower your tax bill.

**5. Last-Minute Tax Moves**

While your last-minute tax move opportunities may be limited, here are a few ideas worth considering:

- o Make donations to your favorite charities to maximize your itemized deductions.
- o Consider contributions of up to \$100,000 from retirement accounts to qualified charities if you are older than 70½.
- o Make tax efficient withdrawals from retirement accounts if you are over 59½.
- o Delay receipt of income or accelerate expenses if you are a small business.
- o Take advantage of the annual \$15,000 gift-giving limit.

Understanding your current situation and having a plan will make for a smooth tax filing process and maximize your tax savings.

## Home for A Hero

### Homeownership Info Session

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Housing Authority is looking for a veteran to help realize the dream of homeownership! To qualify, household income must be at least \$35,000 and cannot exceed these maximums based on the number of people in the household. Interested persons MUST attend one of two orientation meetings at 881 Amboy Ave on November 28th from 6pm-8pm or December 1st, from 10 a.m-12 p.m. To register, please contact Eugenia Hill: (732) 826-3110 ext. 631. Deadline to submit application: December 18, 2018 5:00 pm. Lottery Drawing: January 11, 2019 12:00 p.m.

## Christmas Cemetery Crosses and Grave Blankets

SOUTH AMBOY – The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will offer embellished cemetery crosses for purchase during the weekends of November 17th & 18th and November 24th & 25th. The cost is \$9 for one cross or \$15 for two. Decorated grave blankets for \$25 may be ordered at this time. They are by order only. Samples will be on display. Saturday sales and orders will be from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Ave., Blankets will be available for pickup in Memorial Hall on Saturdays. December 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 2nd from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, call Virginia at 732-721-1521.

## Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church will be holding their Annual Cake Sale. Cakes are \$12 Each and are Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune/Lekvar, Apricot, and Raspberry. If you would like to place an order please call (732) 826-7067 from Dec. 3 thru Dec 6, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please call early before the quota is filled. Pick will be on Dec. 12 & 13 at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ after 2:00 p.m.

## Hungarian Home-Made Nut Rolls Sale

WOODBIDGE – Sponsored by the Lorantffy Women's Guild of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Woodbridge, NJ. Each individually hand rolled. Made with the best ingredients, each weighing 1lb. 8oz. Available in: English Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune-Lekvar, Apricot, and Raspberry, Pumpkin-Cheese. Price: \$17 each. Orders accepted by: Thursday, November 29, 2018. Orders will be available for pick-up at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. 94 N. James St., Woodbridge. Please use Ross Street Entrance. All orders must be paid in full upon ordering. Please call: Flor-ette Pastor 732-636-2868. Pick-up date and time: Friday, December 14, 2018 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

## Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz Sale

WOODBIDGE - Kolbasz made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge, NJ on Friday, December 14, 2018. Place your orders with Audrey Marciniak, 732-494-1431; Price: \$5.50 per lb. Deadline for order: Sunday, December 2, 2018. Orders may be picked up on the day of the sale between 12 noon and 4 p.m. Use Ross Street entrance. If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your order for Kolbasz at the same time.



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## Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien's Quarterly Birthday Breakfast for Seniors

*\*Photos Submitted*



SAYREVILLE - Those who have birthdays during each quarter are invited to a birthday breakfast with the Mayor, and the oldest & youngest get to make a wish & blow out the candles on the cake Today they ranged in age from 62 to 96!! Packets of candy favors were handed out by John Mooney on behalf of the Riverton Project. Photos above: Party held on November 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Tribute to Stan Lee



Creator of Marvel Comics Stan Lee \*AP Photo Reed Saxon

By: Anton Massopust III

As everyone has heard, one of the greats has passed away. Just like Walt Disney, Jim Henson, and Fred Rogers, another has joined their ranks: Stan Lee. For those of you who don't know his name, he is the ambassador to comic books: a writer and the creator of Marvel Comics.

Born in New York City, Stan spent his life with his mother and father and his kid brother and love to read. He was inspired by many of the greats as a young man and he went to join the Army during World War II. He was a member of the signal Corps. Two big things happened to him after that: he met his wife and then he got involved with Timely or Atlas Comics. The company eventually became Marvel.

Like a lot of other writers, he worked in comic books. He was frustrated by just repeating the same stories and mostly during this era, popular culture was reserved for children. Stan Lee wanted to write something a little different, giving superheroes as though they appeared in the modern world. He was about to quit, but his wife said to him, "Why don't you write to your story your way?" With that, his editor wanted a group of superheroes that were inspired after the Justice League. He came up with his own brand of superheroes called The Fantastic Four: Sue, Reed, Johnny, and Ben who were a group of explorers who wanted to beat the Russians to the Moon. They came back with Cosmic powers, so they decided to dedicate their lives fighting wrongs and helping people with their fantastic powers. The difference between these Heroes and what happened at the time was that the Fantastic Four didn't always get along. Reed, Sue, and Johnny could walk around and have

a normal life without having to use their powers. Ben was stuck in a rocky form. What does one do when one is stuck like that? That is what Stan Lee wanted to explore.

After that success, he helped create Iron Man a modern medieval knight who uses gadgetry to fight against the weapons that he had created. The Mighty Thor, the Wasp and Ant-Man, a revamped Captain America and bringing them together in a group called The Avengers. And of course, his magnum opus: "The Amazing Spider-Man," a character that nobody wanted. The editor told him he was crazy and said people are afraid of spiders and you don't know anything about teenagers. They're sidekicks. Heroes are perfect. But once again, his loving wife told him, "Well, put it on the shelf. So, there was a book they were about to cancel called, "The Amazing Fantasy," a twilight zone or O'Henry like book that would have a twist ending. The great Jack Kirby drew the cover and Steve Ditko supplied the art inside. Then the legend was born. Spider-Man changed everything - not just comic books but for everything else. Marvel Heroes made their way from comic books to cartoons to television, even teaching kids to read with the public television show, "The Electric Company."

As most superhero fans know, Stan Lee has appeared in every Marvel movie since its beginnings. I love the scene with him and Tobey Maguire as he says to Spider-Man: "One man can make a difference." Enough said.

We are his children because he touched every single one of us whoever either read a comic book or seen one of Marvel's movies or cartoons.

So, all I have to say is: Excelsior Forever!

## Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (Children's Library), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 732-261-2610.

## 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: Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsoperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

## Book Fair Fundraiser

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are teaming up once again with Barnes & Noble of Menlo Park for a day of fundraising on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 6pm. Story times for this event start at 11:30am and will continue throughout the day. Student artwork from Perth Amboy schools will be on display. In addition, Friends volunteers will be available to gift wrap your purchases.

A percentage of net sales will go to the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library. You must present a valid book fair voucher or mention participation in the book fair at the register prior to making your purchase. Vouchers will be available in-store or by contacting the Friends at friendsoperthamboylibrary@gmail.com. If you cannot make it to the store, visit BN.COM/bookfairs and enter Bookfair ID 12458741 at checkout.

The objective of Friends of the Perth Amboy Library is to promote the mission and services of the Perth Amboy Library through advocacy as well as financial and programming support by raising funds through various fundraisers including book sales which take place throughout the year and the Barnes & Noble book fairs. The Friends assist the library and the community through Library Programs which include author visits and the Museum Pass Program currently available at the Library. The Friends have donated books to the Children's library and several public and parochial schools in Perth Amboy.

*Barnes & Noble is located at 55 Parsonage Rd. in Edison. The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Visit us at folperthamboy.com or at our Facebook page.*

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## "Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts"

WOODBIDGE - The Center for Bariatric Surgery at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is holding a free seminar "Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts" Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 p.m., at the Medical Pavilion in Woodbridge, 740 US Highway 1, Iselin, NJ. Center for Bariatric Surgery Medical Director Karl Strom, M.D., will discuss the benefits of weight loss surgery. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

## Total Joint Replacement

### Education Session

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is sponsoring a free Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, December 7, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Raritan Bay, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been scheduled for joint replacement surgery or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

### First Aid Course

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is holding a First Aid course Wednesday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn basic first aid training to manage many medical and traumatic injuries. Participants will practice using gloves, bandaging, and using an Epinephrine pen (trainer). Cost is \$80.00 per person. Registration required, call Mary at 732-324-5393, email michelle.norek@hackensackmeridian.org, or call 1-800-560-9990 and reference zip code 08861.

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## Ring Out 2018 At the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library!

### Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — Winter is nearly upon us, and with it the season for food, festivals, and family fun! Round out your 2018 with a December to remember at South Amboy's Sadie Pope Dowdell Library!

As always, the Dowdell is host to a number of ongoing programs and events! Between December 1 and 7, stop in to create holiday cards for our armed forces. Your heartfelt letters will be sent to on-duty soldiers deployed around the globe.

Need help troubleshooting or learning to use your computer, phone, tablet, e-reader, or other device? Swing by the library! Our ongoing Digital Café program offers tech assistance three times weekly: Mondays and Wednesdays from 12pm to 2pm, and Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8pm.

As we move from pumpkin spice to ginger spice, add a little zest to your life with the Dowdell's special December programs! Cook up something scrumptious at the library's bi-monthly Culinary Workshops! At this month's adult culinary event, unwind from work, school, shopping, planning, and meal prep by decorating holiday-inspired cocoa peppermint cookies. (Need we even mention our festive ambient music?)

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of demen-

tia, a general term for memory loss and other forms of cognitive decline serious enough to interfere with daily life. On Monday, December 10, from 6pm to 7:30pm, the Dowdell will host a workshop on Alzheimer's Residential Options. Attendees will learn more about the process of selecting a new home for themselves or their loved one through an overview of care settings and introduction to key options worth considering. Registration is required!

And, of course, join us for our 'Tis the Season Community Holiday Open House on Monday, December 3 from 6pm to 8pm! Learn more about the library, including our plans for the coming year, while enjoying our signature holiday punch and other refreshments. Adults can unwind during our "Holiday Pampering with Essential Oils" session while kids, tweens, and teens participate in a Make-It-Yourself party including craft and tech activities! We'll also be announcing prize winners for our Local Business Photo Contest! You don't want to miss out on our largest event of the year!

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

## Christmas Tea

PERTH AMBOY – The Kearny Cottage Christmas Tea will be on Sunday, December 2, 2018 (alternate date in case of snow - December 16) from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Enjoy holiday music by Dennis Nanton. A suggested donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated at special events held at the Cottage.



## Hoedown Buffet

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Rd., South Amboy, is having a Served Hoedown Buffet on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Buffet includes: Chicken, Ribs, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn, Corn Bread Desert, Coffee & Tea. \$15 pp Kids under 8yrs \$7. For more info call 732-727-7170.

## 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. **Pass Case:** \$1

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- **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

Sponsored by the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. [www.folperthamboy.com](http://www.folperthamboy.com) For more information, please call the Perth Amboy Free Public Library: 732-826-2600.

## Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will Meet November 19

EDISON - The next meeting of the Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will be held on Monday, November 19 at 1:00 PM. at: THE ELKS #2487, 375 Old Post Road, Edison, NJ. Subsequent meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Our meetings are lively and interesting.

November's meeting will include a presentation by the Edison Police Department's Community Service Officer Keith Jackson. Officer Jackson will give us pointers on what to do if we are caught in an active shooter event.

During the month of November, we collect new unwrapped holiday gifts for our veterans (both men and women) which we will deliver to the Menlo Park Veterans Hospital. Gifts may include sweatpants, sweatshirts, diabetic socks, deodorant, body wash and other like items.

Each month we also ask our members to bring nonperishable food items which we donate to the Food Bank of Middlesex County. Thus far this year we have collected 2250 pounds of food.

On Monday, December 17th we will be hosting a gala holiday luncheon at the beautiful Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27 in Edison. Excellent food, music, dancing and door prizes will highlight the day. The cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for guests. For more information please visit our website at [WWW.EDISONAARP.ORG](http://WWW.EDISONAARP.ORG).

## NJ Estate Tax Law, Wills, & Estate Seminar

### Press Release

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - Please join guest speaker Kenneth Vercammen, Managing Attorney from Kenneth Vercammen & Associates, as he presents "Wills, Estate Planning & Probate" at the Woodbridge Main Library on November 27 at 7pm!

This seminar will focus on the following:

1. NJ Estate Tax & NJ Veterans Tax
2. The 2019 changes in Federal Estate and Gift Tax
3. Power of Attorneys
4. Living Wills
5. Administering the Estate/ Probate/Surrogate
6. Avoiding unnecessary expenses

Attendees will receive complimentary brochures. This event is free and open to all. No registration is required.

Kenneth A. Vercammen is an Edison, Middlesex County, NJ trial attorney who has published 125 articles in national and New Jersey publications on business and litigation topics. He often lectures to trial lawyers of the American Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association and Middlesex County Bar Association. Learn more about him @ [www.njlaws.com](http://www.njlaws.com). If you would like more information about this topic, please call 732-634-4450 or visit [woodbridgelibrary.org](http://woodbridgelibrary.org) The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ.

## Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Fire/ Rescue Parade

SOUTH AMBOY – The Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Fire/Rescue Parade will be on Friday, November 30, at 6 p.m. at the train plaza. Entertainment, Free Refreshments and of course, Santa! (Rain Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018).

## Holiday Home Decorating Contest

SOUTH AMBOY - Enter South Amboy's "Holiday Home Decorating Contest!" The first-place winner wins a \$200 prize! Contact the Recreation Office: 732-525-5965 for additional information. All homes must be completely decorated by December 12, 2018.

## Holiday Trolley Tour

SOUTH AMBOY – Have a Holly, Jolly Holiday riding in South Amboy's trolley on a tour of South Amboy featuring historical sites as well as the contest winner and runners up in the "Holiday House Decorating Contest." Tours will be given on Friday, December 14, 2018 starting at 5:30 p.m. Contact Jaclyn: 732-525-5965 or email [kellyj@southamboy.nj.gov](mailto:kellyj@southamboy.nj.gov) to reserve your seat starting on November 14, 2018. Seating is very limited. First come, first served. Open to South Amboy Residents Only. Trolley Rides /Outdoor events are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather.

## Stroke Support Group

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge and Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy is providing stroke support group meetings for stroke survivors, their families, and caregivers Thursday, December 13. Attendees have an opportunity to connect with and learn from stroke experts as they provide guidance to help survivors and their families maximize their quality of life and navigate survivorship. Meetings will include new discussion topics each month, Q&A sessions with experts, and connections to available resources. Light refreshments will be served and meetings will be held in English and Spanish. The meetings will be held in Suite 101, 2 Hospital Plaza, Raritan Bay-Old Bridge, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Centennial Hall B, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Registration is required, call 1-800-560-9990.

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PERTH AMBOY – Thursday, Nov. 22: Senior Citizens 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; General Public 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Alexander Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St.

Holiday Stroll

WOODBIDGE – In Celebration of Small Business Saturday, Holiday Stroll on Main Street – Lighting Up Woodbridge with Mayor John E. McCormac. View Merchants Holiday Window Decorations on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Attractions include: Family Friendly Entertainment – Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides, Holiday Carolers, DJ, Special Performances, Crafters, Vendors, and a Visit from Santa Claus! A Night Out – Special Menus from participating restaurants during the Holiday Stroll. Giveaways! Prizes! Stop by for a Free Entry.

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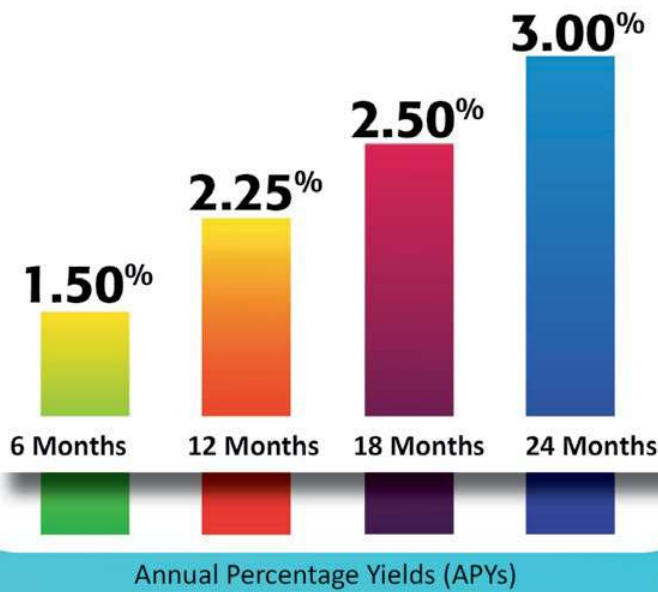
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## *This Week in World War II*

### *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](mailto:ww2remembered@yahoo.com).*

On the Eastern Front, German troops retake Zhytomyr, in western Ukraine, on November 19, 1943, as Soviet forces withdraw. In the Gilbert Islands, carrier aircraft from U.S. Navy Task Force 50, commanded by Adm. Charles Pownall, conduct raids over Mili, Tarawa, Makin and Nauru islands, as a prelude to landings there. In all, four carrier groups — comprising 11 aircraft carriers, 5 battleships and 6 cruisers, as well as destroyers and submarines — are involved in the action.

“Operation Galvanic” — attacks on the Tarawa and Makin Atolls, in the Gilbert Islands, on October 20 — marks the beginning of U.S. Navy Adm. Chester Nimitz’s drive through the Central Pacific. In the landings, U.S. Marines take heavy fire from Japanese shore guns. In Europe, the British evacuate the Greek island of Samos, in the Aegean Sea.

At Tarawa Atoll, the 2nd Marine Division lands on Betio Island on November 21. There are heavy casualties on the beaches initially, but by noon some progress is being made in successfully landing more troops. Elsewhere on the atoll, other American units land on Bairiki Island. At Makin Atoll, elements of the U.S. Army’s 27th Infantry Division land and begin to advance on Butaritari Island.

U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Republic of China President Chiang Kai-shek meet in Cairo, Egypt, on November 22 to discuss ways to defeat Japan. In Germany, the RAF gives Berlin its worst pounding so far, with more than 2,300 tons of bombs dropped on the city in less than 30 minutes. In Lebanon, the French High Commissioner orders the release from prison of the nation’s president, prime minister and cabinet members, all of whom had been jailed earlier in the month. The action ends the French Mandate and marks Lebanon’s independence.

Tarawa and Makin Atolls are cleared of Japanese defenders and secured by American forces on November 23. Back in the U.S., the American public is shocked by the heavy losses of life as stories about the landings and casualty details begin to appear in newspapers. In 76 hours of intense fighting, 1,093 Marines have been killed and 2,193 wounded. Berlin is hit again by the RAF, making it the most-bombed city in Germany, with 12,000 tons of ordnance dropped on it in 1943 alone.

Japanese submarine I-175 torpedoes and sinks the American escort carrier USS Liscome Bay off Makin Atoll on November 24, claiming the lives of 54 officers and 648 enlisted men of the ship’s complement of 916. Among the dead is Cook Third Class Doris “Dorie” Miller, the first African-American awarded the Navy Cross (for gallantry during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941). The U.S. Navy Department announces that very few Japanese are left alive in the Gilbert Islands. On Tarawa, only 100 Japanese have been taken prisoner out of a garrison of 4,836. Of the 100, only 17 are soldiers. On Papua-New Guinea, Sattelberg falls to the 9th Australian Division. Berlin is reported as a “sea of flames” this morning from bombings, with casualty estimates put at between 8,000 and 10,000 killed.

Rangoon, Burma, is bombed by American heavy bombers on November 25. U.S. aircraft operating from bases in China raid targets on Japanese-held Formosa. A destroyer action off Cape St. George, New Ireland — to the northwest of Bougainville — results in the Japanese being routed, losing three destroyers out of five. The action also brings an end to the “Tokyo Express,” as Japanese night-time resupply missions had come to be known.

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## A.C. Bus Trip

### *San Salvador Seniors*

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

## Sands Casino

### Bus Trip

### *Holy Rosary Seniors*

HOPELAWN – Holy Rosary Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Pennsylvania Thursday 11/29/2018. Cost is \$30 - \$20 back in play and \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. For any questions please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.



## A.C. Bus Trip

### *St. John Paul II Seniors*

PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Wed. Nov. 28, 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.

## Navajo

## Code Talkers

Press Release 10/12/18  
WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - The Woodbridge Main Library presents Navajo Code Talkers, hosted by former US Marine officer and Vietnam combat veteran, Don Buzney on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7 PM. Don will explore the critical role a thousand-year-old language played in winning the war in the Pacific, during World War II. Don will trace the origin of their language, its specific use during the war, and the way in which the coded messages were transmitted without ever being detected by enemy soldiers.

Don is the creator and host of “The Veterans Corner,” a weekly live radio program, which airs on Rutgers University Radio, WRSU – 88.7FM. “The Veteran Corner” seeks to honor the service and sacrifice of active duty military, veterans, and their families, while raising public awareness of veteran issues. Don is also a former crew member of the SS United States and worked for the Navajo Nation in New Mexico, where he has had many interactions with the Navajo Code Talkers.

The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ. For more information please call 732-634-4450

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## 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](mailto:mbernstein@literacynj.org).

## Roast Beef

## Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY – There will be a Roast Beef Dinner at the South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Ave. on Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Menu includes: Sliced Roast Beef, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Dessert, Coffee, and Tea. Cost: \$12pp; kids 5-7yrs - \$7. All proceeds to will benefit the Peer Leadership Program.

## Movies @ Main

## True Crime

WOODBIDGE - Our monthly film series, generously funded by the Friends of the Library of Woodbridge Township, will focus on crime thrillers from November to December. Titles in include Ocean's 8, American Hustle, and Going in Style to name a few. Free popcorn and light refreshments are served at each showing. Friday November 30 December 7, 14, 21 @ 2 p.m. The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ. For more information please call 732-634-4450.



Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. *(Mention your request.)*  
Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.  
Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.  
*Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.*

Prayer to St. Jude

*To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.*  
Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly *(Here make your request)* and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.  
*Thank you, Saint Jude G.S.*

Novena to St. Jude

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - *(make your request here)* - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. *G.S.*

Salvation Army  
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PERTH AMBOY – Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Bell Ringers are needed. Full time seasonal job; \$9.00 per hour, 5 days per week (Tuesday thru Saturday) from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from November 23, 2018 thru December 24, 2018. Need to have Social Security and State ID. The Salvation Army of Perth Amboy is located at 433 State St. For more info contact: 732-826-7040.

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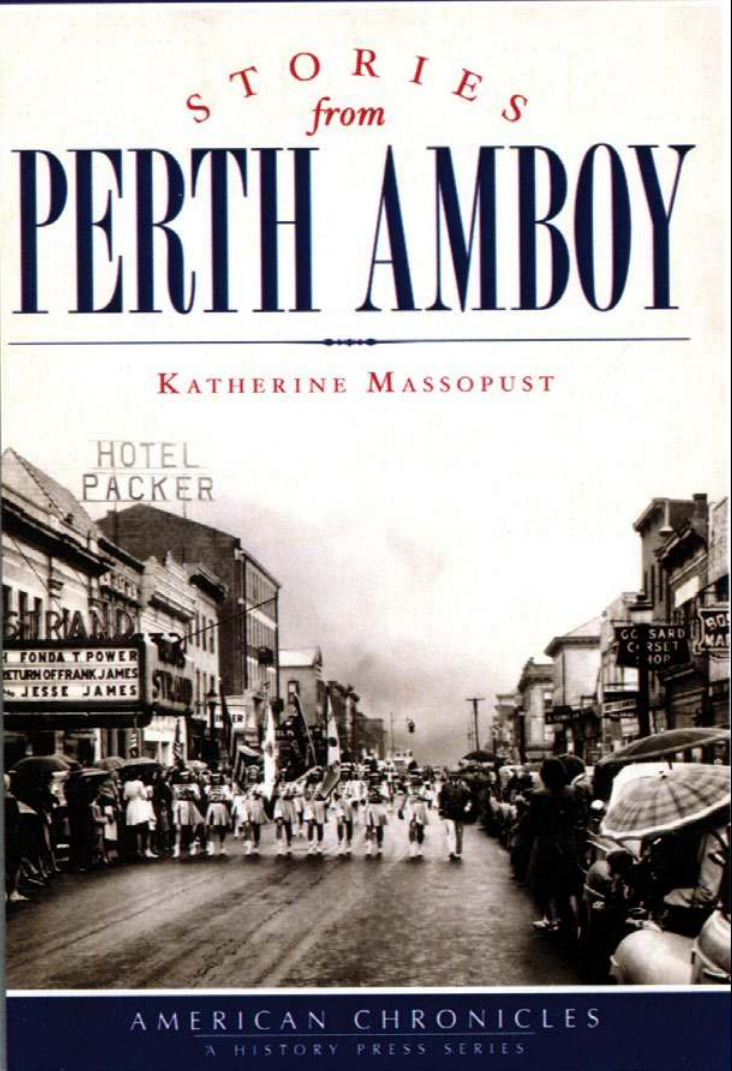


PERTH AMBOY - Children's Play circa 1950's.  
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Senior Scene  
Happenings

- Perth Amboy**  
TUES. Nov. 20 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. Nov. 21 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. Nov. 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
MON. Nov. 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES. Nov. 27 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
• Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.  
WED. Nov. 28 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. Nov. 29 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
**South Amboy**  
MON. Nov. 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.  
WED. Dec. 5 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
MON. Dec. 10 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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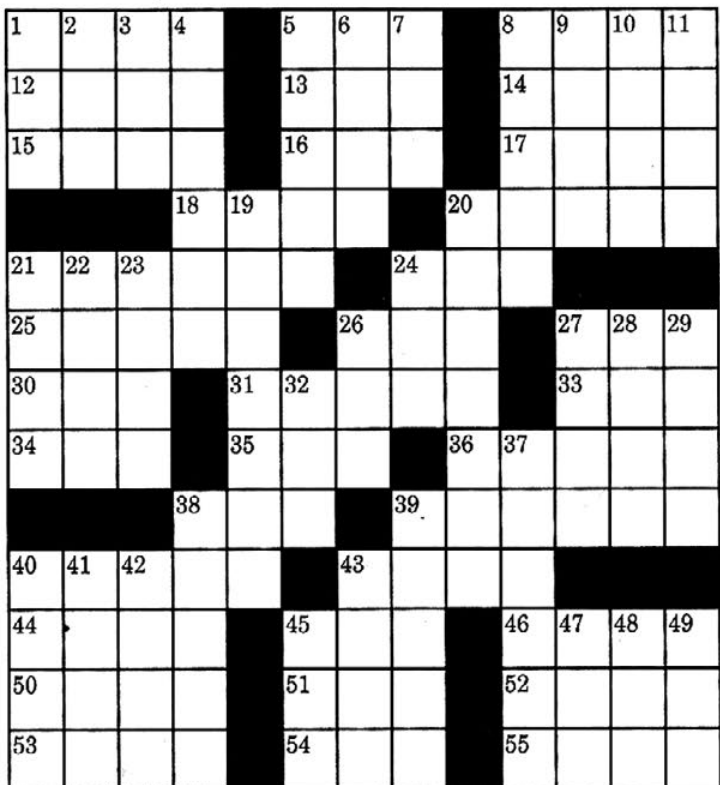
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5. Home for hogs
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12. Garage occupant
13. Be in the red, financially
14. Opposite of false
15. Refreshing pause
16. Fish flipper
17. Go by bicycle
18. Persian-rug exporting country
20. Lost brightness
21. Tall water-birds
24. Mouth part
25. Yearns (for)
26. Ship's record
27. Ocean
30. Likely (to)
31. Of the Emerald Isle
33. Tic-\_\_\_\_-toe
34. Very small
35. Performed
36. Wring
38. Vigor; energy
39. One of the red suits in cards
40. Oscar or Tony
43. Lass

### DOWN

44. Solo
45. See
- 12-Across
46. Held on to
50. Gets into (clothes)
51. Monkey's cousin
52. Smooth; level
53. Fruit coolers
54. Mattress site
55. Bumper boo-boo
1. Hearing organ
2. Expected, as a baby
3. That thing's
4. Lugging about
5. Cozy seats
6. Identical sibling
7. Japan's money
8. Sandal tie
9. Desert-dry
10. Bare
11. Land-owner's document
19. Made one's home (in)
20. Muhammad Ali, for one
21. Cat's scratcher
22. "I'm at the end of my \_\_\_\_!"
23. Poker stake
24. \_\_\_\_\_
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26. Pot cover
27. Use a spoon
28. Compass direction
29. Play divisions
32. Shred
37. Traveled on foot
38. Iron (clothes)
39. Added to the staff
40. Alan of "The West Wing"
41. Paneling material
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**PERTH AMBOY** - Large single-family house in the heart of Perth Amboy, close to all major public transportation and shopping district, many upgrades, off street parking and more. **\$250,000**



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