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## Transparency, Community Involvement, Updates on Existing & Upcoming Services Discussed 2/6/19 Business Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell  
SOUTH AMBOY – There was a Resolution 46-2019 - Appointing CFO Daniel Balka. Council President Mickey Gross said he wanted to apologize to some of the Council who didn't know about this. Vice President Christine Noble stated she would take part of that blame, too.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato responded, "We did get a background check and credentials regarding this candidate. Isn't it the Mayor's choice?"

Mayor Fred Henry responded, "I still wanted the Council's input." He then stated that Balka has 45 years' experience in finance. "He's been a Public Accountant and was the Chief Accountant in Sayreville for many years. They were not happy about him leaving."

Councilman Tom Reilly then requested that in the future, all resumes of candidates up for administrative appointments be submitted to the Council.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski explained that after sewer expenses were paid out, there was money left over in the budget. He also gave more detailed information regarding Business Item F. – Pertaining to CDBG Project Approvals. "This will be advertised. \$9,000 is to be expended for sidewalk improvements, the arts, history, and senior services. A committee will be established to decide which amounts would be given for each project."

When it came to the Bill List, Councilman Reilly had a question about the Rodgers Group (Police Accreditation Course). He wanted more information about this.

B.A. Skarzynski stated, "This is for software which would check evidence, oversight, and training of police officers for re-accreditation. There is a fee for the training and use of the software. The cost will be \$8,500 a year."

Councilwoman Dato added, "This is only for the Police Department."

Skarzynski said, "This software is a good mechanism for the police."

At the Council Comments portion, both Dato and Noble had no comments.

Councilman Reilly had a couple items he wanted to bring up. He asked if there was any progress on the Central Firehouse.

Skarzynski responded, "It's a concept we'd like to pursue. We have to look at the capital debt and also at viable alternatives that are on the radar."

Reilly then asked about having dedicated parking for the firemen at the Independence Firehouse.

Skarzynski responded, "The firemen have placards for their vehicles."

Reilly responded, "A fireman had gotten a ticket as they were battling a fire."

Skarzynski said, "We have a lot of signage, and we're looking to do more signage for parking. Under certain circumstances, tickets can be dismissed."

Councilwoman Dato suggested, "We can get more placards."

Reilly agreed, "That may be a solution."

Skarzynski said, "We'll discuss this with the Police Department."

Reilly then brought up the subject of the Consumer Affairs Department. "The State Department of Consumer Affairs would like to come in and do more events for seniors."

Reilly also said that Colleen's Kitchen complained that she's losing customers because of the limitation of parking spaces. "She asked that a 15-minute parking limit be established near her business. People will park there for two hours, or sometimes overnight."

B.A. Skarzynski answered, "We are trying to look at the parking situation throughout the town at one time instead of doing it by piecemeal."

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz gave a brief update regarding Woodmont. "They had installed a macerator, but we're looking to do a grinder pump."

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski addressed this issue, "We will have to look at the cost, and they will have to reimburse the City. They (Woodmont) thought



Business Administrator  
Glenn Skarzynski

they were sold a bill of goods."

Council President Gross stated that Woodmont are not being fair to the City.

Skarzynski then stated, "We are trying to avoid litigation."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato added some thoughts about the grinder pumps, "We have them at the complex where I live, but they were not working that well."

Reilly then had a question regarding the different municipal boards, "Do the Planning and Redevelopment Members get training? I got it."

Law Director Francis Womack said, "It's been required, at least from 8-10 years ago."

Reilly then continued and asked, "Does George Gonzalez have any plans in place for summer activities?"

Skarzynski replied, "I have not received anything from him as of yet."

Reilly then continued, "In the month of April, there will be a Government Week and we should adopt a resolution recognizing this. Perhaps some of the activities during that week would be to invite the residents on a tour of City Hall. We can invite businesses to meetings to discuss what they want (to happen in the City)."

Dato agreed, "These are good ideas, because transparency is good for the City."

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## Swearing-In Ceremony of Fire Department 2/5/19 Perth Amboy YMCA \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Danny Arroyo is sworn in as Fire Captain



Davis Vazquez is sworn in as Fire Captain



Frank Rezes is sworn in as Fire Captain



Edward A. Mullen is sworn in as Fire Chief



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# Perth Amboy Board of Education Negotiations Update February 7, 2019

*This statement was read by Board of Education President Ken Puccio at the February 7, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.*

This evening the Board would like to provide the community with a detailed update regarding negotiations between the Perth Amboy Board of Education and the Perth Amboy American Federation of Teachers or AFT.

The AFT leadership issued a statement last month entitled "Urgent Negotiations Update," which was immediately brought to the attention of the Board and the administration due to its highly inflammatory nature. It unjustly criticized me, the Board Attorney and our Board of Education Vice-President, Tashi Vazquez. Both Ms. Vazquez and I are highly well-respected members of this community, work for the City of Perth Amboy and volunteer so much of our time to this District.

The statement was inaccurate, unprofessional, personal and mean-spirited. This Board will not respond in kind. But we do want to provide the community with a status of the negotiations with straight-forward facts. The Board committee and the AFT have met no less than 19 times since November 2017 to attempt to negotiate the terms of a new collective bargaining agreement. The AFT's refused to sign-off on basic ground rules, but the Board continued to negotiate in good faith for next year and a half.

Despite the number of negotiations sessions, the Board and the AFT have not yet reached a settlement with respect to a successor agreement. On January 11, 2019, the Board of Education filed for "Impasse." Impasse is not a negative process, but a positive one provided to the Board and the AFT at no cost. It is a request to the Public Employees Relations Committee, known as PERC, to assign an experienced neutral individual to assist the parties in reaching a settlement.

It is UNFAIR to our hardworking staff to have a contract open for so long. For reasons we will discuss here, we do not believe a settlement can be reached in the absence of mediation. The Board committee and the AFT are scheduled to meet with the mediator on February 21, 2019. The Board is hoping for a swift resolution that evening.

The parties have reached tentative agreements on many items, benefiting teaching staff members, custodians, secretaries, technology support staff, security personnel and paraprofessionals.

Tentative agreements include:

- Over 50 agreed upon language changes.
- Expansion of bereavement leave
- Dual Language stipends to our staff totaling over \$200,000 per each year of the contract
- Additional hourly increase for our food service workers, above and beyond an agreed upon settlement.

• New and increased stipends for extracurricular activities

HEALTH BENEFITS. Note that where many school districts and teachers' unions across the state are at impasse over health benefits, this is not the case here in Perth Amboy. The Board agreed to significantly reduce employee's health contributions to the equivalent of Tier II contribution rates three years ago beginning with the 2015-2018 contract. This is virtually unheard of now, much less 3 years ago. Even in 2015, the Board wanted to ensure that our staff had access to excellent health care plans at the lowest possible cost. Although most districts are fighting to keep employee health care contributions at the highest possible level, this Board reduced them 3 years ago and didn't even put a proposal on the table to increase those contributions in this round of negotiations.

The lower contributions from the staff means less money that the District now has to offset the costs of rising health insurance. So, while it is favorable to staff, it lessens the budgeted revenue and means that money is taken away from education and put towards the payment of health benefits. But let me be clear, THE BOARD IS SEEKING NO CHANGES TO HEALTH BENEFITS. This is in line with this Board's mission to retain and reward its hardworking staff.

In addition to school holidays, 10-12 sick days per year, and 3 personal days, the current contract provides each staff member with an additional three (3) non-cumulative days that can be used for any reason. The days were IN FACT added to the last contract in good faith with the agreement of both parties. Unfortunately, such days have been extremely detrimental to the school district, its staff and students.

The number of teachers absent daily is extraordinarily high and unprecedented. This has compromised our student's education and in some instances the safety and welfare of the students and staff in the buildings. We will absolutely become a high performing school district, but this requires the dedication and consistency of OUR teachers in the classroom, not substitutes. This Board wants to ensure that OUR teachers, who we value tremendously, are in the classroom with OUR students. We need to minimize the use of substitutes and are willing to compensate our teachers with significantly above average salary increases in exchange for the elimination of these days.

For example,

- on December 20, 2018, we had 259 staff members out of approximately 1860 employees, or 14% of our staff.
- On January 18, 2019, we had 234 staff members absent or 13% of our staff.
- Last spring, the number of staff members out approached nearly the 400 mark, 395 to be exact, which accounted for an

absence rate by our staff of approximately 21.50%.

This is extremely alarming. How are we as a District to have the students learn and achieve with these many teachers absent? How are we as a District to ensure the safety of the students and other staff with these many teachers absent? How are we to achieve the goal of a high performing school district with these many teachers absent? The non-cumulative days, although well intended, compromise absolutely everything this District, this community, this Board and this administration strive for.

According to the data maintained by the New Jersey School Board's Association, the Middlesex County average salary increases are 3.16%, 3.12% and 3.14%. The average salary increase in the State of New Jersey for teaching staff members is approximately 3.00%. These rates include significant health care givebacks and the highest employee contribution rates for health benefits. Again, this Board has not proposed any health care benefit changes and AFT members are paying one of the lowest contributions toward health care in the entire State of New Jersey. Despite no health care giveback, the Board's current offer is significantly higher than the county and state averages and includes hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional stipends above and beyond any proposed salary increase. Yes, I did say significantly higher than state and county averages which are teetering around 3%!

The Board's current offer increases salaries in the amounts of 3.25%, 3.33%, and 3.33% for the three years of the agreement, which equates to an increase of 9.91%. In addition to a 9.91% over three years, the Board agreed to hundred-thousands of dollars in stipends for dual language staff and in addition offered stipends to our counselors, Child Study Team and Nurses totaling over \$186,000 year - which brings this settlement to near 4% per year!

We are at a complete loss as to why this contract remains unsettled. The deal currently on the table for the AFT's consideration is tremendous, extremely generous and unequivocally demonstrates this Board's commitment to its staff.

I cannot stress enough that this Board of Education and its administration believe in this District and its staff. We just detailed how much we want to work with the AFT. Community members, parents and staff members should be confident that this Board of Education remains committed to all Board employees, staff and the students, not only in the short-term, but in the long-term. This contract needs to be settled now! The Board's Negotiations Team is looking forward to February 21st.

Thank you.

Bio of Fire Chief Edward A. Mullen

\*Photo by Paul W. Wang



Information Submitted by City of Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Edward Mullen started as a volunteer firefighter with the Perth Amboy Fire Department in September of 2002. He also worked as a fulltime EMT with Perth Amboy Emergency Medical Services since November of 2002, until he was appointed as a career firefighter on September 14, 2004. On June 11, 2010, he was promoted to Lieutenant, on October 7, 2011 promoted to Captain, and October 15, 2013, he was promoted to the position of Battalion Chief, assigned as the administrative battalion chief, overseeing the operations of the department. Ed served as Acting Fire Chief since June 18, 2017.

Ed is a graduate of New Jersey City University's Fire Science Program, where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science. He is certified by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety as a Level III Incident Manager, Fire officer, Level I Fire Instructor, Fire Inspector, Firefighter II and Hazardous Materials On-Scene Incident Commander. He is certified and an Emergency Medical Technician. He holds numerous certifications in motor vehicle extrication, confined space rescue, high angle rescue, hazmat operations, trench & building collapse rescue, water & ice rescue and marine fire operations. He was the recipient of an IAFF Valor Award in 2005 for rescuing a victim with a ground ladder from a house fire on Madison Avenue and a St. Barnabas Valor Award in 2010 for assisting in the rescue of an unconscious victim from a car accident, turned into a fully involved vehicle fire. He also has successfully written several Port Security, Assistance to Firefighters and Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grants, which has awarded the City nearly \$2.3 million dollars in the past 5 years. Ed resides in Iselin with his wife Ashley, their son Eddie and daughter Madelyn.

Chief Mullen's great-grandfather Edward J. Mullen Sr., served the Perth Amboy Fire Department with 50 years of service and as Fire Chief in 1953. His Grandfather, Edward J. Mullen Jr. served the Perth Amboy Police Department with 40 years of serves and as the Police Chief. His Father, Edward R. Mullen served with the McClellan Engine Company 3 of the Perth Amboy Fire Department in the 1970's and is currently and Ex-Chief of the Iselin Volunteer Fire Company with over 40 years of service. Chief Mullen is a fourth generation Perth Amboy public servant.

Photo: (LtoR) PAFD Chief Edward A. Mullen, wife Ashley, daughter Madelyn, son Eddie, mother Andrea, sister Katherine and father, Edward R. Mullen.

Census Committee Meeting, Brighton Avenue Community Center

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South Amboy  
2/6/19 Business Meeting

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Law Director Francis Womack said, "Other towns have a night where they recognize volunteers (who do work throughout the year). I'm also working with Glenn (Skarzynski) on decorum (that should be held during meetings)."

B.A. Skarzynski then made a few comments. "Digital signs have been installed and connected to the internet. You can give your thoughts on any subject. We received a recycling Education Grant from the County. Notices will be put out regarding this. We will have a newsletter out towards the end of March. City Hall will be closed on March 25<sup>th</sup> so we can do budget controls, CPR training, and dealing with bullies. We will also be reissuing City ID's. The Public Relations Department will be meeting with realtors to help showcase our

town. We'll be digitizing records that we have to keep and destroy those that are no longer needed. August 7<sup>th</sup> is National Night Out which was very successful last year, and the Rotary Club said they would like to be more involved. July 3<sup>rd</sup> is when we will have the fireworks."

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz gave a brief update about the Hole in the Wall, "The County did work on Ridgeway Street and Conrail did cement work in the moisture barrier inside the tunnel. There will be an upcoming final layout concept for the ferry. We were informed that Academy Bus Company is pulling out of Sayreville. On February 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have the swearing in of 3 new Police Officers."

B.A. Skarzynski made one more comment, "The easement of the property where the Rosewell Apartments are have been approved. We will be seeing activity there soon."

Mayor Henry commented, "We're trying to see if the owner wants the meat market property also." Henry also stated, "The Rotary Club and Columbia Bank want to get involved in the St. Patrick's Day Parade." He was also pleased to announce the new Police Officers started on Monday (2/4/19) and all three of them are from families that have long legacies in the City."

Zusette Dato talked about concerns she had about the overhead lights on Route 9 still being out where the bridge and bumps are. "Who should we contact at the County?"

Mark Rasimowicz said that anticipated awards (funds and grants) for City will be discussed at the next Freeholder's Meeting.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin was not present at the meeting. The next City Council Meeting will be on February 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

\$15 Minimum Wage:  
It's Not All It's Cracked Up to Be

It seems that some politicians think that the \$15 Minimum Wage is the magic bullet. Not so fast, as when Governor Murphy, State Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Assemblyman/ Speaker Craig Coughlin made the announcement at the Ocean Bay Diner, Rte. 35 in Sayre-ville.

The owner of that establish-ment was upset and told them how this was going to affect his business and will cause him to raise prices and even push him out of business.

The politicians had to explain to the owner that it would be phased in over a 5-year period. After explaining that to the owner, the owner was more re-ceptive.

So, here's the scenario: if the minimum wage is \$15 in 5 years, and the restaurant em-ploys people to just bus the tables, that is what they will be getting. So, what would you have to pay the cashier who must make sure that at the end of the day, the money in the reg-ister matches the receipts?

You have to look at the dif-ferent layers of people you have to hire to run their business. You can't realistically pay them all the same. Your bottom pay is \$15 up. Then you may be forced to reduce the hours of your em-ployees or maybe the hours of your business.

What you need to do is look at are the States that have a \$15 minimum wage. Many busi-nesses in these states are replac-ing human employees with au-tomated machines.

Automation is not new. We are used to vending ma-chines to get snacks and drinks. Many years ago, up until 1991, there was a very popular com-pany called: "Horn and Hard-art". At these locations, food (hot/cold pastries and drinks) was displayed in vending ma-chines, and you would just drop in your money and take out the selection that you wanted and take it to your table yourself. Horn and Hardart was very well known in New York City. The

last location was phased out in 1991.

Many lower paying jobs that were usually held by teenagers after school or during the sum-mer for extra money such as paper delivery, fast-food estab-lishments, etc. are now being held by adults, many times Se-niors who need the extra money to pay their bills.

The most important part of any job is to have great ben-efits, especially health. It's not surprising that a large chunk of your money can be wiped out in an instant if a major medical crisis occurs.

I remember when one of my relatives worked for a world-wide company that had an office in Edison which is now closed but had great benefits for their employees. This relative told me something that I would nev-er forget. When they would go to the dentist, the dentist would always say to them: "I could always tell which patients had good benefits. They would ask me, "How much is this proce-dure going to hurt?" Other pa-tients that had lousy benefits would simply ask, "How much is this going to cost?" before they decided whether or not to have the procedure." My rela-tive was fortunate that when the company they were working for went out of business, that they paid for two years of schooling of any person who wanted to go into another field of interest.

When 2024 rolls around, will \$15 be a sustainable liv-ing wage? We have to adjust for inflation and cost of living, and technology. It may have to be a case where a person may have to relocate to a State that is looking for workers where they pay a higher salary.

So, the bottom line is, "What will the cost of living be in 2024?" How will automation play a factor? What benefits that the company gives now will be eliminated? It's a catch-22. The best thing you can do is to get into a profession that has a promising future. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Background  
Checks in CT

A recent letter quoted a publi-cation as saying a "background check law" resulted in a 40% drop in homicides in Connecti-cut. Is this believable?

Using the Internet to search

statistics for Connecticut re-veals that claim is false. The vi-olent crime rate remained near-ly flat from 2016 to 2017. There were 102 murders in 2017 com-pared to 87 in 2016. Violent crimes in Connecticut follows national rates. Major cities have a relatively higher crime rate.

Gun Prohibitionists have a reputation of creating statistics to support their policies. What happens when their claims are exposed? How many lies can they tell and retain their cred-ibility?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Smells Fishy

With no disrespect meant to-ward Dr. Danielle Brown, why wasn't Damaris Ramirez ap-pointed to the Board of Educa-tion's vacant position when she had the fourth highest total of votes? Why have an election at all if the wishes of the voters

(and not those of a handful) are ignored? We're encouraged to vote and then a stunt like this is pulled! Something smells aw-fully fishy here – and it's not emanating from the Raritan Bay! Maybe the rules should be changed so the majority indeed rules! It seems as if the tentacles

of questionable practices keep extending further and further. Once again, the few have over-riden the voices of the many – let's hope the many have long memories!

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Rusznak

Big Brother is  
Watching You!

Ok folks, more real news that the fake news won't tell us and this one is wild. A man by the name of Jeff Bezos, who they say owns Amazon, and the

Washington Post was crying about the National Enquirer, a supermarket tabloid. They say his privacy was invaded by spy-ing on him. At the same time, Mr. Bezos was using Amazon to build a surveillance state to invade our privacy. Since when can a private company spy on

us? Facebook has been doing this for years by stealing our own data and selling it. Yes, Big Brother is already here watch-ing us like never before!

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Response to  
Superintendent's  
Presentation

I know that his intention was to publicly shame me, and in-timidate me because I criti-cized the school district. But the amount of district time, effort, and manpower that was used to create this act of revenge is staggering; and the sheer joy and satisfaction with which it was delivered should trouble everyone. Who wants to work in a school district where the people in charge act like that?

Listen, we had/have real prob-lems with temperatures in our classrooms, and I used the same instrument that the custodians use to track temperatures in the schools. We made the problems public because nothing was get-ting done. Then things got done. If that makes me a "Henny Pen-ny" as Mr. Chromey suggested, then so be it.

We really do have a lot of staff

members leaving the district. Board members have been ask-ing about that since last year. Donna and I are on the front lines of what goes on in the school district and we know why people are leaving. We talk to them every day. They can kid themselves all they want.

We have never been given any evidence that our staff members have poor attendance. A high absentee rate for one day does not constitute poor attendance. Many districts have high ab-senteeism on certain days, such as the Monday after the Super Bowl, or days in June when there are graduations and other events. To suggest that our at-tendance makes students unsafe is ridiculous. Most staff mem-bers have good attendance.

We really do have a problem with student aggression & vi-olence. To suggest that bringing up that topic means our staff members don't like children is absurd. Some of our children need more help than we can

give them in a classroom full of other students. Teachers, para-professionals and other pro-fessional staff members show nothing but love and kindness to these children. I have seen it with my own eyes. But it isn't healthy for other students to witness this violence and ag-gression day after day, year af-ter year; and staff members do not deserve to get beaten up.

I try to live my life unafraid. I speak the truth, and I refuse to be intimidated. I think the pre-sentation last night embarrassed the school district more than it could ever have embarrassed me. People in the audience were extremely uncomfortable and several commented that they had never experienced any like that in their lives. I suppose the presentation was intended to keep them all in line, too.

Pat Paradiso  
President  
Perth Amboy Federation

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Perth Amboy

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# Multiple Presentations on Accomplishments in Perth Amboy District

## 2/7/19 Board of Education Meeting



Superintendent  
Dr. David Roman



Members of the PLP Student Council give a presentation on accomplishments in the Perth Amboy School District



Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Richard Chromey



Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Vivian Rodriguez

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – Superintendent Dr. David Roman gave a series of presentations at the 2/7/19 Board of Education Meeting. This was in response to recent articles in other media regarding student behavior, cold classrooms, and disgruntled staff.

The first to speak was Tibor Kacso, who spoke on the safety and security of the schools, “I take offense to the students that fall from time to time and stumble. We don’t allow students to be disrespectful. It’s not about truths. We would never jeopardize the safety and security of students and will continue to demonstrate this.” He stated that more school security is reaching New Jersey School Districts which will have silent panic alarms.

Dr. David Roman stated, “If any student does anything to the staff members that are inappropriate, we will address the issue, pick you up, help you and love you. Make no mistake about this, the students of this district are beautiful.”

The next presentation was by the District Student Council. Students came up from each school and spoke about the positive programs going on in their respective schools. The Middle Schools and High Schools were all represented. Highlights from the student presentations included: Teaching Leadership, The 12 days of holiday fun. The Jets Anti-Bullying Program, Challenge Day, Programs to be a better version of yourself, embracing the growth mindset, a meeting Justice Sotomayor, and a food drive. Thanksgiving Baskets, and a coat drive were also mentioned.

Some of the members of the PLP Student Council spoke, “What is our purpose? What inspires you? What would you like to change?”

Some of the things that were done for the students were a refillable water fountain, new classroom floors, a Day of Inspiration, Glow Tickets, a PLP Art Show, and Peer Tutoring.

The Amboy Cares Program which is part of the Sandy Hook Promise to help prevent gun related deaths, crime, suicide and to provide for a safe environment was emphasized.

In 2019, Perth Amboy High School was awarded the State School of Character. Perth Amboy High School was one of two high schools in New Jer-

sey to receive this award. The students of this district will represent Perth Amboy in the National Piece of this award.

After the Student Council spoke, Board President Ken Puccio read a statement (see page 2) in response to local media coverage on the district.

Assistant Supervisor Dr. Richard Chromey gave a presentation on the temperature conditions in classrooms, “This Board is transparent and loves its students. Statements were made at the last Board Meeting. I want to speak about Henny Penny (Chicken Little) when discussing heating and temperature problems.”

Dr. Chromey proceeded to explain the story of Henny Penny and how she ran around saying the sky is falling after getting hit in the head in an acorn. The king eventually told her it was an acorn and that she overreacted.

Dr. Chromey held a device in his hand and explained it’s function, “This is an infrared scanning gun which measures the surface temperature of objects with equal and accurate readings. It is not a tool to measure temperatures of rooms. Readings taken at the Wilentz School were not the actual temperature of the classroom. It was never between 30°-50°. At no point did the temperature reach 30° in the classrooms. The temperature is programed within the school to go down when the building is unoccupied. In an instance with the extreme cold temperatures we had lately, the building is being heated 24/7. The HVAC systems throughout the district have been controlled by a computer system for several years except for the Peterson, Richardson, and School #7. On January 17, 2019, 15 classrooms in 4 district buildings: Wilentz, Patten, Hmieleski, and PAHS) were reported having unacceptable temperatures. When the Perth Amboy Federation of Teachers President communicated the temperatures to the Central Office, Central Administration responded via e-mail and repairmen were sent within 2 hours. \$20 million was spent to repair, upgrade, or replace the existing HVAC and windows throughout the system. Another \$5 million will be appropriated for it this spring. Cenergistic (the company contracted) has given us above and beyond the scope of their contract.”

Dr. Chromey then added, “I’ve

never worked with a Board that was more union friendly.”

The next presentation was by Delvis Rodriguez. He stated out of 1935 staff members, there were 97 resignations. 41 left the district for positions with more money; 21 left for jobs closer to home; 11 for medical issues; 7 went for other jobs within the district; 7 were displeased; 10 – other miscellaneous reasons. Of the 97, 12 were employed in the district for less than 2 months. In the last 5 years since 2014-2015, there were 1692 staff members; they had 20,063 absences; presently in 2017-2018 out of 1947 staff members there were 31,203 absences. There is a 16% increase in absences.”

The next presentation was given by Rogelio Suarez and Jose Santos who spoke on the Dual Language School. “We are the only standing Dual Language School in New Jersey. We have received accolades. New York is expanding their dual language program. There are 915 students in the program. The K-2 Dual Language Pro-

gram will be a part of the Rose M. Lopez School.”

Santos then stated that the SDA (School Development Authority) have not yet turned over the keys of the Rose M. Lopez School over to the District yet.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez spoke about clarifying issues of what decisions were made in our district. She showed a short film on PAHS and the work that was done on the High School. The film showed broken run-down parts of some of the schools in the district and how they were renovated.

After the 2 hours of presentations and a 10-minute break, the Board Meeting continued.

During the Board President’s Report, Ken Puccio remarked on the retirement of Dr. Myrna Garcia. “I’ve known Dr. Garcia since I was a Police Officer. Thank you for the 39 years you’ve been here.”

Board Member Junior Iglesia made a remark regarding the Rose M. Lopez School which is behind schedule for comple-

tion, “The SDA is doing a great job. Do we have a timing on it? Is it going to be ready to go in time?”

Dr. David Roman answered, “We have a great relationship with the SDA. We’re behind schedule. We’re under that type of constraints. Right now, it looks like May, June, and July. We hope to go in September. That predicates when we get the keys to the building.

Board Member Lissette Lebron mentioned that Perth Amboy Resident Lorenzo Cardona is nominated for a Grammy Award. She suggested he come and speak to the students. Dr. Roman agreed it was a good idea.

During the Public Portion, Perth Amboy AFT President Pat Paradiso read a statement (see-below).

The Board returned to executive session. The Meeting ended at 10:55 p.m. Board Members Jesus Martinez and Randy Convery were not present.

### Statement by Perth Amboy AFT President Pat Paradiso Read at the 2/7/19 Board of Education Meeting

First, we have been asking for attendance data for three years and haven’t gotten any. We need to have the data disaggregated by day. The district includes days that staff members are at work in the overall attendance data when they use subs. For instance, professional development days, or days when staff members were pulled for W.I.D.A. testing. We have been shown no solid evidence that we have poor attendance as a district.

Second, contracts are about more than money. Good Evening,

We want you to know that we are grateful that the issues with heat in the classrooms are being addressed. Staff members are very relieved. But there are still issues remaining. Staff members began emailing their principals instead of the energy specialist hoping that their specific issues could be addressed. Then surprisingly similar emails

went out to staff members from building principals telling them not to email, but to call, or drop by the main office to let them know if they have any problems with the temperature in their classrooms. That’s all well and good if your principal is serious about addressing the problem, but that is not the case everywhere. People at Cruz have been complaining about excessive heat for a long time and nothing has been done. Staff members should be encouraged to send emails so that these issues can be addressed, and so there is a record when the issues are not addressed.

Two custodians received letters of reprimand after the heating issues were made public. One was given a letter for not changing filters in heating units in the stairwells, and one was given a letter of reprimand for the windows in the building being left open about two inches. The letter for the open windows actually stated, “At a time when so much negativity is being created around cold classrooms in the district, many will not comprehend or share that it is a result of negligence on the part of our very own custodians”. Letters like this also signal that staff members should remain silent about issues in our schools.

Staff members also want you

to know that there is a level of student aggression in our buildings that is distressing. As I said at the last meeting staff members are getting hit, kicked, punched and bitten. No child should have to witness this behavior day after day in their classroom. Our building reps conducted surveys and found that one elementary school had 36 incidents of student on staff injuries since September, one had 49 staff injuries since September, and one had 14.

Our staff members want you to know that CPI training is useful for dealing with some student behaviors, but it is not a magic wand that allows us to deal with every difficult/violent student, in every situation.

Our staff members want you to know that when parents complain about the behavior of a difficult/violent student in their child’s class, it is their child who is changed to a different room.

The staff at Shull School want you to know that there is a serious discipline problem in their school.

Our high school staff members want you to know that there are gangs in our high schools, and we want information and training on how to deal with them. Finding out about incidents after they happen is not good enough.

## BID Neighborhood Business Meeting at Sipos Bakery 2/7/19

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – The BID held the first of 2019’s Neighborhood Business Meetings at Sipos Bakery on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Acting Executive Director of the BID Randy Convery was the Master of Ceremonies.

Police Chief Roman McKeon spoke first that the priority focus is the community. The Police recently opened up a Substation on Madison Avenue and to please dial 911, or 732-442-4400 in case of a non-emergency. “We’re here to help – not harm you. We provide you with a service.”

Fire Chief Edward Mullen spoke next, “We recently have taken over the Fire Prevention Department. Contact us if you have gas or oil leaks, or fires. Each business must meet fire protocols and be inspected once a year. We want to make sure your businesses are safe. Walk through your businesses and see if something is wrong. For instance, if you need a fire alarm or if you see something unsafe, address it. Make sure exit lights are up and carbon monoxide/fire alarms are okay. Make sure your employees are safe. For owners of houses that are of two units or less, if you need a fire/carbon monoxide alarm, call 732-376-1749 and we’ll install them for you. If you need anything, we’re right next to Code Enforcement.”

Code Enforcement Direc-

tor Irving Lozada spoke next. “It’s my first meeting as Acting Director. I’m here to serve the community. Code Enforcement is a filter to the City. If you are planning to build, expand, or have a business, make sure you have a contractor with a license. Our office number is: 732-826-0183. We are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are planning soon to be open on Thursday nights and weekends.”

Department of Public Works Director Frank Hoffman spoke next. “We clean the streets, take care of parks, take care of pot holes and trim trees. Our phone number is: 732-826-2010. We are open on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Mayor is focusing on developing economics and bringing in businesses and has a smart street plan. We want to encourage people to walk across town, have more recreational space. We’ll have a County Park on Second Street and a Riverside Park at Riverview. The Mayor got commitments for the development of Riverview Drive, extending all the way to Elm Street. It will be a lot easier for trucks to go down. This will spur economic development. We’re excited about the economic expansion.

Head of Recycling Geri Barcheski spoke next. “Green and Clean is combined. We will outreach to greater expansion. We are on a roll! In a few short



PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz and the city’s Business Improvement District (BID) recently hosted a Neighborhood Business Meeting at Sipos Bakery at 365 Smith Street. The program, which featured presentations by the Mayor, BID Chairman Barry Rosengarten and directors from the city’s departments, drew a standing-room-only group of local business owners and residents. Each director shared a similar message – the departments are focused making a significant and positive difference across the city from waterfront to downtown shopping district and in all neighborhoods. Shown in the photo are local business owners, Mayor Diaz (center, front row) and directors from the Fire, Police, Code Enforcement, Public Works, and Parking Utility departments. Also shown are Geri Barcheski of Clean Communities and Dianne Roman, who helping the city prepare the United States’ 2020 Census.

*\*Photo for the Perth Amboy BID by Bob Rinklin*

years, Perth Amboy has doubled the amount of recycling in our City. Our garbage amount has been lowered to the 7<sup>th</sup> in Middlesex County. We are now recognized as a Clean Community in Middlesex County and New Jersey. It is a launch site for clean waterways. The Green Wall in China – they don’t want the United States’ garbage anymore. We have clean cardboard and clean plastic. We can only

send over good products and we ask businesses to do the same and separate their garbage. There is the Green Business Certification Programs. Keep it True and in the Blue! If we put out clean, greater products. We were recognized by the reduction of litter overall in the community. Now, there is much less litter. There is education in schools, community cleanups so residents, businesses, and

schools have a cleaner environment. There is a grant your 501c3 organization can receive by participating in cleanups. The Public Works are located at 599 Fayette St.”

Acting Parking Utility Director Celestina Ramos spoke next. “We are removing old city parking meters and replacing them

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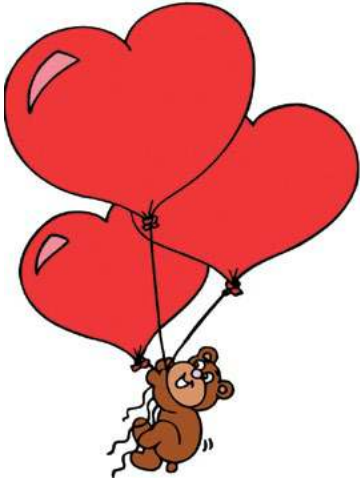
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Registration is required to attend this event! Please register online @ woodbridge-library.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?eventid=6873.

The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza in Woodbridge, NJ. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact us at 732-634-4450 or visit our website -www.woodbrigelibrary.org.

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Tom's Tax Tips

IRS Announces  
2019 Mileage Rates

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Mileage rates for travel are now set for 2019. The standard business mileage rate increases by 3.5 cents to 58 cents per mile. The medical and moving mileage rates also increase by 2 cents to 20 cents per mile. Charitable mileage rates remain unchanged at 14 cents per mile.

2019 Standard Mileage Rates

Standard Mileage Rates	
Mileage	Rate/Mile
Business Travel	58 cents
Medical/Moving	20 cents
Charitable Work	14 cents

Here are 2018 rates for your reference, as well:

2018 Standard Mileage Rates

Standard Mileage Rates	
Mileage	Rate/Mile
Business Travel	54.5 cents
Medical/Moving	18 cents
Charitable Work	14 cents

Remember to properly document your mileage to receive full credit for your miles driven.  
As always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding your tax situation please feel free to call.: 1-800-801-1099

BID Neighborhood Business Meeting  
at Sipos Bakery 2/7/19

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with pay stations. We are trying to get rid of malfunctioning meters. We are located at 151 Jefferson St. The number is: 732-826-9223.”

Director of the Department of Human Services Dianne Roman spoke next. “We serve the very young and the very young at heart. The Census of 2020 is knocking at our doors. What is very important is that if we are not counted in the census, Perth Amboy will not able to get money – by census dollars. This has direct impact of funding and has serious consequences in 2020. The Census Campaign is working with the BID to help us to inform by counting. The Census can be completed online, by phone, and by mail-in form. The Complete Count Committee will see that the methods of census will be delivered by trusted individuals. It’s a 10-minute questionnaire. Title 13 protects all information in the Census. There is approximately 60,000 people in the town.”

BID Chair Barry Rosengar-

ten spoke next. He reminded everyone to patronize Sipos and thanked them for hosting the meeting. “The BID represents you. The City activities are wonderful. Take advantage of the BID. The meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in the evening. In reality, it’s all about you. Randy Convery is the Executive Director. Thank you, Randy for taking on the BID. The Mayor has done everything in the City to make it a better place than it was before. I want to thank the directors in the City. It’s about who we are in the town and how we grow.”

Mayor Wilda Diaz spoke next. “We will continue to support Small Businesses. We are creating a consumer basis. At the old Raritan Steel, we are planning to build two warehouses. We are creating another boom in the economy. That means jobs for the residents of Perth Amboy. We set a standard with developers. The priority is the people of Perth Amboy. We support the community. We view the Smith Street/Market Street area as an opportunity zone. 4 zones are designated as

opportunity zones. We're going to different investors who will be able to fund some of these projects. We’ve revamped our programs for the youth. There is a Success Bound program in the High School which will allow Students to have an opportunity to learn about our businesses. They can earn college credit. Don’t leave our children behind. They will come back and be business owners. Let them know what it is to be an entrepreneur. Clean up the Business District and make it appealing.”

Diaz continued, “We’ll have seminars with professionals who will come to help business owners. We will bring professionals together with businesses to see what they can offer the community. We’re growing by leaps and bounds in our community. We are creating an atmosphere to help the business community and we will continue to support them.”

It was noted that businesses can sign up for Constant Contact to receive email updates from the BID.

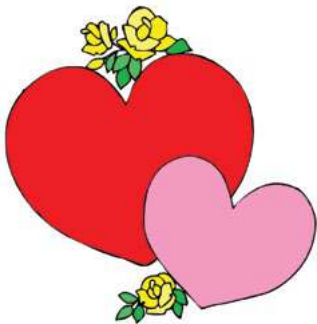
Tai Chi/Qigong  
for Health

This program is designed to empower participants 18 years of age or older to make wellness an important part of their lifestyle. It combines the principles and practice of Tai Chi and Qigong with free flowing movements that are easy to do, yet very effective in calming your mind, relaxing your body and balancing the emotions.

Tai Chi was originally taught as a high level martial art but is now practiced slowly and gently for its numerous wellness benefits. Qigong (energy skill) exercises are single, repetitive movements that are both easy to learn and are the foundational basis for quality Tai Chi practice and promoting health. These principles include correct posture, stability, balance and coordination, which can be applied into all of your activities of daily living.

Thurs., Feb. 21<sup>th</sup> - March 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.  
Sat., Feb. 23<sup>th</sup> - March 30<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
Cost: YMCA Members - \$75  
Community Members - \$85

Classes held at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861



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- January 9
- January 16
- January 23
- January 30
- February 6
- February 13
- February 20
- February 27
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- May 1
- May 15
- June 5
- June 19
- July 3
- July 17
- August 7
- August 21
- September 4
- September 18
- October 2
- October 16
- November 6
- November 20
- December 4
- December 18

Howley  
Game Night

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks invites you to Howley Game Night on Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7 p.m. First Race is at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own snacks! Light food served midway. \$7 entry fee. The Elks is located at 601 Washington Ave. For more information, call 732-727-7170.

Children’s  
Author Event

PERTH AMBOY - Acclaimed children’s author Artie Bennett is coming to Perth Amboy Free Public Library (at the Children’s Library in rear) on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., for a special Read Across America story time and merriment galore! Artie Bennett is Author of: "The Butt Book", "Poopendous", "Peter Panda Melts Down", "Belches, Burps, Farts--Oh My!" and “The Universe’s Greatest Dinosaur Jokes and Pre-Hysteric Puns” Drop by in droves. You won’t want to miss “The Dr. Seuss of Your Caboose”! The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. For more information call 732-261-2610.

Martha Washington  
Visits New Jersey

WOODBIDGE - Historical Association of Woodbridge Township Presents..... Martha Washington Visits New Jersey a dramatic performance by Alisa Dupuy. In commemoration of George Washington's birthday, the audience will meet his wife, Martha, who accompanied her husband to his New Jersey winter headquarters in 1777 and 1779. Back by popular demand, this is the second visit by Alisa Dupuy to Woodbridge. Ms. Dupuy is the founder of The Ladies of History and did a dramatic reading of Sleepy Hollow in October 2018. Light refreshments will be served. The evnet takes place on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge.

For further information contact Brenda Velasco, Township Historian: 732.428.2403.



Martha Washington

# Long-Time Club Members Honored

## Grand Marshal & Irish Lady of the Year Share Great Memories

Press Release

By: Jane Bobel & Ken Gardner, Woodbridge American Irish Assn. Parade Committee

WOODBIDGE - Maryalice Jacko, this years' Grand Marshal, will lead our parade as her father George Aston did 30 years ago. That is not a position she is used to. In all other years the Jacko's, Aston's & their extended family have been the last to march. Their annual job is regular parade marshal which is not so Grand! The family tradition goes back as far as she can remember. Her parents, Mary and the late George Aston as well as her siblings, George Aston and the late Cindy Stiles have had the job of getting the parade on the street. Her children Daniel and Jessica along with their cousins have all become part of the team. In the months leading up to the parade they establish the line of march properly spreading out bands & other groups so all can be heard & seen. On parade day as marshals they stand at the entrance to Woodbridge High School with clip boards in hand. When the parade steps off approximately 100 separate marching units are coming at them from all directions. The groups push forward. No one wants to be last. Like a police officer standing in rush hour traffic it is their job to let the groups out one by one. As the parade heads down Freeman Street towards Linden Avenue their team weaves in floats, car clubs & fire Departments. By the time they get to Main Street the public gets to appreciate the great job they have done for years.

Soon after holding the title of Miss American Irish in 1984 Maryalice jumped into club activities (her daughter Jessica held the title in 2014). She served as an officer, director, parade chair, attended Halloween parties, picnics, boat trips & ran an arts & crafts festival. Along with her lifelong friend Alice Sinatra they ran Association ski trips. Maryalice & Alice Mary are an inseparable team from planning the parade to post parade decorating & refreshments. If they appear alone

- they speak for one another & get the job done. Maryalice also served as coordinator of JFK-MHS Project Graduation Gift Auction 2009-2018. As a cancer survivor of 5 years she is also on the committee for Relay for Life & is an active participant of the Stay Strong Program at the Woodbridge Community Center. She is past president of the Robert Mascenik and JFK-MHS PTA as well as a former Board of Education member & Girl Scout leader of troop 225 of Iselin. While working for Disney she spent many hours volunteering for Make-a-Wish.

Our Irish Lady of the Year is Susan Crofford. Susan's parents Art & Marge were charter members of the Association. She attended many of the activities such as Christmas parties, picnics and all of the parades. Her dad was head of the picnic one year and she was so excited and proud of him. She fondly remembers helping to give out the ice cream (taking an extra one for herself)! The Christmas parties added to her joy for Christmas and a special gift from Santa. Years later Susan brought her own daughter to the parties. Her parents would be so proud that Susan is so involved with the club and carrying on her Irish heritage. She participates in the coin collection for the veteran's, feeding the homeless & she Chaired the hospitality Committee for the past 2 years. She loves working with and helping people & attends 10 o'clock mass every Sunday at our Lady of Peace church. She has been with her soul mate Ed Vasquez (almost Irish lol) for 26 years and has one daughter named Kelly. Susan just became a grandma to grandson Jayden who is her pride and joy! When Susan is not working at Boscovs she cares for her Jayden.

Ken Gardner is our Irishman of the Year. He serves as a Trustee for the NJ League of Municipalities Educational Foundation. Ken served as the youngest Council President of Woodbridge at 25. He also serves as a volunteer Firefighter



(L to R) Maureen Jergens – Parade Co-Chair 2019, Debbie Hutchinson – President, Laura Jacobs – Parade Chair 2019, Maryalice Jacko – Grand Marshal 2019, Susan Crofford – Irish Woman of the Year 2019, Ken Gardner – Irish Man of the Year 2019. Top Right: 2019 Miss American Irish – Erin Cahill Bottom Right: 2019 Lady-in-Waiting – Grace Fischer \*Photo Submitted

(for 29 years) & was Fire Chief & Commissioner. He was the initial Incident Commander for the Shell tank fire. He has served as a little league & soccer coach, PTO President, is on the Finance Council for St. James Church & along with Janine was on the Pre-Can team. Ken has a degree in Business (Seton Hall), a certificate in Government (Rutgers) & a certificate in Supervisory Management from the National Certified Public Managers Program.

He has served as President, Director, Parade & Publicity Chair for our Association & participates in most activities. He has also established contact with Ireland's Ambassador & other Irish clubs. Ken is proud & appreciates his large Irish family (Gardner / Rogan). After Ken's mom passed he was raised by his Uncle & Aunt, Charlie & Elizabeth Fitzpatrick. Ken met his wife Janine at WHS. They have been blessed with two wonderful children, Rebecca & Kenny III (& dog Jameson).

Erin Cahill is our Miss American Irish. Erin is senior at Edison High School and currently on the All A Honor roll. Erin started her freshman year as a two-sport varsity athlete (softball & swimming). She has been part of the varsity softball team since freshman year. Erin is on student council where she has assisted with Halloween at the High and the Peer Leader-

ship club where she speaks with the freshman classes. She also had the opportunity to be the host of her school talent show. Erin is very interested in Cosmetology and in her spare time she has had the opportunity to partake in school functions such as plays and the prom. She would like to pursue a career in Cosmetology after seeking a business/finance degree. Erin is very thankful for being named this year's Miss American Irish. She is the Sister of Kylie, former Miss American Irish and daughter of Patrick and Laura Cahill!

Our Lady in Waiting is Grace Fischer. She is a junior at Roselle Catholic high school where she has maintained a career GPA of 93.63 in her honors/AP classes. She is a member of student council, art club, glee club, drama club, the retreat team and campus ministry as well as manager of the boys' volleyball team. She's also on the varsity volleyball team & was named MVP as well as making First team in her division and Third team in her county. Grace is devoted to helping her church and community. She has served as an altar girl & lector at St James the Apostle Church for several years. She volunteers nightly at the parish festival, sorts food for the hungry and prepares/serves meals to the homeless families her church sponsors.

She's even slept out overnight, in a box, to help raise awareness as well as funds for homeless families.

The Woodbridge American Irish Association is a civic organization that meets monthly, feeds the homeless, sponsors the Justin McCarthy Scholarship, maintains the Charlie Shaughnessy Park, hosts the Joe Ward Breakfast, visits our Menlo Park Veterans Home, tools around town etc.

We are most known for organizing the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our Parade Chair is Laura Jacobs. She thanks the Parade Committee for their unselfish effort in making this multifaceted parade come together & her husband Larry & children, Michelle & Andrew Coraci, who have blessed her with faith, support and love. To our supporters she offers a Gaelic Blessing. "...Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His Hand." said Jacobs.

The parade is funded with ads from local businesses & donations. To support the parade by donating or to participate please go to Amerirish.com. Like us on Facebook at American Irish Association of Woodbridge.

This year's parade is March 10th at 1:30 pm. It starts at Woodbridge High School & ends at Town Hall on Main St.

## Raritan Bay Area YMCA Reaching our Potential

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The YMCA Annual Campaign goes where membership fees don't. It powers critical programs and activities that keep kids safe, people healthy, and families strong. The Y needs your support to continue to make these services possible. Please donate today for a better us!

While YMCA membership fees allow the Y to be a gathering place in our community, it is the YMCA Annual Campaign that gives us the power to make that community stronger. When you give to the YMCA's Annual Campaign you are supporting the varied programs the Y provides outside of our health and wellness activities.

• **YOU NURTURE KIDS.** You

give them before & after school care, summer day camp, and youth sports. They get a safe place to learn, play, and thrive.

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• **YOU KEEP SENIORS YOUNG.** You give older adults longevity and healthy aging. They get fitness programs that strengthen their bodies and keep their minds sharp.

• **YOU HELP OTHERS.** You give homeless people Hope! You provide prevention support and resources for families in need.

• **YOU SUPPORT FAMILIES.** You give scholarships and financial support that make

the Y possible. Every child gets a warm welcome and every individual can access programs for health and wellness. No one is ever turned away!

The Y helps strengthen community bonds and instill a sense of togetherness for all involved. The Y understands the importance of learning from one another and helping all of us to reach our fullest potential. Here in Perth Amboy, the Y aims to bring all people together with one common ground this is why every year we solicit funds for the Annual Campaign. These funds make it possible to keep our promise.

To learn about opportunities at the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA, or to donate, visit [www.rbaymca.org/main/donate/](http://www.rbaymca.org/main/donate/) or call 732.442.3632.

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## In Honor of Our Veterans Dinner & Tricky Tray

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave., is having a “In Honor of Our Veterans Dinner & Tricky Tray,” on Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We are honoring all Veterans and Hosting Our Veterans from Menlo Park Veterans Home. Come show your support and have dinner with them. Tickets available in advance for \$10; \$12 at the door. Can't make the dinner? Donate a ticket for a Veteran. We are proud to serve those who have served us! Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potato, Vegetable, Cranberry Sauce, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. For more information call 732-727-7170.

# 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.*

After suffering heavy casualties in attempting to take Cassino, Italy (up to 80% in some battalions), troops of the U.S. 34th Infantry Division are relieved by the 4th Indian and 2nd New Zealand Divisions of the British Eighth Army on February 11, 1944. The Allies are pushed back to a final defense line at Anzio. In Ukraine, German troops trapped in the Korsun Pocket attempt a breakout. Administrative control of Sardinia, Sicily and southern Italy is passed from Allied command to the government of prime minister Pietro Badoglio.

On February 12, Japanese submarine *I-27* sinks the British troopship *SS Khedive Ismail*, sailing in a convoy near the Maldives Islands in the Indian Ocean, with the loss of 1,297 lives, including those of 77 women. The sinking is the third-worst Allied shipping disaster of the war and the single-worst loss of female service personnel in the history of the British Commonwealth. *I-27* is itself sunk by the destroyers *HMS Paladin* and *HMS Petard* with a combination of depth charges and torpedoes even as *Khedive Ismail's* 214 survivors are being rescued from the water. En route from Rhodes to Piraeus, Greece, the Norwegian steamship *SS Oria*, carrying 4,116 Italian prisoners plus 21 German military personnel, the Norwegian captain and a Greek crew of 22, is caught in a storm and sinks. Only 21 Italians, 6 Germans, the Norwegian captain and one Greek are saved. This is the worst-ever loss of life in the Mediterranean caused by a ship sinking. From Moscow, the Soviet Union announces that a National Council of Poland — in opposition to the Polish government-in-exile in London — has been established in areas of Poland occupied by the Red Army.

American military officials announce on February 13 that any Japanese forces remaining in the Solomon Islands are effectively trapped there. In Italy, the Allies halt a German attack around Cassino. Italians in Cassino Monastery (monks and civilians seeking refuge there) are warned that the abbey will be bombed. (Some Allied commanders believe the abbey is occupied by the Germans, who are using the church atop the mountain as an artillery observation point. Not all — including U.S. Fifth Army commander Lt. Gen. Mark Clark — share this opinion.)

On February 14, an anti-Japanese revolt takes place on the island of Java in the Dutch East Indies. It is put down quickly by Japanese paratroopers. German resistance within the Korsun Pocket, in Ukraine, continues to be strong; a Belgian SS brigade is prominent in the defense. The German 3rd Panzer Corps (part of Army Group South) attempts to break through the surrounding Soviet forces from the outside to relieve the pocket but is unable to do so.

In Italy, on the orders of Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy, 422 tons of bombs are dropped over the great abbey of Monte Cassino on February 15 causing heavy damage. Indian and New Zealand troops begin an offensive to capture the monastery. However, shortly after the bombing stops, the abbey's ruins are quickly occupied and viciously defended by "The Green Devils" of the German 1st *Fallschirmjäger* (Paratrooper) Division, who had been on the lower slopes of the mountain. (It is later determined that, in fact, the Germans had promised [to the Vatican] to neither occupy nor use the abbey for military purposes — and had kept their word. The only casualties in the abbey from the bombing were 230 Italian civilians. Collaterally, numbers of German and Allied soldiers were killed by bombs that missed the target. Ironically, after the abbey was destroyed, the ruins provided perfect cover for German defensive and artillery-observation positions that subsequently caused significant problems for the Allies.) In the Pacific, the U.S. Army Air Forces decimate a Japanese convoy off New Georgia Island. Over Germany, the heaviest raid ever on Berlin is conducted, during which 2,500 tons of bombs are dropped.

With massive artillery support and 10 infantry divisions, the Germans on February 16 launch a second major counterattack at Anzio, threatening the Allied beachhead. In Ukraine, German forces trapped in the Korsun Pocket attempt another breakout.

U.S. Marines land on Eniwetok Atoll, in the Marshall Islands, on February 17. Elsewhere in the Pacific, American forces attack the Japanese naval base at Truk Lagoon in the Caroline Islands. In Italy, at Anzio, the Germans drive a 1.6-mile-deep wedge into the Allied lines. In response, Allied command orders all aircraft on the Italian Front to Anzio to bomb and strafe the German positions. In Ukraine, the Battle of the Korsun Pocket ends as the bulk of surviving German troops (35,000 of 56,000 originally) manage to break out and reach their own lines but without their heavy equipment, which is abandoned.

## 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, Mar. 7, 2019. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

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

PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Wed. Feb. 27, 2019. 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.

## Atlantic City Bus Trip Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church

PERTH AMBOY – AC Bus Trip to the Tropicana Casino on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 pm - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$30 pp (\$25 slot play). Bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726. Payment due ASAP. NO REFUND FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS!

## A.C. Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to the Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Cost is \$30 per person; \$25 back in play and \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. For more details, please call Ronnie 732-442-5252.

## Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church will be holding their Pirohi Sale at \$9.00 Per Dozen. Orders may be called in from February 4 -6. 2019 to 732-826-7067 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon. Please call early to be sure your order gets in. Orders may be picked up on February 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Orders can be picked up after 2:30 p.m.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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E-mail us your Pet Photos to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

### Coffee Talk with Rabbi Metz

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - Wednesdays, February 13, 20, 27 at 9:30 a.m. Discussions/informal class in a relaxed environment. NEW LOCATION! Panera Bread, 1551 Route 1, Edison, (North of Menlo Park Mall, on the southbound side of Route 1.)

### Ask the Rabbi

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - "Ask the Rabbi" is back: Wednesdays, February 13, 20, 27 in the food court in Menlo Park Mall (near Panera) at 12 noon. Rabbi Sara Metz will discuss current events and Bible topics. She will also answer questions you might want answered but never had the opportunity to ask of a rabbi.

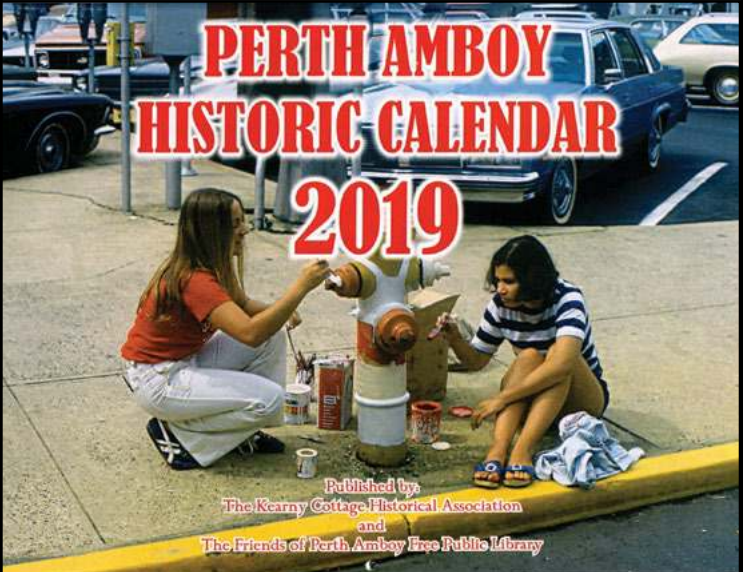
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Novena to St. Rita

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

Miraculous Invocation to St. Therese

Oh Glorious St. Therese, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles. The greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, TV picture, or receive roses, also can get a strange scent of roses in home even if no roses present. Must promise publication. **J.M.P.** 2/20

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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

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: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). If available, Artist Luis Rosario will be drawing complimentary caricatures. For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Check us out on the web: www.FOLPerthAmboy.com Book Dealers are welcome!!!!

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

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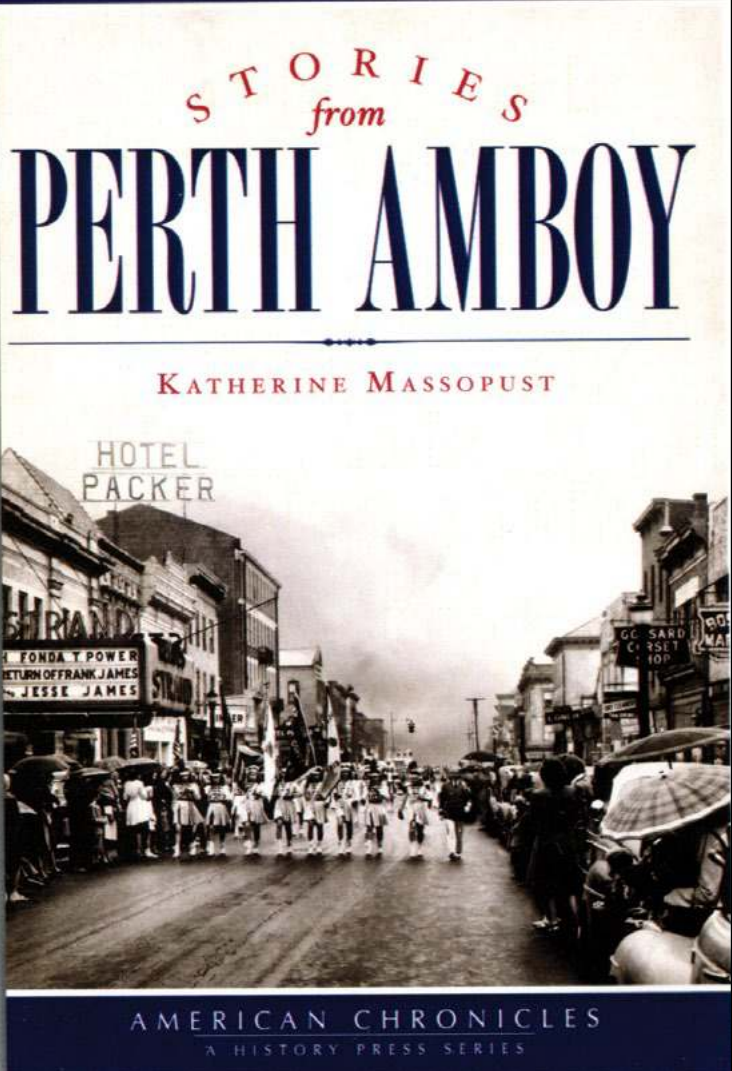


PERTH AMBOY - Crescent Theater, Corner of Smith Street & Madison Avenue November 1933. \*Photo Courtesy of Barbara Booz This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.

Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**  
TUES. Feb. 12 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. Feb. 13 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. Feb. 14 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
MON. Feb. 18 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES. Feb. 19 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. Feb. 20 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. Feb. 21 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**  
MON. Feb. 25 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.  
WED. Mar. 6 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
MON. Mar. 11 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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- 1. Tiny drink of liquor
- 4. Strike (flies)
- 8. Daring deed
- 12. Mr. Gershwin
- 13. It "springs eternal"
- 14. Wild beast's hideout
- 15. Opposite of pro
- 16. "So be it!"
- 17. Body of soldiers
- 18. Whole
- 20. Droop
- 22. One who leases
- 24. Compete in a downhill race
- 27. Book of maps
- 30. Ran away, as from jail
- 32. "Stay there!"
- 33. Butter serving
- 34. Fight in defense of honor
- 35. Comes into view
- 37. Musician Bono
- 38. "Of course!"
- 39. Lower, as a voice
- 41. "Help Wanted" listings
- 42. Looked (at) slyly
- 46. Cafeteria carrier

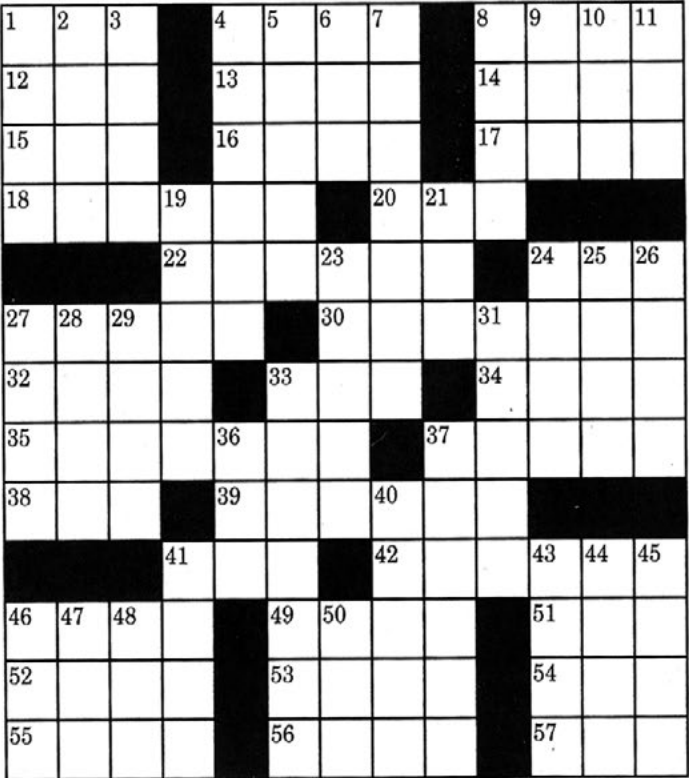
- 49. Line of stitches
- 51. Wood-chopping tool
- 52. Grape beverage
- 53. New York canal
- 54. Sardine container
- 55. Chances, in betting
- 56. Beach surface
- 57. Place for Porky

DOWN

- 1. Pleasant
- 2. Element used in steel
- 3. Gasp for breath
- 4. Divides equally with others

- 5. Grown-up girls
- 6. Imper-sonate
- 7. Least relaxed
- 8. Old Glory, for one
- 9. Unit of corn
- 10. Point (a camera) at
- 11. Attempt
- 19. Infuriated
- 21. Bowlike curve
- 23. Pester playfully
- 24. Made yarn
- 25. Sharp
- 26. In a non-chalant way
- 27. Absent
- 28. Record (music)
- 29. Pouting features

- 31. Have a crush on
- 33. Irons (clothes)
- 36. Say further
- 37. Appeared
- 40. Unadorned
- 41. Affirmative votes
- 43. City rodents
- 44. Way out
- 45. Say it isn't so
- 46. A pair
- 47. Relieved (of)
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