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## The Blame Game: Who is Responsible for Raising Taxes?

4/8/19 Caucus

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – The first items discussed at the 4/8/19 Caucus were Budget Hearings for the Parking Utility. Manager Celestina Ramos stated the budget for the Parking Utility has stayed the same. There are 30 new pay stations in the hospital area. This includes New Brunswick Avenue, Lawrie Street, Barclay Street, etc. The need for the larger number of pay stations is to provide a shorter walking distance for people.

Ramos stated there were no budget cuts. She emphasized that she has a smaller salary than her predecessor and the person who took over her old position is presently getting paid less than she did.

Council President Bill Petrick asked, “Where was the Clerk I position advertised?”

Former B.A. Greg Fehrenbach stated that the job opening was posted within the City offices where all City employees can see what was available. “The minimum salary is approximately \$34,000/year)”

Fehrenbach then added, “Except for the dispatchers, whatever they might be – blue collar or white collar. We don’t have any numbers for 2019. We only have 2018.”

Petrick then stated, “I’m not talking for the unions, but as far as the budget, we need something to work with.”

Law Director Peter King stated, “The (salary) range is set by the Council.”

Petrick said, “If we want to defund certain areas of the departments, we could.”

Next were the budget hearings of the Marina Utility. The Marina was represented by Frank Hoffman. He stated that the Marina had a surplus which will be used to pave the north and south lots of the Marina. “As Frank (Wild – Harbor Master) runs the Marina, we’ve had a profit.”

Chief Financial Officer Jill Goldy stated that the way the budget is put together each year balances out from the profit in slip rentals. Later on, more slips will be rented. Any additional costs on the budget will

be balanced from the surplus. Last year, the Marina Utility exceeded their budget. As long as it does not exceed the amount of money from the prior year. They can anticipate money they have from the prior year. It’s a much more consistent method. Whatever slip rental arrangement you have since most rent year after year. In November, they put a down payment. In January, they pay the rest of the rental. Surplus for the Marina Utility stays with the Utility.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry asked, “Even though you have a surplus, you can use it for something else?”

CFO Goldy stated she disagreed with that method.

Irizarry then added, “I’m not encouraging anyone to use the surplus. I’m not encouraging anyone to use this money for something else.”

Frank Hoffman then clarified the issue, “When we bought the jet skis, they paid for themselves. As far as the 20-foot slips, if we had bigger slips, we could rent more. When we got

money from FEMA, we had to leave everything as is.”

Council President Bill Petrick then added, “We attempted to get FEMA to dredge but we were unsuccessful. I’m glad they’re still useful. I heard from several boat owners. They are complaining that they pay for a slip and can’t find a place to park.”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr stated, “Boat owners only want to pay \$50 to park anywhere in the Marina. If it was that low, everyone would pay for it.”

Councilman Irizarry asked, “Will it limit parking for other people?”

“There are only 42 spaces available,” Carr added.

Irizarry then asked, “What about parking? If the person is not there, then is nobody else able to use it?”

Carr answered him, “It would be their spot. They use it whether or not they are there.”

Petrick then added, “I don’t like that idea. It’s a prime area for restaurants and businesses

and residents who visit.”

Councilman Joel Pabon then stated, “I get where you guys are coming from. They’re making a lot of money. What they pay is peanuts. I’m going to look into it. We need parking for our residents. The restaurants are using it and they pay us peanuts.”

Carr agreed that a more detailed discussion is necessary at another time.

Petrick then stated, “We’re the only marina around that doesn’t have a boat ramp.”

Hoffman explained, “I would like to put it back in.”

Petrick said, “I don’t want to waste money putting in a boat ramp only to be used part of the time. The Cornucopia has (a problem with the train bridge) when Conrail doesn’t open up. I don’t want to put up a boat ramp and we can’t use it.”

Hoffman then added, “When I was in the room and they were talking, they (Conrail) said that was the reason, so its capable

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## Round 2: Who is Responsible for Raising Taxes?

4/10/19 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – The 4/10/19 Council Meeting began with a presentation from Lissette Lebron who was representing P.A.R.T.N.E.R. and from Julie Marte from AARP stated the grant is to help beautify the Gateway Neighborhood. “We received a \$500,000 Beautification Grant,” stated Lebron. The grant is from AARP of NJ - Livable Communities and GNC through P.A.R.T.N.E.R. A mural entitled: “Growing Together: In a livable community, people of all ages can make their city a lifelong home,” will be painted in the Alexander Jankowski Center, Olive Street.

Lebron stressed that the mural will depict the wisdom of the older generation to the younger generation. Artist Luis Caraballo (Louie Blaka) of East Coast Creatives, LLC who was an Art Teacher in Perth Amboy for five years will paint the mural. Lebron displayed what the mural will look like.

During the first public comments on agenda items only, Resident Ken Balut came up to speak first. He first spoke about raising the salaries for police officers whom he views are underpaid. He then stated his sentiments about the YMCA, “The Mayor made the Budget. The YMCA is being subsidized \$20,000 a month. The Board of Education pays them money.” Balut then complained that the Mayor has a Public Relations Officer. He then stated, “What about all the illegal housing? The Mayor’s Aid? That’s \$150,000 right there. She (Diaz) spend City money to support Kushner. If she fought for \$4 million, she supports that garbage down there. There’s where the money’s going. The Mayor is blaming everything except the Council. She just hired someone for the Parking Utility for \$35,000. That’s more than the cops get. The Mayor couldn’t put 5% in the budget for the police officers. She’s in-



Julie Marte (L) AARP from Lissette Lebron (R) from P.A.R.T.N.E.R. discusses the mural to be painted in the Olive Street Community Center

competent.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski spoke next, “You have several options with the Budget. You could raise the taxes, cut the budget, or you go to the State. I disagree on one thing with Balut. The Mayor knows exactly what she is doing. Put the responsibility where it re-



The City Council discusses the 2019 Budget

*\*Photos by Katherine Massopust*

ally belongs – the Mayor. Get a tax expert to pursue where the dollars are. Go to the State so the Mayor comes and answers questions. She wants to walk away.”

Former B.A. Greg Fehrenbach stated, “I’ve went over that many years. There was a tax placed on that property and

it was not paid. When the City was in meetings with the County to build a park.”

Council President Bill Petrick stated that taxes on that property were zeroed out when the County took it over.

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*South Amboy City Council Meeting 4/17/19 - 7 p.m.*





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# The Blame Game

## 4/8/19 Caucus

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for businesses to do shipping.”

Petrick said, “It’s failing just like the old Victory Bridge. We should look into somewhere else sensible, since at this side of the town with access to the bay.”

The next Budget Hearing was for the Courts. Court Administrator Ms. Pena represented the Courts. She stated that the Deputy Court Administrator position has been eliminated and that this departure caused a decrease in the budget. Pena stated that she has a flexible schedule and that reductions were made by the overhead from the cost of salaries.

Councilman Irizarry asked, “If you decide to leave, then there is no one to replace you?”

Pena indicated that the answer was “Yes.”

Petrick asked, “What happens when you are not there?”

Pena answered that a Judge could do her duties if he/she had to.

Irizarry then stated, “What is not clear to me is if it had been to eliminate a position like that – God forbid something happens to her.”

Pena assured him, “There’s other qualified people throughout the State.”

Irizarry then asked, “Has revenue in court gone up or down?”

Frederick Carr answered, “They’ve gone down.”

Pena said, “Summonses have gone down. Overall summonses issued over the months have gone down and parking and moving violations.”

Irizarry then went on to a different topic, “Is there money in the Budget for the Dive Team?”

Fire Chief Ed Mullen answered, “All money coming from grant money. We match it.”

Irizarry then asked, “What about when the money runs out?”

Mullen answered, “We’ll put in for more grants.”

Irizarry said, “We say we’re not paying for it – and then we’re paying for it!”

Petrick asked, “What is the life expectancy of the suits?”

Mullen answered, “10 years. The tanks should last around 15 years.”

Irizarry then stated, “Why is a town this size spending money on this? If we had resources to do this -but we don’t You’re not going to convince me we are going to do this at this time.”

Pabon the added, “With all do respect, I disagree with you. The money is not coming from us now. I’ve seen what thee guys do. I’ve been out there. I’ve seen it. If there’s one person that can be saved by these guys, I’ll always support it.”

There was a discussion about the Budget which was presented on March 13, 2019. Irizarry was annoyed, “I don’t recall approving the Budget”

Former B.A. Greg Fehrenbach clarified this, “What you did on March 13, 2019, you approved the Budget for publication. It’s not approved. It is published, then approved for public hear-

ing.” He went on to explain, “There are 4 pages of amendments. Each line you look at are amendments to the Budget. You are saying all that we talked about to bring this down. There is one more change in the water/wastewater utilities.”

Councilman Helmin Caba asked, “All these amendments and appropriations – who made them?”

Greg Fehrenbach was becoming increasingly irritated, “Everybody wants to point fingers. We’ve received a direction of the Budget from the Mayor. The Council did not agree with the Mayor.”

Caba then asked, “Who decided that?”

Fehrenbach answered, “At a meeting, we asked the Council what to eliminate. The Council gave us no directions as on how to bring it down. We went to the departments and gave each of them targets to go down. The departments responded with what could be cut. Other departments were less cooperative. Based on that, we came to meet the governing body’s directions.”

Caba said, “City Employees said the blame is on the Council. When you left, you gave a recommendation that was not followed. For example, Bryan Walensky was the Mayor’s Campaign Manager. He was hired by the Mayor. To this day, he hasn’t done (what he’s supposed to have done). He was supposed to do our website. He got paid \$100,000 (being the Mayor’s campaign manager) and then he gets a job getting paid almost that (same amount). We had no say about hiring Bryan Walensky. Let’s clean things up before blaming the Council. The Mayor has the last say.”

Fehrenbach then became aggravated and stated, “All of you who were elected may want to finger point. There is a responsibility to provide services to the population. You can drive looking through the rearview mirror or the windshield.”

Caba then continued, “Our past is clearly affecting our present and it will impact our future. Once you leave, your recommendations go out the window. The Mayor has the last

say.”

Fehrenbach continued, “I made decisions based on criteria adhered to by the Mayor.”

Petrick then said, “When you left, we were in a good position. When you came back, you found a disaster because of mismanagement of the Administration. That’s why you have presented to you an approximate 5.5% tax increase. I know that to be factual.”

Fehrenbach said, “There is an old Irish saying: When there was a divorce taking place, they say “They were a pair of the minute.””

Petrick then said, “When we have laws in this community passed in the governing body, when they want to, they follow them. When they don’t want to, they don’t follow them.”

Fehrenbach then said, “I hope there was a balance in the last 9 months. There has been a significant attempt to see the six of you treated on equal level. There has been an unwillingness of the Council to get along with the Mayor and the Mayor with the Council. This has been the most frustrating part of my life I ever had.”

Petrick then said, “There was an election. Things got ugly.”

Irizarry then asked, “Can you show me what we talked about and what was given us? I know what you try to do and I thank you for it.”

The attention turned to Ordinance No. 1. – An Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled “vehicles” and traffic (Ordinance No. 194-78 as amended)” Adopted September 19, 1978, also known as Chapter 414 et seq of the Code of the City of Perth Amboy. Re: Parking in City Hall Area.

Irizarry then stated, “The parking around City Hall hours is going to change from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “Residents who live here know way ahead of time so they can move their car at 7 a.m.”

Carr agreed to tell people what’s going on first.

The Council continued then discussed Communication No. 3 An anonymous citizen

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EDITORIAL

Just Let Kids be Kids



If you look at babies in a room, they all just interact with each other. The same thing goes for adolescent children in school. For anyone over the age of 50, I'm sure you remember your days in grade school. What are some of your memories that stood out from Kindergarten to Eighth grade?

Do you remember how student would celebrate each holiday? When someone had a birthday, they would bring in cupcakes for the class. Can't do that now in school.

Everyone loved Halloween. It was the best. The majority of the kids dressed up in costumes and there was a parade around the block. Can't do that now in school.

And what about Christmas? There were Christmas plays and we were allowed to call the trees Christmas trees. Can't do that now in school.

Things were simpler and kids just played with other kids. There were disagreements and tussles, but things were worked out.

Simple academics, such as reading, writing and arithmetic, were taught because they were the basics that were needed. As you moved up to different levels in grade school, more subjects were taught.

If you notice, we are concentrating on academics. The point is what is taking place in some grade schools for students around the ages 5 or 6 years old until around the ages of 11-13 years old.

Now, academics seem to be taking a back seat. You see, kids are more tolerant than some adults give them credit for.

There is a song from the play and movie adaptation of "South Pacific," *You've Got to be Carefully Taught*, with lyrics written by Richard Rodgers:

*You've got to be taught before it's too late  
Before you are six or seven or eight  
To hate all the people your relatives hate  
You've got to be carefully taught*

It seems now that adults are pushing their insecurities on children in our schools, even without the parents knowledge about it.

Personally, we feel this is wrong.

In elementary school, I don't remember any of my teachers talking politics in the early grades (K-4). We weren't taught the physical changes of puberty until around the ages of 12-13 years old. Sex education was given at ages 13-14 years. One of the reasons for this is to help prevent teen pregnancy.

What is going on that now is that we are trying to put sexual identification on young children who don't have a clue and really don't need a clue at that part of their life.

There's a lot of growing up still ahead in a ten-year-old's life. He or she does not need anymore pressure than they are subject to in this fast paced world. Just listen to them before you make a decision for them that you both may regret later on down the road.

Some celebrities don't even assign a gender to their babies and just have them identified as "them" so that child can decide on his or her own what gender they want to be.

THIS IS RIDICULOUS! As we said in the beginning, let kids be kids. That is one of the main things that's wrong today.

We don't know why this is happening, but sometimes you need to take a step back and learn from the past.

**C.M. & K.M.**

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Should the Supreme Court be Increased?

There is no Constitutional limit on the number of Justices (or states). There were six Justices when Washington was President of 13 states, seven Justices when Jefferson was President

of 18 states, and nine Justices when Jackson was President of 24 states. There are now fifty states and over ten time the population. Increasing the size of the Supreme Court to seventeen seems like a reasonable progression. All Congress has to do is add 1 or 2 Justices each time a new President is elected until the new limit is reached.

I believe any Constitutional change should be an age limit for the President and Supreme Court Justices. There is now an age limit of seventy for other Federal Judges. There has always been a minimum age limit for the House, Senate, and President.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

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South Amboy K of C Events Mets Trip

SOUTH AMBOY - For all of you baseball fans, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus hold their annual trip to Citi Field to see the Mets battle the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Game time is 7:10 p.m. Coach leaves the K of C parking lot at 3 p.m. Cost of \$135 includes round trip motor coach transportation, reserved ticket to the game, \$24 worth of Mets Money that can be used anywhere in the ballpark. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information call Steve at 732-727-1707.

Golf Outing

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Outing Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cruz Farms in Farmingdale. Cost of \$100 includes 18 holes of golf, dinner, lunch, and a riding cart. Prizes will be raffled off at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Registration is at 8:30 and tee-off is at 9 a.m. Hole sponsorships are also available. For more information call Ray at 732-721-2025 or 732-406-2340.

Spring Car Show

SOUTH AMBOY - For all of you car owners, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Spring Car Show Friday night June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 p.m. The car show will be at the parking lot of the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Awards will be presented to the best contestants. Please bring a non-perishable food item for local food pantries. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Woman's Club Membership Drive

PERTH AMBOY – The Woman's Club of Perth Amboy is having a membership drive on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 12 Noon at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy. We cordially invite you to join us for a Buffet Lunch. Cost: \$20 per person for lunch. Sangria is on us.

The Woman's Club of Perth Amboy began in May 1910! The purpose then and now is "to advance in aspects of culture and to further civic improvement." New members are always welcome! For more information email: arubacruz@verizon.net Look forward to meeting you, Linda Cruz, President.

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SUNNYSIDE RESTAURANT .....	111 MAIN ST.
<b>IN SEWAREN:</b>	
PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	546 WEST AVE.
SEWAREN CORNER DELI .....	514 WEST AVE.
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AMBOY NATIONAL BANK .....	100 N. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BAGELS .....	105 S. BROADWAY
BROADWAY DINER .....	126 N. BROADWAY
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COMMUNITY CENTER .....	200 O'LEARY BLVD.
KRAUSZER'S .....	200 N. BROADWAY
KRAUSZER'S .....	717 BORDENTOWN AVE.
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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.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

MON. Apr. 22 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
WED. Apr. 24 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
THURS. April 25 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Apr. 17 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
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# The Blame Game

## 4/8/19 Caucus

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advising of several issues in the neighborhood 491 Neville Street, including loud music, illegal housing, speeding and possible used car lot.

Code Enforcement Director Irving Lozada came up to speak, “I have a report on the 3 properties: 490, 491, 492. I have copies here of the results. One property was inspected. He found an illegal conversion in the basement That was on January 9th. He gave them 2 weeks to comply. He came back on the 30th of January. The inspector was satisfied. They dismantled everything. One property had 7-8 unregistered cars. He took pictures and sent a violation. We came back, all the cars left. The Police checked if they are registered.” Lozada continued, “We keep getting the same complaint. The letter is anonymous.”

Police Chief Roman McKeon then came up to speak, “One citizen has as much rights as we all. Since the beginning of the year, we had 3 calls in that area. 2 summonses were issued. We keep getting complaints. The person wants to remain anonymous.”

Petrick added, “Maybe they are afraid of retribution.”

McKeon then stated, “Because the person wants to remain anonymous, we are in the dark.”

The public portion was next.

Police Officer Hani Tawfik came up to speak first, “You hit on it – point fingers. A budget was proposed and said what needs to be done. The statements made reflect on costs and layoffs proposed.”

Council President Petrick then stated, “What the Administration proposed was a 5.5% tax increase. The governing body returned and said only a 2.5% increase. Some people get paid \$100,000, should we cut that?”

Tawfik said, “Sit down and work it out. Half the people are busy. It all trickles down.”

Petrick explained, “We’re talking about people who don’t do anything and get a paycheck.”

Caba then added, “We are not pointing fingers. We’re stating facts. There is no way I’m going to vote for a 5.5% tax increase. Taxes are high in the City. Taxes are high in the City. If taxes are going up, then rent goes up. The Board of Education – only 25% comes from the City. Most is paid for by the State. It’s possible the City might have to file bankruptcy. This is mismanagement. The Mayor hired Bryan Walensky. Made up a position. That is one example of many. That is why we’re in this predicament.”

Petrick then said, “You wouldn’t want to happen what happened in Camden where they disbanded the Police Department. When Greg Fehrenbach left, we were in good shape. Once in position, the Mayor squandered the money.”

Tawfik then stated, “There were no increases in taxes for 5

years.”

Petrick said, “Fiscal mismanagement.”

Resident Ken Balut came up to the mic. “We’re in this position because of a PILOT which was given to a warehouse that was already there. The Parking Utility – the hiring practices – Walensky was disgusting for \$100,000. The Deputy Clerk in the Court was given a \$15,000 raise. Tax dollars go to the YMCA to make Steve Jobin rich. There’s something wrong with this picture. The PILOT is giving millions of dollars given away to Target and Bridgeport. Bridge gave us more money. Where did it go? When does it stop? Why do we need a Mayor’s Aide? Why do we need a Pubic Relations person? What has she put in the newspapers? The water problem? There’s total incompetence in the Administration. It’s not the Council. Cut the Budget. We don’t need a Deputy Mayor. Let her come to work everyday.”

PBA Local #13 Union President Daniel Gonzalez came up next. He stressed teamwork to come to an agreement on the budget.

Resident David Caba came up next. “It’s interesting what’s going on in the City. It was not a tour - it’s a journey. Powers are for short term. It’s shameful when I got these texts and pictures. When we say we serve the City it’s like customer service. Is customer service to go at the Mayor just because we disagree with her? Find out for me, was a C/O (Certificate of Occupancy) issued at 245 State and 121 Market. I did my own research. I got back from the City an OPRA request - a C/O of November 6, 1997. Under zoning it says: commercial and two office spaces. When this was issued which C/O issued was it? Was it this one? Or was it issued with the apartments? That depends on the Zoning Board. It’s not zoned. I do business with the person. There are people who spend money. It has to be across the board. I’m thinking to move out of here, but I’m not. I love my town. Some people don’t know what’s going on.”

Director of Code Enforcement Irving Lozada came up to speak. “Mr. Caba came here with complaints. Within the same week, I was there. An inspector issued 4 violations. Summonses were issued and they have to go through the proper process. We took actions on the whole property.” When asked if people are living there, Lozada answered yes and they are going to be removed and there are summons issued to the property owner for conversion of business to apartments.

Resident Alan Silber came up next. 4 different inspectors. Last week, we saw two Code Enforcement Officers pull up on the corner of Market and Rector Streets (246 Rector). 4 different inspectors went to that house. Adam Cruz (Former Business Administrator) was going to get over \$30,000 paid. The Council has been so argumentative, be-

cause this lawyer keeps coming up with things. The only time they (the Council) work together is when it’s for their benefit. In 2001, over 100 police officers got laid-off in Trenton. Now, fast-forward in 2019 the Council and Mayor have problems and want to lay off 20 police officers. Stuff keeps repeating themselves. There’re more grants which means more mismanagement. An inexperienced clerk is being paid more than a police officer.”

Irving Lozada returned to the podium. “On the same day Code Enforcement came to Rector and Market. We’ve reached out to the owner. He was on vacation. At the end of the day, I called him in Florida. He had called in to receive a temporary C/O to move furniture in.” Lozada explained that he flew in from Florida to get a final C/O. “Four inspectors showed up: one for building, fire, plumbing, electric. At the end of the day, we’re here to serve you.” When asked, Lozada said he had to find out if the owner passed inspection. “I will find out,” Lozada assured the Council.

Resident Vince Mackeil came up to the mic. “New Jersey sues DuPont and 3M for pollution. The reason I’m bringing this up is to ask if legal representatives of the City are there ever a recourse to the State. Two different elements you guys have talked to in the last six months particularly about the watershed. Perth Amboy residents would like clean water. Something has to be done directly from the State.”

Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton came up next. “I have all those things you requested.

All information about the property.” She read the executive summary to dissolve PARA (Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency).

Mayor Wilda Diaz came up to speak. “I had to sit in back and I want everyone to come out and to make it very clear jobs have to be offered to the Citizens of Perth Amboy. The goal of the City is to help residents and to create a tax base. Many of our businesses are in a heavy industrial area. We always have been forthcoming. The job creation – that part is relevant. Clean up blighted areas. It’s going to take years to develop a tax base. They with foresight. The Budget is the most difficult part. We paid off over \$62 million of our debt. Where was the most of hiring done? Our safety personnel. No one wants to pay taxes. Every department helped with this budget. Greg Fehrenbach came already before anyone is sitting here. The most hires are in safety personnel and DPW. I want to work with the Council. I know you want 2.5%. I sat with each and every department, every director when the first Budget was presented. I want to work with the Council. If we make these cuts in some departments, how will it affect our residents? We’re working on Census 2020 right now. In 2010, my goal was to count as many people as possible.”

Helmin Caba asked Mayor Diaz about Walensky (Diaz’s Campaign Manager) and why he was given a created position as Parking Utility Manager.

Diaz answered, “He was your campaign manager, too and he was qualified. He has a Master’s in Business.”

Caba stated, “At the time, he lived in Garwood.”

Irving Lozada came up to speak, “I just found out earlier today that I have to present a budget this Wednesday. I have an appointment and I can’t come on Wednesday. In 2018, I was not in that department. I can only answer what came in after 2018.”

Lozada asked the Council if he could be heard now. The Council said it was ok.

The public portion was closed, and Director of Code Enforcement Irving Lozada sat down. “I did sit down with former Code Enforcement Director, Jamie Rios. I only came aboard at the end of the year.”

Fehrenbach stated that there are 4 sections to Code Enforcement. One is the Uniform Construction Code which generates a vast majority of revenues for this department and the City is responsible under the regulations under the direction of Codes and Standards.

Council President Petrick advised Lozada to speak with former Code Enforcement Director Jamie Rios and work out a budget.

After Lozada was done with his presentation, the Council convened to a closed session and when the returned, no formal action will be taken. The time was 7:21 p.m.

Attend Public Meetings Have Your Voice Heard!

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Perth Amboy has contacted the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, proposing to divert 0.46 acres of Seaman Ave. Park, 454-470 Seaman Ave., Block 175 and Lots 34-41 in connection with a proposed land exchange with the Perth Amboy Board of Education.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.8(a) a scoping hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held at

Perth Amboy City Hall, Council Chambers  
260 High Street, Perth Amboy NJ, 08861  
Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:00PM

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the scoping hearing. Verbal or written comments on the diversion request may be directed to Maximo Vazquez at 732-826-0290 ext. 4863 or at Perth Amboy City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy NJ 08861. Please send a copy of any comments submitted on this request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, Mail Code 501-01, 501 East State St., P.O. Box 420. Trenton, NJ 08625-0420.

Public comment on this diversion request will be accepted during the scoping hearing or until May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

# Infrastructure Improvements, Parking Spaces & Emergency Communications System Among Topics Discussed

## 4/3/19 Business Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust  
SOUTH AMBOY – City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz stated that bids are going to be open on April 16th and awarded at the Council Meeting on April 17th for Pine Avenue road improvements.

For Business Item b.) Resolution for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Line Inspection and Cleaning on George Street. Rasimowicz stated there are sink holes on George Street and on March 13, repairs were being made.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato asked if this was a fairly regular happening since some of the piping is over 100 years old.

Rasimowicz explained that since there is a lot of old piping depressions form in the roadway. “Any kind of water leak that water will find its way into the road.”

Dato then asked if there was anything that the Council could do.

Rasimowicz explained the situation further, “We limit repairs to the pipe. These are the type of responses dollar wise to not do major repairs. We see if a problem needs to be addressed. It’s a process and it’s not cheap. The Sewer Department goes out cleaning lines. We aren’t equipped to do this, so we pay someone.”

Dato then asked Rasimowicz, “Do we get to a point we replace section by section?”

Rasimowicz answered, “We’ve been doing that – replacing depressed areas or sink-holes. We’re now more proactive. We did just get \$600,000 in grant money from the DOT (Division of Transportation). This will be utilized for replacement of sanitary sewer. The Sanitation Department is cleaning lines.”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski added there will be manhole replacement.

For Business Item c.) Resolution for Change Order #1 for South Feltus Street and Raritan Street Sanitary Sewer Pump Stations: Skarzynski stated there is an emergency generator on Feltus Street and Parker Street. “It’s a decrease of \$350 overall. It’s from a grant out of Emergency Management.

d.) Resolution appointing a Clean Communities Coordinator. B.A. Skarzynski stated that the City is appointing Mr. Elliot for another year. “There will be 3 Beach Cleanups in April. One will be by Middlesex County College and one will be by Hackensack Meridian.”

City Council President Mickey Gross added that, “He (Elliot) is certified to be in charge of cleanups.”

e.) Resolution to release performance bond for Cambridge Players. Councilwoman Dato asked, “What do they do for this amount?”

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz answered, “It goes from a performance bond to a maintenance bond.”

f.) Discuss Broadway/Main Street Redevelopment Ordinance. Skarzynski explained that there have been discussions of certain businesses not being allowed to extend the redevelopment zone for businesses to have more flexibility.

g.) Discuss 611 Bordentown Ave. additional parking places. B.A. Skarzynski stated that as part of the approval of the project, 21 public parking spaces were proposed in lieu of landscaping and there are 1.8 spots per unit giving a total of 21 parking spots.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz suggested to eliminate the 6 spots facing the homes and allow the 15 remaining parking spots. Councilwoman Dato agreed stating that the residents may have guests that wish to park temporarily in the extra spots. The Council agreed with this.

Councilman Reilly said, “The less people parking on the street will make the residents happy.”

h.) Reminder April Council

Meeting – we are recognizing our volunteers. Councilman Thomas Reilly stated the following will be recognized at the April 17, 2019 Council Meeting: Richard Johnson – Fire Department; Elizabeth “Betty” Leveille – First Aid; Christian Petras – First Aid; Brian Noble – Recreation. Student Volunteers from the Fire Department: Michael Coman, Thomas Coman, Stephen McLaughlin, and Victoria Tierney and First Aid Cadets: Nadia Barcheski, Allison Leveille, Stephen McLaughlin, Taylor Salmon, Bryanna Tierney, and Victoria Tierney will also be recognized.

i.) Discuss Calendar for Government Week. Some of the Council Members will be greeting commuters at the Train Station on Tuesday, April 9th and Thursday, April 11th at 7:30 a.m.

j.) Resolution to Amend the 2019 Budget. It was explained that the City received a second grant and that it required a match and it was best to do it now and amend the budget now.

k.) Resolution to Install New Telecommunication System at all City Office Locations. B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated, “All City locations will be satisfied in several respects.” He explained that the old outdated system of copper wiring is being replaced by the internet.

ing replaced by the internet. “It’s more efficient at a lower cost.”

Council President Gross added, “If there is some sort of emergency, we’re on top of the list.” It was noted that key personnel are given priority and now will be able to communicate with the City quickly in case of a disaster. “AT&T reprogrammed our phones.”

B.A. Skarzynski stated, “The City will provide each of you with voicemail box and you will be able to dial and retrieve messages wherever you are. The second serves at the Senior Center.”

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Zusette Dato stated Freeholder Director Ron Rios has asked about Conrail and the Hole in the Wall. “There’s no visible progress. This was shared with him. It’s being inspected daily.”

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz stated, “We’re on top of the Hole in the Wall. The County is out there every day are pursuing it (repairs) thru legal action with Conrail.”

Vice President Christine Noble asked about potholes.

B.A. Skarzynski stated that the City now has new machinery.

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# Census 2020 Kicks Off in Perth Amboy

*Perth Amboy Celebrates its launch with the Academy for Urban Leadership High School*



Press Release 4/1/19  
PERTH AMBOY – The City of Perth Amboy launches the Census 2020 Kick-Off, Monday, April 1st at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA Auditorium with the students of the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School.

Mayor Diaz was joined by Congressman Frank Pallone Jr., Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, representatives of the 19th Legislative District, city officials and the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter High School administrators and students.

“Census is a message that must be heard by trusted voices and my goal is to encourage as many residents as possible to apply for some of the employment opportunities available to encourage their neighbors to complete the Census,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz. In the last 10 years, we have distributed over \$10 million dollars to our community, in recreational and senior programming, youth employment, housing and rental assistance, while assisting various non-profit organizations, including PRAHD, Habitat for Humanity and our very own YMCA. However, none of these federal dollars would be available to us if it were not for our census count.”

“We know the census has historically failed to fully count minorities, immigrants, young children, and those in low-income households. We also know that without an accurate count, social safety net programs in our state are at risk of being severely underfunded. That’s why we have to do everything in our power to make sure our friends and neighbors know about the census so that every New Jerseyan gets counted,” said Congressman Frank

Pallone Jr.”

“Today marks one year until the 2020 census. Over the course of this next year, it is critical that we communicate to the public the facts about the census and the benefits of completing it. The New Jersey Complete Count Commission which includes me and other members of the Legislature will develop, recommend, and assist in the administration of a census outreach strategy to encourage full participation in the 2020 federal decennial census of population. We want people to participate in the census and must ensure all are counted. I look forward to speaking with residents in my district and others to educate them about the importance of the 2020 census, said Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin.”

“Each and every New Jersey resident must be counted and considered for the upcoming 2020 Census,” said Assemblywoman Lopez (D-Middlesex). An inaccurate count in New Jersey will mean that the State will lose out on federal funding for crucial programs that are essential to the our most vulnerable populations. As a Commissioner on the New Jersey Complete Count Commission, I am proud to advocate for an accurate Census Count and I have introduced A-5056, to appropriate \$9,000,000 to the Complete Count Commission, so that the full resources needed for a complete count are available. The Census is extremely important for communities with hard-to count populations and I look forward to continued work with my colleagues and stakeholder groups across the state to make sure New Jersey is not left behind.”

The official city hashtag is: #PerthAmboyCountsOnYou.

# Perth Amboy BID Supports Adding Outdoor Dining Spaces in the City’s Downtown

*More Al Fresco Dining Areas May Be Ready by Memorial Day*

Press Release 4/4/19  
PERTH AMBOY – Perth Amboy plans to increase the number of outdoor dining areas in the city’s downtown district this summer.

At a recent meeting, the city’s Business Improvement District (BID) voted to support the concept that calls for placing of more parklets in front of restaurants for Al Fresco dining. By endorsing the parklet and Al Fresco dining project, the BID’s board of directors is helping to bring an outdoor dining environment to the city’s downtown. The BID is coordinating with Perth Amboy’s Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD), which has thoroughly researched concept and developed a pilot project last summer.

The OECD is also joining with Mayor Wilda Diaz and the city’s departments including Police, Fire, Public Works and other agencies to move the project ahead. The OECD plans produce a plan that encourages restaurants, cafes and eateries to use a portion of the sidewalk in front of their premises and two curbside parking spaces to create an outdoor space for diners.

In presenting the plans at BID meeting, OECD’s Business Manager Maritza Rodriguez said, “Our mission is to assist local restaurants that want to offer their patrons the option of dining outdoors. We are developing guidelines, with input from many city departments, for attractive outdoor dining spaces that safely screen diners from vehicles and traffic on the street. At the same time, we want avoid blocking or restricting access to fire hydrants, manhole covers, storm drains, bus stops or lighting fixtures.”

Last summer, the OECD piloted an outdoor dining project with a restaurant on State Street. The Mi Tierra Restaurant set up a 44-foot-long by 8-foot-wide platform next to the sidewalk in the space previously occupied by two parking spaces. Tables and chairs were placed on the platform and heavy-duty concrete

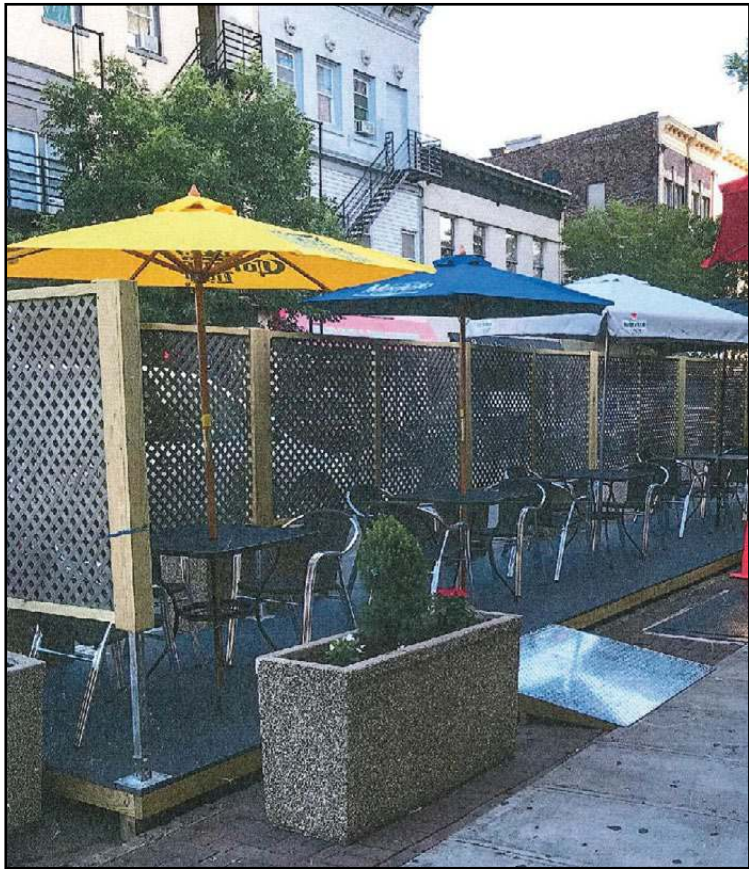


Photo shows a pilot parklet that was a popular Al Fresco dining space on State Street in 2018. The outdoor dining project was a joint effort between Mi Tierra Restaurant and Perth Amboy’s Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD). The Business Improvement District (BID) supports the OECD’s plan to increase the number of Al Fresco dining spaces in the downtown this summer.

*\*Photo by the Office of Economic and Community Development*

crete planters were installed around the newly-created dining area.

“Guests thoroughly enjoyed dining outdoors,” Ms. Rodriguez said. “The restaurant’s business increased and they plan to offer Al Fresco dining again this summer. We are working with a number of local restaurants that are planning to provide outdoor dining as soon as late May or early June.”

Before starting the outdoor dining project, the OECD team visited communities across the Garden State to see how they had created curb-side and sidewalk spaces for Al Fresco dining

The OECD team presented its recommendations to the BID board for creating parklets in the downtown area for Al Fresco dining. The plans, which will

be thoroughly reviewed by the city’s departments include the following:

- Install heavy-duty, attractive concrete planters to create a private, protected areas for diners
- Place materials resembling athletic field artificial turf on the street
- Arrange tables and chairs over the “turf” surface

BID Chairman Barry Rosen Garten said: “We completely support the Al Fresco dining project. Creating more opportunities for people to dine outdoors in the downtown area offers many advantages and serves the business owners as well as our residents. To show our strong support, the BID is forming a committee that will work directly with Ms. Rodriguez and OECD’s Program Manager Max Vazquez.”

# Lopez Statement on Efforts to Challenge Citizenship Question in 2020 Census

Press Release 4/2/19  
TRENTON – Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez released the following statement on recent efforts to ensure fairness and accuracy in the 2020 Census:

“As a member of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL) I joined an amicus brief filed on our behalf by LatinoJustice PRLDEF in the case of Department of Commerce v. New York, calling on the Court to declare unconstitutional or illegal the Administration’s proposed inclusion of a citizenship question in the 2020 Decennial Census.

“The people of the State of New Jersey demand that we all be counted in the Census, just like the Constitution explicitly

states. Since the 2010 Census, our Hispanic state population has undoubtedly grown. I join my fellow Hispanic State Legislators in not allowing political interference to put into question the accuracy of our nation’s population count.

“The rich diversity present in New Jersey is what makes the Garden State such an exceptional place to live and in the 2020 Census we need to ensure that the diverse people in our state are accurately represented. I implore that politics does not come before policy and that the citizenship question is overturned. The 2020 Census is already fraught with challenges that will make a complete count difficult and we do not need an

additional burden for our most hard to count communities in New Jersey and throughout the nation.

“As a Commissioner serving on the State of New Jersey Complete Count Commission, I once again call on the Supreme Court to overturn the citizenship question and urge our Congressional delegation to continue advocating for a fair Census.”

## Volunteers Needed

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - CASA of Middlesex County is seeking volunteers to advocate for children who have been abused or neglected. When a child is in foster care, having a CASA means they are more likely to find a permanent home, spend less time in foster care, and perform better in school. Champion one of these children from your community and safeguard a child’s well-being through advocacy in the court today.

Join our next information session on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-11 a.m. and learn what it takes to be an advocate and change a child’s life forever.

RSVP to Nora Siklosi Szabo, at [nora@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org](mailto:nora@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org)

The event takes place at CASA of Middlesex County office, 77 Church Street, New Brunswick on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. For more information, go to: <http://www.casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/volunteer>

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PERTH AMBOY - Holy Week and Easter are significant holy days within Christianity. “At Cathedral International we celebrate these days as they are the foundation of our Christian faith.

We join millions of Christians around the world commemorating Jesus’ journey to the cross and his resurrection from the grave,” stated Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., Senior Pastor at Cathedral International.

Everyone is invited to attend Holy Week services and Easter Sunday at Cathedral International, 277 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. The following is information about services.

- Maundy Thursday, April 18th, 7pm. Holy Communion will be served and Footwashing will take place. This Holy Week service witnesses what Jesus did for his disciples and encourages all to practice these caring actions in our lives.
- Good Friday, Thursday, April 19th starting at 6:30pm encompasses The Stations of the cross; seven dynamic preachers emphasizing the seven last words of Christ while on the cross and a Baptism service.
- Easter Sunday, April 21st starts with the Sunrise Service at 6am and two additional worship services at 9:30am and 12 noon.

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**Kerry Dyke Art Exhibit, Rutgers University Art Gallery, New Brunswick** \*Photos by Noelle Zaleski Jimenez



PERTH AMBOY/NEW BRUNSWICK - Perth Amboy's Kerry Dyke exhibits twenty-two original paintings collectively entitled "Here" at the Mason Gross Art Gallery, Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ. Kerry's artwork was well received.

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WOODBIDGE - Saturday, April 20, 2019 1 p.m.-3p.m. Colonia Middle School \$ 5.00 Donation Per Child Adults free join us for an afternoon of family fun. Activities Begin At 1 p.m., Easter Bonnet Parade Begins At 2:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, most creative and best-looking bonnet or hat. • Games • Prizes • Music •Easter Egg Hunt •Vendors •Face Painting •Freddie The Talking Fire Truck, Sparkee, The Somerset Patriot Mascot, The Easter Bunny and Much More! Tricky Tray for parents!! Looking for Local businesses to set up a table for the children to do crafts or a game. At the table you are welcome to promote your business. We are also in need of baskets to raffle off for our tricky tray. All proceeds will go to a local family in need. For more information please call Debbie Meehan @ 732-382-0273



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SPRING 2019



# NEWS FROM THE HISTORIC CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

Dear Friends,  
Happy Spring!!!

This season we have a full listing of programs and events, from the Hair Spray play, to our annual Waterfront Arts Festival, to our Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony and more!



There are sports, art classes, teen center programs and so much more available not just for our youth, but for adults as well! The Office on Aging also has many surprises and activities for our beloved seniors—be sure to sign-up—see listing on page 4.

Below we have featured our Top 10 Highlights for the 2019 State of the City address.

We're excited for what this season has in store for the City of Perth Amboy. You can stay updated with everything taking place in the City through our various social media outlets. I wish everyone a fun and healthy spring season, God Bless!!!

Sincerely,  
*Mayor Wilda Diaz*



## 2019 STATE OF THE CITY TOP 10 HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. NEW BUSINESSES

In the last 18 months over 16 small businesses have opened their doors in the downtown district. We also welcomed two new corporations to Perth Amboy, TheRealReal and Gourmet Nut.

### 2. PUBLIC SAFETY DEVELOPMENTS

The Police Department received their official accreditation status by the NJSACP and New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission and the Fire Department launched the first dive team in the city's history and it is fully operational this year.



### 3. FOCUS 2020 PLAN

The updates within the plan allow for new avenues of attracting private partners, to revitalize the City's underutilized spaces. Focus 2020 entails the zoning changes that create opportunities for both residential and commercial use where otherwise were not permitted in the redevelopment areas.

### 4. PARK PROGRESS

We've made improvements by investing over a half a million dollars. With upgrades 7 public parks, including the newly installed basketball courts in Dalton Park and the additional tennis courts on Sadowksi Parkway that were recently completed and will officially open

this Spring! We also broke ground on the new County Park project located on High Street. By 2021, we hope the see the 10-acre park complete with sports fields and amenities along the waterfront.



### 5. DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENTS

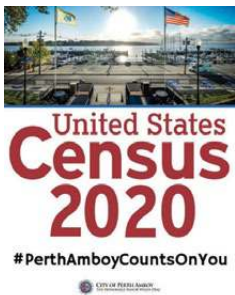
We established the City's permanent first police substation on Madison Avenue in partnership with The Cathedral International and the Perth Amboy Parking Utility has made capital investments to upgrade single meters for smart pay stations, all for the convenience of commuters.

### 6. INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Our capital improvement program has funded much needed road paving and bridge reconstruction, safety and sanitation equipment and facility upgrades. This year alone we will invest over 1 million dollars in road repaving to continue enhancing our city streets.

### 7. CENSUS 2020 #PERTHAMBOYCOUNTSONYOU

Launched the Census 2020 Kick-Off on April 1st and earlier this year, we held the first Complete Count Committee meeting, comprised of community leaders, clergy, business community, non-profit groups and the schools to get an accurate count for greater community funding.



### 8. FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

We have established enrichment programs like "Girls on the Run," and "Unique You" that help students recognize their worth and value. These are essential to strengthen our community's youth. We also officially launched "Success Bound" with the Middlesex County College to administer a learning and employment program through a summer initiative for civic engagement and college readiness.



### 9. NURTURING ARTS & CULTURE

We are placing efforts towards executing a city-wide Art Plan to beautify and share the gifts and talents of our community. The BID approved a \$15K grant for outdoor cultural exhibits, streets performances and mural painting.

### 10. DECREASED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The unemployment rate now stands at 5.4%, the lowest it's been in more than 20 years. City redevelopment has contributed to hiring local residents and creating hundreds of future job opportunities.



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Seeking Memorial Day  
Parade Participants,  
Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

The City of Perth Amboy invites all our Active Duty Military Personnel, Reservists and Veterans to participate in this year's parade. If interested in participating, please contact Samantha Miranda at the Perth Amboy Recreation Office at 732-826-1690 ext. 4305.

CENSUS  
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**MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019**

**PARADE**  
10:00 a.m.  
Corner of Smith Street & Wilson Street

**CEREMONY**  
11:00 a.m.  
Veterans' War Memorial  
Sadowski Parkway

**REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW**

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY  
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

**OFFICE OF RECREATION  
ANNUAL EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH  
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AGE GROUPS TIME SLOTS:

- \* INFANTS - 3 YEARS OLD @ 11:30 AM
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CITY OF PERTH AMBOY THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

**TEEN CENTER**

**BRIGHTON AVE TEEN CENTER  
56 Brighton Ave**

The Teen Center calendar is available on the Perth Amboy Recreation Facebook and Instagram (@Reclader) page. **Questions???** Call Isamar Payano, Municipal Alliance Coordinator at 732-826-1690 ext. 4359. Register at [parecreation.recdesk.com](http://parecreation.recdesk.com)

**SPRING BREAK — PREVENTION WEEK**  
**Monday, APRIL 22nd to Thursday, APRIL 25th**  
Teen Center will be open for Spring Break!  
Refreshments will be included  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

**Monday – Wednesday  
10:30am to 2pm**  
We will have a Jeopardy Series covering important topics such as social decision making, underage drinking, tobacco and other drugs.

**Thursday, 9:30am to 2pm**  
Lindsey Meyer's Teen Institute will host a workshop.

**TUTORING**  
**Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays  
4pm to 7pm**  
Must call and set an appointment

**DANCE CLUB**  
**BEGINS: APRIL, 9TH**  
**Tuesdays, 5:30pm to 7pm**  
A club that explores different areas of dance. Teens will develop a dance routine to showcase.

**FOR PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND EDUCATORS**  
**HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT**  
Wednesday, May 1st, 5:30pm to 8pm  
Alexander F. Jankowski Community  
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**DIY NIGHT**  
**Tuesday, May 14th & 21st, 5pm – 7pm**  
Teens will be able to work on arts and crafts, paint, and more!

**YOUTH ALLIANCE (YA) MEETING**  
**Wednesdays, May 8th & 22nd  
5:30pm – 7:30pm**

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY EVENT**  
**Monday, May 6th, 5pm -7pm**  
In Partnership with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, Family Support Organization (FSO) of Middlesex County, Coordinated Family Care and Mobile Family Success Center of Middlesex County. This year's theme for the event is suicide prevention.  
**Register at [parecreation.recdesk.com](http://parecreation.recdesk.com)**

**COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKSHOP**  
**Tues, May 7th & June 4th, 5pm -7pm**  
Teens will learn how to create their own garden at home, healthy foods and how to maintain their own community garden.



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Starting: April 22nd  
Ages: 13 & Older  
Mondays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
FREE OF CHARGE

CERAMICS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Starting: May 1st  
Ages: 15 & up  
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
FREE OF CHARGE

ANIME & MANGA DRAWING

Starting: April 25th  
Ages: 11 & Older  
Thursdays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
FREE OF CHARGE

MUSIC PROGRAMS

INTRO TO PERCUSSION

Starting: April 22nd  
Ages: 7 – 10  
Mondays, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
FREE OF CHARGE

DRUMMING

Starting: April 22nd  
Ages: 11 – 15  
Mondays, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
FREE OF CHARGE

BEGINNER GUITAR

Starting: April 24th  
Ages: 9 – 11  
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
FREE OF CHARGE

INTERMEDIATE GUITAR

Starting: April 24th  
Ages: 12 – 15  
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
FREE OF CHARGE

ADVANCED GUITAR FOR ADULTS

Starting: April 25th  
Ages: 18 & Older  
Thursdays, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
FREE OF CHARGE

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

KARATE

Starting: April 30th  
Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (Ages 5 – 9)  
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm (Ages 10 & older)  
Robert N. Wilentz School  
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Starting: April 23rd  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Ages: 8 & older  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Youth Complex (Behind Wendy's)  
FREE OF CHARGE  
Register at [parecreation.recdesk.com](http://parecreation.recdesk.com)

CHILDREN'S TENNIS

Starting: April 22nd  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
Ages: 7 – 9  
6:00 pm— 8:00 pm  
Waterfront Tennis Courts  
56 Brighton Avenue  
\$15 per participant, MONEY ORDER ONLY  
Register at [parecreation.recdesk.com](http://parecreation.recdesk.com)  
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Starting: April 23rd  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Ages: 10 - 12  
6:00 pm—8:00 pm  
Waterfront Tennis Courts  
56 Brighton Avenue  
\$15 per participant, MONEY ORDER ONLY  
Register at [parecreation.recdesk.com](http://parecreation.recdesk.com)  
Non-resident fee applies (25 % upcharge)  
T-Shirt included

Starting: April 23rd  
Tuesdays  
Ages: 3 & 4  
6:00 pm —7:00 pm  
FREE OF CHARGE  
Register at [parecreation.recdesk.com](http://parecreation.recdesk.com)

Starting: April 25th  
Thursdays  
Ages: 5 & 6  
6:00 pm —7:00 pm  
FREE OF CHARGE  
Register at [parecreation.recdesk.com](http://parecreation.recdesk.com)

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Starts: April 15th  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
Ages: 18 & older  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Robert N. Wilentz School  
51 First Street  
FREE OF CHARGE  
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Starts: July 1st  
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RED RAIDERS YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION DATES

Ages: 8 – 14 (Boys & Girls)  
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REGISTRATION DATES

Veteran's Memorial Youth Complex  
(Behind Wendy's)

Tuesday	April 23rd	6:30pm-7:30pm
Thursday	April 25th	6:30pm-7:30pm
Tuesday	April 30th	6:30pm-7:30pm
Thursday	May 2nd	6:30pm-7:30pm
Tuesday	May 7th	6:30pm-7:30pm
Thursday	May 9th	6:30pm-7:30pm
Tuesday	May 14th	6:30pm-7:30pm
Thursday	May 16th	6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Family Day (Sadowski Pkwy)  
Saturday, August 3, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Non-refundable Registration Fee:  
\$100 per participant (Cash or Money order ONLY)

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# Raritan Bay Area YMCA Wants to Awaken Summer Imagination at Annual Healthy Kids Day® Event Encourages Kids to Stay Active and Keep Learning All Summer Long

Press Release 3/15/19  
PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, April 27, the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA is holding a free community event to inspire more kids to keep their minds and bodies active at the annual YMCA's Healthy Kids Day®, the Y's national initiative to improve health and well-being for kids and families. Healthy Kids Day is an opportunity to ignite children's imaginations so they can imagine what they'll accomplish this summer. The event features activities such as games, sports, program demos, arts & craft, giveaways and participation from other community organizations to motivate and teach families how to develop and maintain healthy routines at home throughout the summer months.

Healthy Kids Day, celebrated at over 1,500 Ys across the country by over one million participants, work to get more kids moving and learning, creating habits they continue all summer long. When kids are out of school, they can face hurdles that prevent them from reaching their full potential. Research shows without access to out-of-school learning activities, kids fall behind academically. Kids also gain weight twice as fast during summer than the school year. As spring turns to summer, Healthy Kids Day is a powerful reminder not to let children idle away their summer days. Instead, the Y wants families to focus on helping children imagine what they can accomplish over the summer.

"When a child is healthy, happy, and supported they can make great things happen," says Steve Jobin, President & CEO, RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA. "We believe in the potential of all children, and we strive to help kids find that potential within themselves. A child's development is never on vacation and Healthy Kids Day is a great opportunity to educate families and motivate kids to stay active in spirit, mind and body throughout the summer," said Steve Jobin, President & CEO, RARITAN BAY AREA

## YMCA Keeping Kids Healthy All Summer Long

In celebration of YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, the Y offers the following tips to help families develop healthy habits this summer that can have a lifetime effect:

- **High Five the Fruits and Veggies** – Make sure kids get at least five servings of fruits and veggies each day, the minimum number nutritionists recommend for healthy childhood development. And to keep kids' taste buds evolving, have everyone in the family try at least one bite of a new fruit or vegetable at least once a month.
- **Read Together** – The summer is a great time to enjoy books with summer program participants—and 30-minutes a day goes a long way! Take trips to the local library or create a family reading challenge to see who can log the most minutes of reading. Encourage youth to create their own stories as well.
- **Get Moving!** – Activities that require movement also help kids flex their mental muscle. Use materials in unique ways: ask youth to build models, manipulate tools or develop their own theatrical scenes.
- **Play Together** – Play may be the best way to prevent childhood obesity. By putting more play into your family's day, you will soon find yourself getting the activity that will have your family feeling energized and strong.

- **Make sleep a priority** – Doctors recommend 10-12 hours of sleep a day for children ages 5-12 and 7-8 hours per night for adults. Sleep plays a critical role in maintaining our healthy immune system, metabolism, mood, memory, and learning.

The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA's Healthy Kids Day takes place at 357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy NJ 08861 from 11am-2pm and features fun, active play and educational activities.


For more information or to become part of this day, contact Brenda Guilles, at 732.442.3632 or bguilles@rbaymca.org.

### Creative Art Contest for Sayreville Students

SAYREVILLE – There will be a Creative Art Contest for Sayreville Students on May 3, 2019 Hosted by the Sayreville Shade Tree Commission held at: Sayreville Senior Center from 6 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

We are looking for students of all ages (including adults) to express what a tree means and represents to them. Whether a favorite tree, a memory involving a tree, the beauty of a tree, whatever the passion we want you to show us through art. We hope that this challenge inspires our youth to get involved and show just how amazing Sayreville really is.

Categories: Elementary (Grades K-5); Middle School (Grades 6-8); High School (Grades 9-12); Three Dimensional; Adult Only (18 and over); Group Project. Prizes will be awarded in each category at the event. Please notify the Shade Tree Commission by April 22nd. If you will participate or you need additional information at: Phone: 732-814-9964; Email: heather.sayrevilleshadetree@gmail.com; Facebook: @sayrevilleshadetree



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# Round 2: Who is Responsible for Raising Taxes?

## 4/10/19 Council Meeting

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Resident Alan Silber came up to speak next. “I remember last year when you were doing this. Someone got a \$15,000 raise in one year (in the courts). You are elected officials. You’re doing this blind. People who are not elected are hiding things from you. If you can’t negotiate a contract, there’s something wrong.”

Greg Fehrenbach stated, “The only salaries set for the 2019 year are the dispatchers. All other salaries are under a collective bargaining agreement. For 50 non-union employees there is a salary ordinance. We have not provided the Council with 2019 salaries. We have provided in 2018, and what have been made that year. I have provided the Council with an estimate of what their salaries will be. There are several different ways (the salaries are determined). All are identified such as Clerk I. In non-union, 18 out of 80 negotiations by union authorities. The ordinance expired in 2017. The ordinance was adopted by the Council and signed by you as Council President don’t have the year. The 2.25% increase on the 2017 salary. During 2018, there were longevity. The negotiations are under different rule and the 2017 salary multiple of 2.25% or 2.5% are based on the prior year.

Petrick asked, “Is there a horizontal move between directors?”

Fehrenbach answered, “They have to move into a salary range that pertains to a director position.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up next to speak on the 2019 Budget. “In terms of going 20% - you don’t have 20%. The max should be 10%. The salary guide in the Budget – this Budget has an in-depth study of the salary guide. You (the Council) can do whatever you want with a salary guide. Why should one person move to another? We prefer to give to the Police Department, Fire Department, and Department of Public Works. As far as the Collective Bargaining Agreement, it’s irresponsible, especially in some actions, you could hire before the order expires. Group insurance is not necessary.”

Greg Fehrenbach then stated, “Ms. Hubberman is correct. The City is on a self-insured plan. We can hire an agent to go over that. The City had partnered with an advisor for the past three years - Benecard Insurance Administrator. We believe one of the errors made with prior consultants we periodically include a clause. What we have witnessed are significant increase in high utilization. Employees who have used benefits over \$25,000. We have to reduce these issues set by the prior consulting broker. The salary guide has some interpretation - some employee’s longevity, other’s certification. Some other responsibilities receive additional certification or education. For example, the City receives

money from FEMA each year to receive emergency management. 7 out of 8 contracts the City had expired on 12/31/18. The City has tried to be aggressive with negotiations. Billing from Cigna – Benecard arranged, we have to keep as low as possible. The bill comes in and the bill is processed. It then is submitted to the State, and the City has to pay that bill.”

Resident Dorothy Carty-Daniel came up next. “Does anyone know the process to approve the Budget from the time to approve it? I’ve been on Housing Authority and the Board of Education. I’ve dealt with budgets. You find out what you need, and it goes back. I’m concerned with people who save our lives. Our police and fire personnel help little ladies going across the streets. They rescue people out of homes. They’re not held on a level I feel they should be. I talk to police outside of town. Everyone I talk to state their police salary is more. I’ve just came back from D.C. meeting with Pallone and Menendez. We should be ashamed to know our first responders are the lowest paid in the County. As you drive your car, I’d like to ask our won to be paid. Thank you.” Daniel continued, “What’s happening here is wrong for so many reasons. They don’t meet up. That makes me feel sad. Pay my guys.”

Council President Petrick answered, “Have you explained all of this to Mayor Diaz?”

Daniel answered, “Yes.”

Greg Fehrenbach then added, “The City begins its Budget around September or October. In the middle of December, the departments must put it together. The Mayor is required to deliver to the Council a budget by the end of February. There were internal meetings with some of the Council taking place. The Budget is not made until around March 20. Adoption is not later than the end of April. This gives the Council the opportunity to amend the Budget by the end of August.”

Union Representative Daniel Gonzalez came up to speak. He stated the Union is aware of the problem with the Police Department. He stated young police officers are not knowing their future. “They go to the academy and after two years, they’re out. We have officers working two part-time jobs. It’s becoming a safety issue of Perth Amboy. Police officers are leaving by the numbers. We’re used as a stepping stone. You have to make decisions. For approximately 52,000 residents, there are 431 residents per police officer. The guide is 314 per 1000 residents. There are budget cuts – that’s the reality. The police got body cameras. Things are getting worse. We have to keep ourselves safe to keep our residents safe. We have Active Shooter training. Everything is done out of the County.”

Petrick then added, “We’re paying to train and then they leave.”

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez came up. “What

are we doing in this Administration? We are subsidizing \$25,000 to the YMCA for that monstrosity of a building. We gave 4 blocks of land which is still sitting there (the old police, fire, and first aid squad on High Street). That land has to be sold. Many spots in this town are owned by the City. You are coming to the City of Perth Amboy and not spending the money with out investing any time. I’ve discussed how much money is one little piece of land on Hall Avenue. On Pearl Place, which is owned by the City, I called and told them to please cut the grass. It’s horrific - the police station sitting there. You have to sell it – not wait for Kushner. If we sold that land, we would not be where we are now. We can’t put anymore burden on the taxpayers. You need to maintain your commitment to the City of Perth Amboy. Anyone who has been in power in the City as long as the Mayor has should know that.”

Greg Fehrenbach explained some of these issues, “The money from the PILOT is being used by the City. Mr. Balut and Mr. Gonzalez brought out the YMCA. I had agreed with the need for the YMCA to proceed on that to be resolved with the City Council it’s an ongoing issue. They are not even paying to offset their utility costs. This was an agreement by former Mayor Vas. They need to sit down with the YMCA Board for an agreement.”

Law Director Peter King stated they will litigate with the YMCA.

Brian Furry, Union Representative for the PBA Local #13 came up to speak. “Make sure you can attract and retain police officers in Perth Amboy. The proposal you are talking, you are not going to do that. It’s 2019 – not 2017 or 2018. Things are different. In Trenton, the balance of power is where it needs to be.”

Former Council President Lisa Nanton came up to speak next. “Mr. Blunda (former Law Director) had negotiated a deal with the YMCA that we all could agree on. He was fired before a fair resolution was found. He was fired by the Mayor to hire her friend.”

Nanton continued, “There are 49 households who left Perth Amboy. On Monday, the number is 52 left. Every civilization collapsed because of the dissolving of the middle class. If you keep raising taxes, the middle class will no longer be here. No one will be here to pay the taxes. There’s room to negotiate. If you (the Council) pass this Budget, it becomes your budget. There’s still room to cut. Cut luxury fluff in that Budget. Don’t pay for mismanagement.”

Resident Vince Mackeil spoke next. “There seems to be a loss of FIOS/Comcast. Their contract with the City looks like \$20,000. The Parking Utility had excess of \$150,000. There are a lot of spaces that are not metered. You have to increase capital pay.”

Greg Fehrenbach answered, “FIOS/Comcast bases the number of people and businesses on their monthly bill. People using those services are dwindling off. This is nationwide, not just here. The community service agreement is coming up with Hackensack Meridian.”

Mackeil stated, “Increase the taxes of Buckeye. The way they are using the City – and how can they only pay \$150,000.”

Resident Joshue Nunez came up next. “Considering so many people in the City – I’m 17 and I hear a lot about the YMCA. I don’t know much about the agreement between the Y and the City. I know every single day when I go to work, I see kids lined up to go into the Y. I go to the Y to play basketball in the evening. A lot of kids do. I don’t know why the YMCA is receiving so much flack. Keep us in mind.”

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke, “Last year at this time it was similar. Less than 10 people attended that meeting. We do have one of the highest paid taxes in the County. We get a lot of heat for questioning certain items - the Administration and the Council. I don’t see myself raising taxes. I do not see anyone from the Police Department, Fire Department or the Department of Public Works being layed off. The Mayor knew this was coming this year. What should have been done before – the Mayor should have let go certain people. For example Bryan Walensky. He had a made up title. I ran with the Mayor and he was my campaign manager. Ethically, it’s the wrong thing to do. The Mayor denied it on Monday. It’s one example of many why we’re in this predicament. I’m against 5% like she wants to use surplus money. Cuts were done in every office but the Mayor’s office.”

Fehrenbach corrected Caba, “There was approximately a 50% reduction in that department (the Mayor’s Office). There was a vehicle and part of it was originally assigned to the tax assessor. Now, it’s utilized by anyone in City Hall. It’s a pooled vehicle not assigned to anyone in public office.”

Caba continued, “Last time there were essentially two Mayor’s Aides. After the Mayor lost the election last November because her three candidates lost, and she promised he (Walensky) would have a job.”

Fehrenbach corrected Caba again, “Your speculation is incorrect.”

Petrick then added, “He (Walensky) was roaming the halls of City Hall for 8 months. He shared the desk with the Law Director. When I questioned him, he was working on the new website.”

Fehrenbach then stated, “The public should know there are 2 parts of the government we are dealing with: the administrative/executive and the legislative/council. In my opinion, these are two bodies. Civil Service will not have to do this. When you all agree, it never long-term - at some part where

we find commonality.”

Petrick then added, “We’re going to the old days of Joe Vas when we didn’t dare raise the taxes like in 2020 in an election year.”

Fehrenbach then answered, “I didn’t say that. You will have no choice but to have taxes raised in 2020.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada spoke up, “I know now how the Council is presented with the material in the Budget. We were not given an opportunity to discuss this in the proper way. I feel for everybody. Not taking care of the Budget is not being responsible. I know I was present for the meeting when we reduced the tax increase from 5.3% to 2.5%. The community is not even able to handle 2.5%. I’m not sure what we are going to do or where to balance.”

Councilman Caba then said, “We cannot raise the taxes. People can’t afford it.”

Tejada said, “We spend time on training people, then they leave to go somewhere with better pay.”

Councilman Joel Pabon then stated, “We’re going back a number of meetings and 4 out of 5 of us said take it back – no police – no 19 layoffs. I’d love for us to take care of you. At this point, I don’t see any layoffs. If we went to 2.5%. We have control to change some of things we can do here. The Budget starts the day the old one is paid. We are where we’re at now. I was part of that group to bring it down to 2.5%.”

Council President Petrick said, “I agree with Mr. Pabon and also Mr. Caba and Ms. Tejada. I see dead weight, people who don’t mean a lot, and a lot of money being spent on people these people who are weighing us down. It’s the Mayor who needs to change it. I see dead weight in the Budget.”

Councilman Helmin Caba said, “If we use the surplus money, can the tax increase be reduced to 1%?”

Petrick then added, “On and on, she (Diaz) has employed people who have no business being here.”

Fehrenbach said, “There’s some percentage issues. \$600,000 for the Police Department; \$400,000 for the Fire Department. In terms regarding the surplus. If it went down 1%, it would be approximately \$750,000 or at 1.5% approximately \$1,000,000. The surplus at the end of 2018 is \$5,200,000. If you use the surplus, you are not going to have appropriations in reserve left (in case of an emergency). In two years, you will run out of surplus. My advice. You don’t want to use this. You make the bed you lie in.” Fehrenbach then answered what would happen in case of an emergency, “The effect of the emergency appropriations is double the amount. It depends on what kind of emergency. The borrowing is from the following year.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry

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said, “I’m looking at the salary of people in the administration. I don’t think it’s appropriate to refer to people as dead weight. Some people are doing a fantastic job.”

Bill Petrick then added, “Some people don’t deserve the money they get. Wilda Diaz is calling the shots. They advise and counsel to her.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda then stated, ‘What will happen with layoffs? We have to use the land we have (to reduce taxes an develop).’

Fehrenbach said, “We along with the auditors have drawn up with corrections provided he (the auditor) will be able to formulate a budget amendment we recommend. We need to know what the Council’s position is.”

Council President Petrick asked that someone make a motion to table the budget to send it back to the Administration so they could make further cuts to bring it down to a 1% tax increase. This is to be done by making cuts on in the Administration cost in the budget. After further cutting the budget, if it is not down to 1%, then the surplus money may have to be used. The Council will not accept a greater tax increase than 1%.

Joel Pabon and Fernando Irizarry voted “no” while Milady Tejeda, Helmin Caba, and Bill Petrick voted “yes.” Motion passes.

A representative from King

High Garage came up to speak about Ordinance No. 2 – An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled “wreckers” (Ordinance No. 621-92 as amended ) adopted August 4, 1992, also known as Chapter 425 et seq of the code of the City of Perth Amboy.

“You don’t have an ordinance. These charges have to be itemized for consumer affairs.

Scott Flowers came up. “You can’t choose prices.”

Council President Petrick explained that the Council relies on experts.

Flowers then said, “The rates haven’t been increased since 1992. I’m the one they call. Your ordinance is \$50 below the average tow. It’s illegal. Don’t force my hand. I’m here to help.”

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez came up to the podium, “Mr. King (Law Director) has got to get this done. They are a lot of work we did. Table it and let’s meet. I’ll be willing to meet with one of you again. Mr. King is insisting we pass it. What changes can we make if we come back to make a change.”

Petrick then said, “If we table this, we don’t have a tower’s list. We use the old one.”

Deputy Chief Larry Cattano came up to answer questions, “This was discussed as we have with numbers. A lot of changes were not authorized in this meeting.”

Councilman Pabon said, “The process is way too much for our local residents. Everybody says

it’s okay.”

Petrick then added, “We’re a poor community. If they don’t want to tow for the price schedule, then don’t tow here.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up next. “I just pulled the ordinance for Old Bridge. We accommodate and utilize. We owe it to the community and taxpayers.”

Resident Dorothy Daniel came up next, “Make sure in the statute states who will do the towing on weekends. Often, they won’t answer the phone on weekends. A woman (I knew) couldn’t get hold (of the tower) during a weekend. Make sure they work on Sunday.”

A man came up to the podium stating, “I do believe we are having to get to some of the numbers. Fees were removed. You have town rates. You should pass an ordinance and we should get a raise. We’ve been working since 1992 without a raise.”

During the public portion, former Councilman Ken Balut came up to speak, “If it was up to me, I would take the key to the YMCA and run it myself. City Employees have been working on her campaign. This is what Joe (Vas) did. It’s disgusting what goes on. She’s giving jobs to everything she felt like. Party aides get more money than police officers. Where is she (Diaz)? Why did she support Kushner? Did you know the YMCA donated money to her campaign?”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up next, “The website has

not been updated. My question has not been answered. What legal recourse of a LLC comes to approximately \$2.2 million? Wilda Diaz went down – it’s everything to do with Mr. Kushner for parking for his 600-unit building. He’s short on 100 parking spaces. That 4 acres is for parking. What’s the free market dollar of the property? The property was at \$6 million. The PILOT for Target. You now have \$2 million.”

Law Director Peter King answered, “That has been answered numerous times. When you take a proxy for taxes, you can’t anymore.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up. “The Budget – we all want to hold the line on the Budget. There’s a lot of areas that can be cut. \$3 million to \$4.5 million of surplus. Once you dip into the surplus, you put yourself in a certain state. It is always important to have a surplus.”

Resident Alan Silber came up next, “There’s no reason to put down 2019 salary. You want 2018 salary to see what people are making. I’m not great with getting out of the surplus. You can’t fall into a trap. Our taxes are huge. We’re not paying the schools. Look at people hired in City Hall. You don’t know how many people are being hired. It’s an amazing thing, especially when you have an absentee Mayor. She went to Puerto Rico and made a speech in San Juan.”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr stated, “She is a full-

time employee and has vacation time.”

Bill Petrick stated, “She went on two trips to Puerto Rico.”

A tower from King High Garage came up to speak. “The reason we need language in it (Ordinance No. 2) is so we can’t get sued. It is why we have to itemize. I want to handle this and do the right thing.”

Council Comments:

Helmin Caba went first. “I understand we have to make different decisions. One of many concerns are property taxes are going to be very difficult to do. Taxes go up – rent goes up. In Perth Amboy, rent is very high. That is what we have here – illegal housing. She (Diaz) created this mess. It’s up to her to clean it up. Use surplus money to do what’s necessary for this City. We try to question the Administration - we’re the bad guys. I do anticipate the Mayor’s vetoing our vote. Now it pressures Wilda Diaz. She has the last word after all our ordinances. The website should have been done years ago.”

Fernando Irizarry had no comments.

Joel Pabon said, “I know what I said. I need to be responsible. I stand by that.”

Milady Tejeda said, “I’m happy about the options that we gave the Administration. It’s her responsibility to make that difficult decision.”

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m. All Council Members were present.

## Infrastructure Improvements, Parking Spaces & Emergency Communications System Among Topics Discussed

### 4/3/19 Business Meeting

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ery which has the ability to fix the potholes with hot asphalt.

Councilman Thomas Reilly asked if the City had reached an agreement regarding Broadway this summer. “There’s no contact with regards to the next Business Association Meeting. Who schedules the car shows every other Friday?”

It was answered that the Fire Department schedules the car shows.

B.A. Skarzynski added, “We’re within a couple of weeks of getting something done.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked if the Council could have a tent for the many local events.

Council President Mickey Gross stated he had already ordered a 10’x10’ portable tent with the City logo on it which will be easy for the DPW to set up for events.

Councilman Thomas Reilly stated the garage on First Street is an absolute mess. “The guy who lives behind him has stuff blowing in his yard. It’s getting worse.”

The Council was happy that Opening Day of little league baseball and softball is on April

13, 2019. Councilman Reilly wanted to know if some of the ball fields could be redone. It was noted that some of the fields are City owned and should be maintained by the City.”

Skarzynski stated, “We need to train our personnel in recreational field maintenance. If we invest that kind of money in improvement, we should maintain the fields.”

Reilly then stated there will be no Memorial Day Parade this year. Council President Mickey Gross adamantly stated that rumors were going around that the City cancelled the parade. “That is not true. The Veterans decided not to have a parade. The Parade Committee and City volunteered to run the parade, but the Veterans said no.”

Mayor Henry added, “It wasn’t the City – it was the Veterans.” Henry went on to say that the Veterans felt there was not enough people watching the parades. “They still are going to the cemeteries (and having a brief ceremony).”

Councilwoman Dato added, “The services were incredible (at the cemeteries).”

Mayor Henry stated, “There are only a couple of cemeteries in South Amboy. They do a great job. It’s a shame that people don’t come out to support

them.”

Dato stated the Veterans will still be honored with their pictures in the windows.

Councilman Reilly stated that he and Council Vice President Christine Noble visited the First Aid and it opened their eyes. “The challenges they’re having, what they’re up against. We listened to their concerns.” Reilly stated their main problem is they need more membership.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz stated that Stevens Avenue will be paved and milled the week of the 22nd. Some roads

in the southern part of town have been milled and paved.

Council President Mickey Gross stated that Mark Herdman spoke at the National Association of County and City Health Officials last Wednesday in St. Louis, Missouri last week (March 27, 2019). He also stated the Fireworks will be held on July 3, 2019. “Festivities start at 4 p.m. The YMCA is involved. We’ll have face painting, clowns, street performers and more. We are going to reach out to every organization in town looking for their participa-

tion and support. The fireworks will begin at 9:20 p.m. It will be joined with Perth Amboy.”

Mayor Fred Henry thanked Tom (Reilly) for Government Week for dedicating his time. He also thanked Mark Rasimowicz for obtaining the \$607,000 grant. “It is a very competitive grant and he got it! It’s a big boom for South Amboy. Our infrastructure is very important, and it allows us to do things.”

All Council Members were present. The next Regular South Amboy Council Meeting is on Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

**Free Tree Seedlings 2019**

SAYREVILLE - Earth Day / Arbor Day Celebration and Park Cleanup. Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. - 12 noon (Rain Date May 4<sup>th</sup>) at Kennedy Park. Tree Seedlings donated by: New Jersey Tree Recovery Program. Hosted by: Sayreville Shade Tree Commission. Seedlings limited to 5 per person while supplies last. For more information contact Joyce Major at joyce.sayrevilleshadetree@gmail.com

**Clothing Drive**

SOUTH AMBOY – The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring a used clothing drive on Saturday, April 27 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 28 from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items needed are gently used clothing, winter coats, shoes, belts, purses, linens, bicycles, and toys. Please bring your donations to Memorial Hall, across from Sacred Heart Church, 529 Washington Ave. For more information, please call Virginia at 732-721-1521.

**Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts**

PERTH AMBOY - The Center for Bariatric Surgery at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding a free seminar “Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts” Thursday, April 25, 6:00 p.m., in Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy. Center for Bariatric Surgery Medical Director Karl Strom, M.D., will discuss the benefits of weight loss surgery. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.



## 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.

Japanese forces on April 7, 1944, encircle British XXXIII Corps troops near Jotsoma, India. They also block the main road from there to Kohima, five-and-a-half miles to the east, where some 3,500 British Indian troops are trapped and engaged in bitter fighting. In Hungary, large-scale evacuations of civilians from Budapest begin as a result of recent Allied air raids.

On April 8, the Red Army reaches the Slovakian border. It also continues its advance into Romania. A Soviet offensive to destroy the German 17th Army in Crimea begins.

The last units of the 1st Panzer Army regain the German lines on April 9 after a 150-mile forced march. The Red Army breaks through German lines at Kerch in the eastern Crimea.

The RAF drops a record 3,600 tons of bombs over northern France, Belgium and Germany on April 10. Farther east, the Soviets enter Odessa, on the Black Sea, as German forces withdraw from the city. At Harvard University, organic chemists R.B. Woodward and W.E. Doering produce the first chemically synthesized quinine. Previously, the medicinal — used to treat malaria — could only be produced by extracting the material from the bark of remotely grown cinchona trees.

A raid by RAF deHavilland Mosquito bombers on April 11 hits *Gestapo* headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands; all records of the Nazis' Central Population Registry Office are destroyed, likely saving the lives of hundreds of members of the Dutch Resistance. President Roosevelt sends a letter of apology to the mayor of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, accidentally bombed by U.S. planes on April 1. The U.S. ultimately pays \$4 million dollars in reparations to the Swiss over the incident that killed 50 residents and injured 250 others.

Hitler on April 12 authorizes 230,000 German and Romanian troops in the Crimea to withdraw to the fortress of Sevastopol. However, this decision is four days too late and the delay results in many unnecessary losses. German forces, driven hard by the Red Army, begin evacuating the Crimean Peninsula. In Italy, King Victor Emmanuel announces his intention to step down once the Allies enter Rome and to appoint his son, Crown Prince Umberto, as "Lieutenant of the Realm."

On Papua-New Guinea, Australian troops on April 13 capture Bogadjim on the northern coast of the island. In Europe, American and British planes conduct numerous tactical attacks on German coastal batteries in Normandy, France. A federal judge in Honolulu rules that continued martial law in Hawaii is unnecessary and invalid.

In Ukraine, the city of Odessa, in the Crimea, is liberated by Soviet forces on April 14. In India, the British freighter *SS Fort Stikine*, carrying artillery shells, explosives, cotton bales, lubricating oil and gold bullion, catches fire and explodes while being unloaded at the Victoria Dock at Bombay. The blast wrecks 27 ships in the harbor, sinking some, and kills around 800 people and injures some 1,500 others.

The Soviet 1<sup>st</sup> Ukrainian Front captures Tarnopol, in western Ukraine on April 15. The German commander, Maj. Gen. Egon von Neindorff, is killed in the fighting and organized German resistance falls quickly apart. In the Pacific, the American aircraft carrier *USS Yorktown* launches aerial raids against the Japanese islands of Chichijima and Iwo Jima.

Yalta, in the Crimea, is captured by the Red Army on April 16. Soviet bombers strike Galați, Romania, a port city on the Danube River. South of Nantucket Island, German submarine *U-550*, after torpedoing the American tanker *SS Pan-Pennsylvania* (which was carrying 140,000 barrels of 80-octane aviation fuel), is depth-charged by the U.S. Coast Guard-manned destroyer escort *USS Joyce* and forced to surface. Thirteen of the U-boat's crew, including the captain, are captured, but the sub, with its seacocks having been opened, sinks before a party can board her.

On April 17, the Japanese launch a major offensive in central China, aimed at the southeastern portion of the country, where American bomber bases are located. In Europe, American B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator bombers strike Sofia, Bulgaria, and Belgrade, Yugoslavia. The British Royal Navy begins mining the approaches to the English Channel, as far north as Denmark, with the intention of preventing German interference with the planned Allied invasion of France. Over 7,000 mines will be laid.

The British Foreign Office on April 18 bans all coded messages from being transmitted by foreign embassies and says that diplomatic bags will be censored. Diplomats are forbidden from leaving the country. Only the fighting Allies are to be excluded from the restrictions, in hopes of keeping the plans for the impending D-Day invasion secret. In India, the first reinforcements for the British garrison surrounded at Kohima begin to arrive. In the Crimea, the Russians take Balaklava, near Sevastopol.

Indian and British troops begin pushing the Japanese back from Kohima, India, on April 19. On the Eastern Front, the Battle of Sevastopol continues, with Soviet ships bombarding the city. In Washington, D.C., the House of Representatives approves extending the Lend-Lease program. In Indonesia, the British conduct an air raid on Japanese-held Sabang, damaging port facilities and the airfield there. Neutral Sweden rejects demands by the Allies to halt sales of ball bearings to Germany.

Col. Gen. Hans-Valentin Hube, whose aggressiveness on the Eastern Front has made him one of Hitler's favorites, is killed on April 20 when his plane crashes on takeoff from Berchtesgaden. Hube was returning to his command after offering der Führer birthday greetings in person. Grief-stricken at losing such an outstanding commander, Hitler orders a state funeral for Hube in the Reich Chancellery in Berlin. The U.S. Liberty ship *SS PAUL HAMILTON* is attacked by German planes off Algiers. The vessel's cargo of high explosives detonates and she goes down in less than a minute with all aboard — 41 crew and 539 military passengers.

British bombers drop 4,500 tons of bombs on four railroad centers in France and Belgium on April 21, 1944. In Italy, Marshal Pietro Badoglio forms a coalition government. From Algeria, Charles de Gaulle, leader of the French provisional government, issues a decree giving French women the right to vote.

U.S. Navy planes on April 22 launch multiple attacks across Papua-New Guinea as the U.S. Army's 24th and 41st Infantry Divisions land at Hollandia and Aitape, in the northern part of the island, cutting off Japanese forces there. In China, Japanese forces capture the city of Chengchow, Henan Province, in the east-central part of the country. After five months of fighting, the Battle of Cape Gloucester, on New Britain Island, ends in an Allied victory.

On April 23 German Army Group North counterattacks the Red Army southwest of Narva, Estonia. In Egypt, a communist-inspired mutiny occurs aboard five Greek warships in port at Alexandria. The rebellion is put down by loyal Greek forces, with about 50 casualties.

British and Indian troops on April 24 are still trying to break the Japanese stranglehold on Kohima in India. The lines are only around 50 yards apart and fighting is fierce, sometimes hand-to-hand. Casualties are high on both sides. In Great Britain, the government bans all overseas travel. Some 400 French civilians die in an Allied air raid on Rouen.

The *Luftwaffe* on April 25 launches night-time raids on shipping in the British ports of Portsmouth and Plymouth-Devonport. U.S. troops secure Hollandia and Aitape, in Papua-New Guinea, inflicting 9,000 Japanese casualties, while suffering only 450 killed themselves. In Germany, with Allied control of the skies now virtually complete, Joseph Goebbels, Reich Minister of Propaganda, strongly objects to Adolf Hitler's plan to fly to Berlin for one of his rare visits — this time, to attend Col. Gen. Hube's funeral. Hitler insists on going anyway. It will be the last time the increasingly reclusive *Führer* will show himself at a large public gathering in the Third Reich.

Marshal Philippe Pétain, Chief of the (Vichy) French State, makes his first and only visit to Paris over the course of the war on April 26 to inspect Allied bomb damage. The crowds cheer him enthusiastically. At Kohima, India, British troops capture and fortify a building on a hill that overlooks the center of the Japanese lines, forcing the Japanese to pull back slightly to reorganize their defenses. RAF Hurricane fighter-bombers supply air support by bombing and strafing Japanese position.

As of April 27, vast preparations continue all over southern England for the upcoming invasion of France. At Slapton Sands, Devon, in southwest England, "Exercise Tiger" gets underway: Gen. Eisenhower has ordered live-fire rehearsal landings (including pre-landing shore bombardments by naval ships) to prepare soldiers for the sights, sounds and smells they will experience during the D-Day invasion of Normandy in June. Tragedy strikes when some of the LSTs scheduled to participate are late in arriving. U.S. Rear Adm. Don Moon, commanding the exercise, orders the offshore bombardment and the landings delayed for one hour. However, some of the LSTs that rendezvoused on time and are already there do not get word of the delay and begin landings at the originally appointed hour. The first wave lands its troops safely, but the second wave arrives at the beach simultaneously with the delayed naval bombardment. Rumors circulate through the fleet that as many as 450 U.S. soldiers and sailors died on or near the beach.

### Pet of the Week

Peachy is in need of a home of her own or a foster. She's a sweet girl, but doesn't trust people...most likely due to having to fend for herself on the streets of Perth Amboy when she was thrown out after her owner died. She is a stunning dilute calico. She tested positive for leukemia and must be the only cat in her new home. She is spayed, vaccinated for rabies and distemper, was dewormed, and



is fully vetted. Adoption application and donation fee apply. Text 1.732.486.6382 ADOPT.SPAY.NEUTER.LOVE. Allforthepaws.org email: Allforthepaws@gmail.com

### Have a Special Pet?

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.

### Bingo

PERTH AMBOY – There is now \$1000 Bingo at Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Pl., Perth Amboy on Mondays. Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Kitchen will be open. For more info, call 732-442-7799. License No: BL-1031; ID No: 387-1-29395



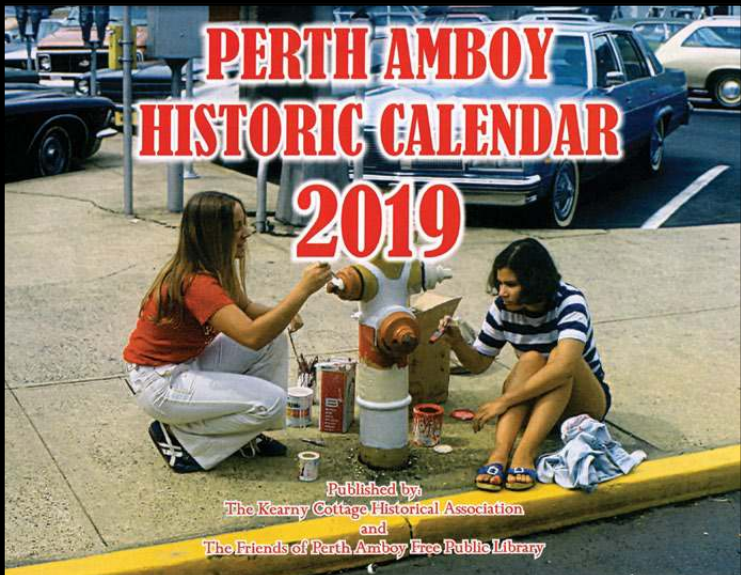
### Book Sale

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: Saturdays: April 27<sup>th</sup>, & May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be there from 1 p.m. - 3 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!!!!

## 2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are now available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079, Perth Amboy City Hall or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.



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. Joseph

Glorious St. Joseph, foster-father and protector of Jesus Christ! To you do I raise my heart and hands to implore your powerful intercession. Please obtain for me from the kind Heart of Jesus the help and graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I ask particularly for the grace of a happy death, and the special favor I now implore (name it). Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel animated with confidence that your prayers in my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.  
O glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name.  
Hear my prayers and obtain my petitions. **L.H.**

A Petition to St. Jude

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

Prayer to 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.*

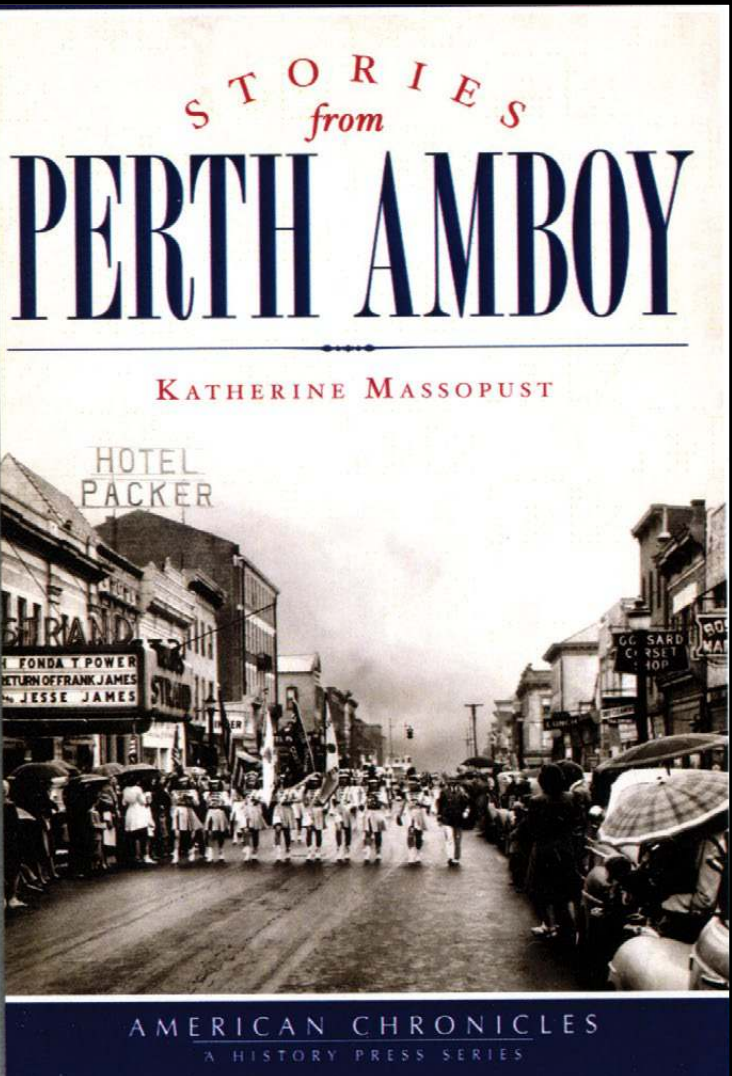
Book Signing  
Promises to Theresa

PERTH AMBOY – Perth Amboy author Marianne Komek will have a partial reading and discussion on her novel, “Promises to Theresa,” at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2 p.m.  
Theresa is 16 years old and an overachiever. She wants to get accepted into an Ivy League College and to be the outstanding editor of her high school newspaper. During vacation she is caught up in the enchantment of a summer romance. Her dreams of a happy future are shattered when the girl suffers from a devastating depression. Through the support of her family and friend, Theresa must learn how to recover.  
It’s a compassionate depiction of one young woman’s attempt to overcome a mental illness.  
The event is being sponsored by the Kearny Cottage in conjunction with the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Soft copies will be available for purchase which she will autograph. Light refreshments will be served.

Senior Scene  
Happenings

- Perth Amboy**  
TUES. Apr. 16 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. Apr. 17 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. Apr. 18 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
MON. Apr. 22 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES. Apr. 23 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. Apr. 24 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. Apr. 25 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m. Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
**South Amboy**  
MON. Apr. 22 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.  
WED. May 1 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
MON. May 6 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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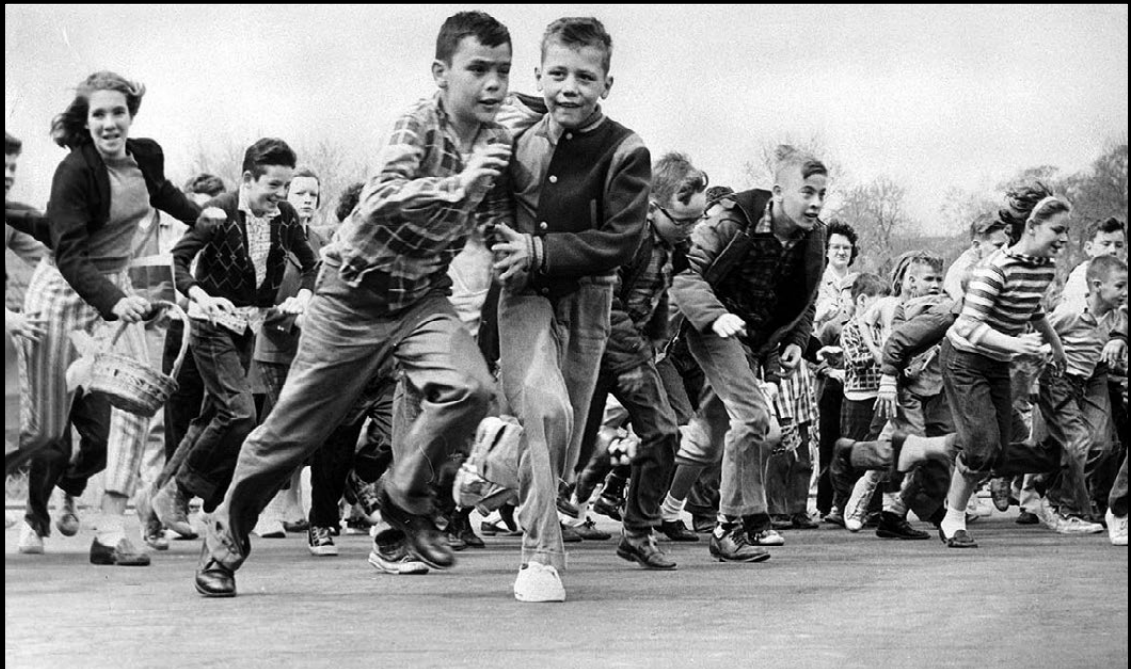


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On Page 15



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Easter Egg Hunt Waters Stadium - late 1950's.  
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### 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 May 6-8, 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 May 14 or 15 at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Orders can be picked up after 2:30 p.m.

### Fish Fry

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks are having a Fish Fry Every Friday during Lent--Starts on March 8 to April 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 601 Washington Ave. ALL FRESH FISH! We will be offering--Fish Platter, Shrimp Platter, Scallop Platter, Combo Platter, Fish Sandwich, Shrimp Cocktail, Steamed Clams and more. Your Choice: Fried or Broiled. All Dinners Include--French Fries, Coleslaw, Soup, Desert, Coffee and Tea. Take out Available. Look For our Weekly Menu on Facebook & Public TV. For more info call: 732-727-7170At

### 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, May 2, 2019. Bus leaves 12 Noon. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy. (New Location) Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

### A.C. Bus Trip

#### St. John Paul II

#### Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on. Wed. Apr. 24, 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.

### 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, May 7, 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.

### Bus Trip

#### Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

#### Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip just to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "I Do, I Do" Wednesday, 8/14<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$98. Deposit of \$50 required. Includes bus, luncheon, and show tickets. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. Any questions please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

### 10th Annual Pasta Night & Tricky Tray

**Date: May 10, 2019**  
**Time: Dinner 6pm - 7:30pm**  
**Followed by Auction at 8pm**  
**Place: Hungarian Reformed Church Hall**  
**347 Kirkland Place Perth Amboy, NJ 08861**  
**Dinner Cost: \$10.00 Adult**  
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### Open House

SOUTH AMBOY – The Historical Society of South Amboy is having their Annual Open House on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. featuring Genealogy Research & Resources at the South Amboy Senior Center, 108 Stevens Ave. S., South Amby. In collaboration with the City of South Amboy. \$5 Donation.

### Coffee Talk with Rabbi Metz

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - Wednesdays in April 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 south-bound side of Route 1.)

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22 Ship's letters  
23 "Oh, sure!" (2 wds.)  
24 Firefighter's weapon  
27 Letters after a dentist's name  
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31 Hit makers  
32 Strive  
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39 \_\_\_\_ Paulo  
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- (abbr.)  
51 "\_\_\_\_ keep" (pro-crastinator's motto)  
52 Fancy  
53 Skid causer  
54 Watched  
55 White flakes  
56 Order's partner

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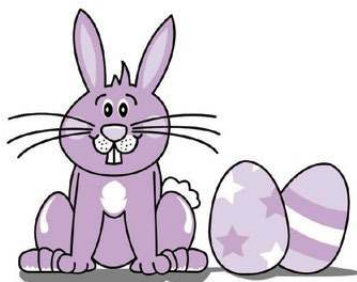
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