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## Gentlemen's Disagreement 5/6/19 Caucus Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell  
PERTH AMBOY – There was a rather odd exchange between Council President William Petrick and Councilman Fernando Irizarry regarding the Council's Amendment to the Budget. The problem arose when Irizarry questioned the Council President's suggestion that the Council's salary be increased.

Irizarry asked, "What is the rational of this increase?"

Petrick explained, "If we take on PARA'S responsibilities, then I felt we needed an increase. We would need to put money in for services that we request of other departments and attorney fees."

Irizarry still wasn't convinced. He explained, "We will be doing work that people voluntarily did for free. And now we will get paid what they did for free?" Irizarry continued, "We are talking about people getting laid off while increasing the Council's salary. It doesn't look right. It was not supposed to cost any

money for the Council to take over PARA, but it's doing the opposite."

Petrick responded, "Everything we do is costing us money. Look at the Batista Lawsuit, which probably could have been settled for \$100,000. (It's still ongoing). PARA was costing the City money. The BID Office being located in City Hall is costing the City money."

Irizarry countered, "I wasn't in support of your (Petrick's) Amendment and that's why I didn't respond to your email."

Petrick told Irizarry, "I wish you had." Petrick then stated, "People in this building were overlooked, while the Mayor favored others in her office (with raises)."

Irizarry then stated, "You (Petrick) approved these people (in the Mayor's Office)."

Petrick countered, "Not all of them."

Councilman Helmin Caba then talked, "I feel a strong need to take over PARA. We need to

make cuts to keep taxes down. If taxes go up, then so do rents. We should have done small increases each year. I'm not afraid of meeting with the DCA (Department of Community Affairs). We should raise taxes 1% and use surplus money. The bottom line is we have to look out for the taxpayers and residents."

Council President Bill Petrick then responded to Caba and made a reference to something that Business Administrator Frederick Carr said earlier during the Meeting. Carr had started out by saying the Council amended the Budget to try to reduce it to a 1% increase plus using the surplus. He said, "Some of those layoff positions were already paid for. The DCA is concerned about the Budget and wants to meet personally with the CFO, myself (Carr), the Administration, and the Council. You will need to hold a public hearing on amendments. If the Council adopts the Mayor's original budget, then a meeting



Council President  
William Petrick



Councilman  
Fernando Irizarry

with the DCA is not needed. \$7.3 million was the original deficit. It was reduced down to \$3.3 million after the Mayor presented her budget."

So, when Petrick responded to Caba, he said, "We should ruberstamp the Mayor's budget and everything will be fine? Can we get that in writing?"

Carr responded to Petrick, "You need to adopt the budget first."

Councilman Joel Pabon then commented, "I really don't want to use the surplus and I'm willing to forgo our raise and I'm willing to give up the 1.3% in-

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## PILOTS and Budget Discussions on Front Burner 5/8/19 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell  
PERTH AMBOY – Comments were made regarding Ordinance No. 1 – Financial Agreement with NCP Perth Amboy Urban Renewal LLC (225 Elm St.) and other applicable documents related to the authorization and issuance by the City of Perth Amboy not to exceed \$2,800,000 redevelopment area bonds and determining various other matters in connection therewith.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak first. "This was negotiated by PARA and the City Attorney. Any amendments that the Council wants should be discussed. The Council can even table it if they want. The Mayor is making you (the Council) look weak by not having people here who can answer your questions. You especially need the CFO here."

Resident Ken Balut came up next. "I can't believe how disgusting that road (Elm Street) is. We are subsidizing Fortune 500 Companies and there's no money for schools. We're giving away \$70 million to compa-

nies. How much will the bond make our taxes go up? How many people will work in those buildings? No one is working together. Rich companies abandon the projects after the buildings were built by those who did not request a PILOT. Lawyers and developers from North Jersey develop political PACS. We need to have public hearings (regarding those who want PILOTS). Buckeye had public hearings. Any competent mayor and business administrator should have known PILOTS were bad."

James Fearon from Gluck Walrah LL9 who spoke at both at the 4/22/19 and 4/24/19 Meetings regarding 225 Elm Street was present. He stated, "The PARA lawyer negotiated the financial agreement and it was drafted by myself, and reflected the developers tax abatement which PARA had no part of."

Council President Bill Petrick responded to Balut's statement about not having public hearings regarding 225 Elm Street,

"If more people were here, they could have spoken about this. I applaud those who show up."

Councilman Helmin Caba also responded, "We will receive a larger payment with the PILOT and the money should help our taxpayers."

Business Administrator Frederick Carr responded, "\$1.1 million of the PILOT that will be paid to the City will go into the general revenue. We have to show good faith to the DCA Board. The financial and City Agreement Draft will be sent to the Council for approval or to be amended. The Council will decide if they want to give any money to the schools from the first PILOT payment."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke up and stated, "Everyone needs to understand the financial situation of this City. Usually Ms. Goldy (CFO) is here on Mondays, but not always on Wednesdays."

Fearon spoke up again, "For the first 3 years of the PILOT (2020-2022), the governing body will have a say how the

monies are spent."

This prompted Council President Petrick to state, "So, you can lock future governing bodies into debt."

Fearon responded, "I have been involved in about 20 PILOTS over about a 12-year period. Under current law, you can't do a dedication (of monies) of a rider."

Sierakowski then came up again to talk about Ordinance No. 2 Adopting redevelopment plan for 319, 320, & 322 McGuire Place. He stated, "This a half acre property and it's not a hardship case. It doesn't say how many townhouses are to be built. What is the density?"

Councilman Petrick responded, "I think it's 7 or 8 townhouses. A Developer is trying to get as many in as possible."

Sierakowski continued, "There was a report done about 5 or 6 years ago about PILOT abuses in Jersey City. I'm in favor of PILOTS if they aren't abused."

Resident Ken Balut came up and talked about the Council's

amended Budget. "If you cut the Budget now, we'll be in the same situation next year. We (some residents) told you the Mayor's Budget was getting loaded. The CFO had made adjustments after I found out some information."

Balut then talked about R-213-15/19 A memorandum of agreement between JRF and the City of Perth Amboy Recreation Department for the administration of a 2019 summer employment program.

He asked, "How did a City Employee get a First-time Homebuyer Grant that had to be changed a year later? Cruz (former B.A.) said it was grant money (through another agency). The First-time Homebuyers was supposed to be for the poor. The paperwork was done by the person who got the First-time Homebuyers house."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry responded to Balut, "Everything was done by the books."

Former Councilman Fernan-

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# Gentlemen's Disagreement

## 5/6/19 Caucus Meeting

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crease. Some positions can be combined.”

Petrack then suggested, “We can use some of the funds that the City receives from the cable companies.”

Councilman Joel Pabon then spoke up, “I never rubber-stamped anything, but it’s not fair to keep nonessential people.”

Petrack responded, “It’s not fair to have the 5% increase. We found a lot of savings in the Mayor’s budget. No one knew where the Mayor was for a crucial Budget Meeting. I was open to all suggestions.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry then spoke up, “We all made suggestions in private sessions and outside meetings with the Administration. We never rubberstamped a budget. Our suggestion was a 2.5% increase. I didn’t say we would go along with the Mayor’s Budget.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda then commented, “Our community is complaining. I’m not interested in getting a raise. If we can get the tax increase to only 1%, I’m all for it.”

Irizarry commented again, “This (the City) is a public business and when their costs go up, they try not to pass the cost to the clients, but sometimes this has to be done.”

Petrack spoke next, “I still believe we can do cuts. The Mayor’s position should be part-time. Any rate increase (parking, meters, bulk pickup services, permits, etc.) is a tax. When the Mayor increases the salaries of some of her staff, then that’s a tax on the residents. You asked for some of the money from the last PILOT to help pay for taxes.”

Councilman Helmin Caba then spoke up, “The Administration did not honor that request.”

Petrack continued, “We questioned Bryan Walensky (former Parking Utility Manager) and other employees inflated salaries many times. Corporations cut middle managers many times. The Fire Department is here, and they do a lot of hard work. We need to protect ourselves as a Council. We have not gotten honest answers to our questions. Bridge received a PILOT and flipped the property (after receiving the PILOT).”

During the public portion, Former Councilman and City Resident Ken Balut came up first, “Some citizen made comments about a company that got a contract to do some work (tile and roof repairs at Olive Street Community Center). Now, there’s a half million dollars’ worth of equipment being requested by the Department of Public Works (R-219-5/19 thru R-223-5/19). The Mayor’s Budget kept getting bigger – more than the Police Department and Fire Department (individually).” He then asked if the Council knew about a Police Officer who got shot at on Saturday. “There were two fires today, but there were no press releases about them. So far, there have been 18,400 calls to the Police Department, but we are not hiring any Police Offi-

cers. We may have to give some grant money back. The Mayor spent \$5000 (in taxpayer’s dollars) to pay Kushner. You didn’t question the Mayor’s association with Kushner. We subsidize the Y, and no one questioned the Board of Education who gives the Y money. You (the Council) are going to have the same issues with the Budget next year. You should cut a quarter of million dollars from the Mayor’s Budget.”

Businessman and Resident David Caba comes up next. He questioned the new park that was supposed to open up soon. “It was supposed to happen in 2019. It’s a park for the kids. Information and knowledge is power. This Administration feels that no one knows anything. We want to know what’s going on. The park went from opening up in 2019 to now 2021. I like this Council, but do what’s right for the people. Some of these salaries in the Mayor’s Office is not right. It (the monies) should be given to Emergency Workers. Recently I was at a Burlington Coat Factory and someone came up to me and said they were a Police Officer who lives in Perth Amboy but works in another town. He told me, “Keep up the good work.””

Law Director Peter King then responded to Caba’s remarks about the park, “It’s a County Park, and we have no part in its delay.”

Former Council Member and Resident Lisa Nanton came up next, “There’s a difference between what you (the Council) do and a corporation. A corporation wants to make a profit. When it comes to a budget, you start with 0% - not half of what was presented to you. It’s not

your money that you are offering – it’s taxpayers’ money.”

She then asked a question about R-226-5/19 – Authorizing execution of a relocation sanitary easement agreement with NCP Perth Amboy Holdings, LLC. (225 Elm Street). “Is this costing us money?”

King replied, “It’s not costing the City money.”

Nanton continued, “If Department Heads don’t show up at a Meeting, you can dismiss any of the resolutions they put on the Agenda.” She then referenced R-219 thru R-223. “You can’t vote on them without having the information. If you table those items, do not put them back on the Agenda.”

Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak next. He said, “I had talked to Greg Fehrenbach (Former B.A.) about the structural work on the Elm Street (Market Street) Bridge. Please follow up on this.” He next talked about Communication No. 12 – Regarding Business Administrator Frederick C. Carr submitted a copy of a U.S. EPA Press Release regarding the proposed expansion of cleanup of contaminated groundwater at the CPS/Madison Superfunds Site in Old Bridge.

Mackiel told the Council about an article where the residents sued DuPont for unclean water. He then had a question regarding the Budget. He mentioned it was said there was an increase of insurance (for the Employees). “What percentage of the Budget was insurance for Cigna and the prescription plan. There are many political issues going on (in the City). A private company is bucking the system. We need Medicare for all.”

## South Amboy Resident to Participate in Short-Term Study Abroad Experience in Greece

*\*Photo & Story Submitted by Julia Sutherland, Assistant Director of Public Relations, King’s College*

Press Release April 29, 2019  
SOUTH AMBOY —Sixteen King’s College students, including South Amboy resident Tina Fumo, and one faculty member will travel to Greece as part of a three-week intensive study-abroad experience titled, “Philosophy as a Way of Life: The Sacred Spaces of Greece.”

The program allows students to explore ancient sites, religious rituals, theatrical performances, and traditional mythology presented in the writings of Plato and Aristotle.

The group will tour sites such as the National Archeological Museum; the Temples of Zeus, Apollo, and Athena; and several ancient cities including Mycenae and Olympia, the site of the Olympic Games in classical times.

The course was designed for students to understand the elements of philosophy practiced in everyday life and how these elements are woven into the religious, ethnic, linguistic, and social understandings of diverse cultures. Students will earn credits that satisfy a philosophy core requirement at King’s.

Dr. James Ambury, assistant professor of philosophy, is the program director. Renata Evan, coordinator of short-term faculty-led study abroad programs, assisted in developing the program.

The College offers a variety of faculty-led study abroad experiences as part of its commitment to global learning and student development.



Tina Fumo

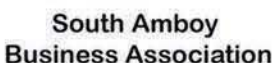
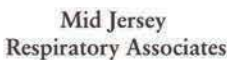




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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Y is Waiting - Are You?

The City has been in a dispute with the Y since its soft opening in 2008. You have to appreciate the efforts that Former Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach and Former Law Director Mark Blunda put in when they first were hired in 2008. They both had a lot on their plate to help get the City back into financial shape. The YMCA contract was one of many.

The YMCA has been sledge-hammered constantly, even up to the present. You would think after all this time and all of the changes with Council Members that any issues would have been resolved.

The YMCA CEO and President Steve Jobin and 3 of the Board Directors invited the Amboy Guardian to discuss some of these issues (see page 6).

Some of the concerns brought up by some past and present Council Members had to deal with is a \$24,000/month cost that the City is incurring with the Y.

There is an old saying there are 3 sides to every story: his side, her side, and the truth.

Since the Y has opened in 2008 until the present, a lot has changed. This has not been taken into account when spoken at some of the Meetings.

We've had many law firms represent the City since Blunda left. One of those firms had at least 30 lawyers listed. The City could have one of those lawyers dedicated to the Y until all parties came to an agreement.

Now, there is a resolution for an auditor to look at the Y's books. At the last Meeting, the auditor had not met with the Y. The Y and Board of Directors want nothing more than to get this problem resolved so that everyone can move on.

Why the holdup? The City seems to be stuck in a time warp when it comes to resolving the Y's issues.

We could basically take articles of Council Meetings from 8 years ago and run them again. Even further back!

This is an embarrassment. Trust us, this is difficult for us to say, but someone has to. One thing - people have to stop com-

paring the Y's of other towns to Perth Amboy. Stop even comparing the rates of some fees that people charge from other towns.

Remember Woodbridge Township is composed of 10 towns Avenel, Colonia, Fords, Hopelawn, Iselin, Keasbey, Menlo Park Terrace, Port Reading, Sewaren and Woodbridge Proper.

Remember, we had a print out given to us where it shows the average annual income of Perth Amboy Residents compared to the communities around us. It shows that Perth Amboy's numbers to be much lower.

I'm sure the students, parents, and lower income residents appreciate that the Y is able to offer them reduced membership fees to those who qualify.

Certain individuals call for the City to run the YMCA. The fact is that the same people who want the City to take over the Y criticize the City's practices and how it is run. It's an oxymoron.

Please have someone look at the books, look at the contracts and work it out. Look at the calculations and what needs to be done.

The Y is a positive asset to the City of Perth Amboy. There's a place for everything and everything has its place. The Y offers services from ages 1 to 101 years old. The Y is probably the only place in town where three generations can go to at the same time and there is something for each to enjoy.

Children of all ages play and learn in a safe environment. Sometimes such activities as movie nights, health fairs are open to the public.

We were born and raised here. Anytime you have a facility that can help people of all ages get out to exercise their minds and bodies to keep them healthier and be independent, it's a good thing.

The Y is open 7 days a week except for major holidays. Just look at the faces of people who go there to work, play, exercise, and learn. Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words.

C.M. & K.M.

An Embarrassment to Perth Amboy

As we all know and have seen, on May 1, 2019, a group of people had a march going up Smith St. The march was about demanding non-U. S. Citizens getting a driver license. WOW! What's next? Free housing and free healthcare. Yes! Welcome to America! But only for U.S. Citizens. Here's the joke - America gives foreign aid in the BILLIONS and they (foreign countries) give NOTHING BACK. We would like to know what organization paid for this march and who in City Hall approved this march? For



March which began in City Hall Circle on 5/1/19 in favor of driver's licences for undocumented immigrants. \*Photo by Paul W. Wang

us as American citizens, this so-called march was an EMBARRASSMENT to Perth Amboy.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Official Statement by the Raritan Bay Area YMCA Board

Dear Neighbors, On behalf of the Board of Directors, a group of dedicated volunteers, we thank the many in our community who have entrusted us with their health, childcare, housing and many other needs. Thank you for your support and your encouragement.

I am writing to you today however to address inaccurate, misguided and downright WRONG comments made at City Council meetings and reported in the Amboy Guardian. For approximately 10 years personal attacks of the YMCA have been routinely made without ANY basis in facts. Intentionally, the Y has resisted perpetuating this negative discourse, preferring to focus on serving the Community. At this time we can no longer remain silent as some - a small group- of people continue these attacks.

The insinuation that the Y is responsible for a potential rise in taxes is simply WRONG. Yet, this tiny group continues their slander. It is uninformed rhetoric filled with political hostility.

You, our community, deserves the real facts. In 2007, the Y entered into an agreement with the City to manage the recreational section of the City's Public Safety Complex.

The Y contributed ONE MILLION DOLLARS to the City

for the opportunity to serve people out of this new complex. This money came from the insurance proceeds after the old Y burned in 1997.

We negotiated an agreement that assured local residents discounted services in this new facility. City residents, City Employees receive discounted memberships and Police receive FREE memberships. For example, NO child is ever turned away regardless of their ability to pay, race, religion, or abilities. Every second-grade child in our school system is given swim lessons. Your Y has also returned to its roots by providing low cost housing to individuals and families. We run many free or low-cost programs and events.

Regarding utility calculations, the same ones are in effect since signing the 2007 agreement. Subsequent to signing that agreement, the complex's utility system design was radically changed with NO notification or input opportunity given to the Y.

To address this problem, in 2016 Mayor Diaz directed then City Attorney (Arlene Q. Perez) and then Business Administrator (Adam Cruz) to renegotiate the agreement between the Y and the City. In good faith and at great expense, we both put our issues on the table and agreed in principle. This proposed settlement addressed all outstanding issues and presented a plan whereby the Y would pay a substantially higher monthly payment to the City. Please refer to the City Council Minutes from April and May 2016. Yes, three




years have gone by and the Y is still waiting for the Council's move to ratify the new agreement.

The Y will not engage in bi-weekly defense of its 105 year old reputation of quality service to Perth Amboy. Instead we will focus on the important things; teaching children, assisting families, helping the homeless, connecting neighbors, employing local residents as well as caring for those with disabilities and partnering with likeminded organizations to strive to meet the growing needs of our community.

A number of Board Members, including me, have dedicated ourselves to achieving all of the above and more, for over 35 years. The YMCA continues to be a great partner and asset to the community. We are always committed to working with the City Government and remain honored to serve the residents of the City we all love - Perth Amboy.

With best regards, Robert E. DePow, Ph.D. Proud Chairman of the Raritan Bay Area YMCA



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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](mailto:arubacruz@verizon.net) Look forward to meeting you, Linda Cruz, President.

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Perth Amboy

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City Hall, High St.  
MON. May 20 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
WED. May 22 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
THURS. May 23 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

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WED. May 15 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway  
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## An Interview with the YMCA CEO & 3 Board Members

By: Carolyn Maxwell & Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – If you have attended any of the Council Meetings in the last 8 years, there has been a lot of comments made about the YMCA. It has been said repeatedly by certain individuals that the Y is a financial burden to the City.

The Board of the YMCA reached out to the Amboy Guardian to set the record straight of what the Y contributes to the community, and some of the facts that have been distorted regarding the contract between the Y and the City of Perth Amboy. It was noted that there are discrepancies on such matters as the calculation of the utility bill and other issues. Jobin stated that through the years he and the Y's attorney have sent correspondence via emails and hardcopies to the Council with little or no response back.

YMCA President and CEO Steve Jobin, along with Board Members Alan Papp and Paul Pires sat down with us. Board Member Lou Seminski Jr. joined in over the phone.

Lou Seminski Jr. started the conversation, "I got involved with the Y through the late Jack Cerulo and Leonard Sendelsky after the City took our property (Sciortinos Pizzeria on New Brunswick Avenue which his family owned for many years)." Seminski stated that all people are touched by the Y and the town benefits for what the Y does. "The benefit outweighs any contributions by the town. I appreciate the Y's effort and its values. It's frustrating to hear people putting down the Y constantly. Thousands of kids learn to swim here. The Y's Childcare Programs are a great asset for so many children and parents. The comments made are hurtful to us and the cause. I grew up here and not a day goes by where I don't think about this town. A few people minimize what the Y contributes. Parents are able to work because of childcare. It's for a better cause. The Y also has a transitional housing program. The numbers are there, and the Y produces great results. It's very disturbing when people distort facts. Look at the contract. People at the (Council) Meetings need a reality check. Only a few voices are out there."

Steve Jobin stated, "We cannot and will not go to the Council Meetings to defend the impeccable image of the Y. I'm focused on serving the community and the number of people served by this Y. The vast majority of the people who work at the Y are from Perth Amboy. We want you to understand what we're going through."

Papp stated, "There is no other facility directly affects as many people as much as the Y does. As much as 250,000 people come in the doors each year."

Seminski said, "It's ridiculous the untruths being said."

Board Member Alan Papp then added, "At one time, Perth Amboy had 27 churches. Unfortunately, they don't have the facilities to serve the community anymore (in the same capacity that the Y does)."

Jobin said, "They designed this as a destination to attract people statewide. Currently, we have a

theater program that is run by the City Recreation Department and we don't charge them to use the facility. The PA System and the lights were upgraded by the Y. The Center for Support, Success & Prosperity on Smith Street provides Case Management and housing placement services for the homeless and those vulnerable of losing their home. The Y's Early Learning Center at 280 Maple St. provides full-day pre-school for 75 students. We received a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant that provides 350 middle school students off of the streets and engaged in positive activities, at no charge."

Papp also added, "We didn't have to open the facility until everything was complete. They asked us to open early (in 2008) even though we didn't have a working pool. It (the early opening) was a loss to us, because the pool was a major attraction. We had to do upgrades. It was their (the City's) obligation. It was supposed to be at the City's expense – and they did not reimburse us. There was some reimbursement through the UEZ later on."

Jobin said, "We take this as a responsibility to put it to the test. We use what we can." Jobin then spoke about the partnership between RBMC (Now Hackensack Meridian) which had an integrated medicine program at the Y."

Jobin continued, "The Y and the City partner to host various programs at the building including Teen Nights, Camp programs, Theater Productions and many other events. The Y also partners with the School District to provide water education training (WET) for every 2nd Grade student as well as a Pilot program for special needs students. Through these programs, the kids, their teachers and their parents work together. We will continue to use the facility and partner with the School District. For the 2nd Grade Water Safety Class, we have Certified Teachers. It's a nominal fee to the School District at our cost. It's unbelievable – the kids progress they are making. There are 75 kids in full preschool and The Y's Board of Directors subsidizes this program between \$35,000 - \$55,000 a year. We're losing money on the program

but it's worth the investment. We rent the Cathedral Central Facility (Called Joy to the City) to serve kids. It had been vacant at the time. We help kids, we help their parents, we help the Church; everyone wins."

Papp then said, "A lot of the housing is through grants from the County or the State. We are very resourceful; we have borrowed or raised dollars to make up for grant shortfalls."

Jobin then spoke about the property which is a partnership with Catholic Charities and funded by Coming Home of Middlesex County. We bought 3 apartments. Over 90% of the project was funded by a capital grant. We had an agreement to take the folks from coordinated assessment (the homeless). One family pays \$350/month. Both parents are disabled with two kids. They both are on a fixed income. Another apartment went to a single mom with two kids. She pays \$375/month. We work with Pastor Berny and Catholic Charities, so they do not end up in the same situation. We follow up with the families and help them with budgeting and other social services. If the right

people are not involved in this, then it's a continuing cycle of poverty."

Papp, "You have to have staff to identify the grants, the properties and sometimes you may have to renovate the buildings and go through the paperwork. It takes Steve (Jobin), the Y's staff and volunteers to go through all the contractual obligations. We are working on a project on Alpine Street. Some of the money we receive is for purchase and rehabilitation and other funds support the services. Grants and donations are pulled together."

Jobin then stated, "Those who use the childcare and afterschool programs get a free membership. 1000 kids are served in a safe and educational program. They're learning skills, and getting an education. We fundraise and work with Community Childcare Solutions to assist families that can't afford services. We never want to turn anyone away. The Y offers scholarships to families that are in need."

Papp concluded, the Y provides a comprehensive service model. If the City takes over the Y, the people in the greatest need will be hurt the most."



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# PILOTS and Budget Discussions on Front Burner

## 5/8/19 Council Meeting

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do Gonzalez came up to speak about R-214-5/19 – Authorizing execution and delivery of a Quit Claim Deed to Block 347, Lot 17, 25 & 26 to Cortlandt Apartments LLC.

Gonzalez wanted to know what was going on.

Law Director Peter King answered, “It was through a government grant for low market rent rate. The owners is trying to refinance. The City put a lien on the property.”

Gonzalez asked, “Was the grant paid off?”

King responded, “The person who got the grant had to fit the criteria what was in the grant and the City had to do their part within a 10-year timeframe. The City did not do their part.”

Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton came up to speak next. “Did you (the Council) receive any information from Frank Hoffman (DPW Director) regarding Resolution R-219-R-223 requesting purchase of equipment?”

Council President Petrick responded, “No.”

Nanton then asked, “Will you be tabling those resolutions?”

Petrick responded, “We will have to vote on it first.”

Nanton then questioned R-226-5/19 – regarding 225 Elm Street – execution of a Relocation Sanitary Easement Agreement. “There will be a \$2.8 million cost to the City. The dedicated funds should have been discussed before voting. PILOTS are to evade taxes. We increase taxes on homeowners who do improvements.”

After the discussion on the Ordinances and Resolutions, the Council had a vote on the Consent Agenda. On R-202; R-204 thru R-214; R-216 thru R-218; R-224 thru R-228 was moved

by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and Seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba.

R-203 (Amending the CY 2019 Budget) was pulled for further discussion by Councilman Helmin Caba. Caba was not comfortable with the increase.

During the discussion, Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next. “800,000 disappeared from the documents we had at the Monday Caucus. Where are the line items that we requested?”

B.A. Carr responded, “It was in the line that said Municipal Council. The salary increase was built into there. There was the 1% Budget Amendment recommended by the Council. I don’t know where you got the \$800,000 increase. With the Council’s salaries and other expenses were put in with the professional services that the Council requested. The surplus number has been changed by the Council that will be presented to the Department of Consumer Affairs.”

Pabon spoke next and reminded Carr, “We (the Council) all work and may not be able to attend possible meetings with the Department of Consumer Affairs.”

When it came to R-203 everyone voted “Yes,” except for Fernando Irizarry who voted, “No.”

For R-219 thru R-223, Councilwoman Tejada asked for those resolutions to be voted on separately. The Council voted unanimously to table the resolutions that were put on the Agenda by the Department of Public Works to purchase equipment.

During the last public portion, Resident Ken Balut came up to speak. He questioned a long term PILOT that was given to a property across the street from City Hall. “How much money

came in from that?” Grants are for poor people – not rich people. Everyone should be treated fairly. What are Irving Lozada’s (Acting Director of Code Enforcement) qualifications to be Code Enforcement Director?”

Petrick responded, “He has none.”

Balut continued, “You have money in the YMCA that should be coming in the City’s coffers. Audit the Mayor’s and the YMCA’s books. I gave 13 items pertaining to the Y to be checked on before I left the Council.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up next, “The Mayor got a 5-year PILOT on her house. Vas had 2 real estate indictments and one was on a fraudulent lottery. Someone on the Mayor’s staff got a first-time homebuyer’s grant. What about the school that was turned into a Senior Citizen’s building? Were there violations?”

Councilman Petrick responded to the property on Johnstone Street, “We need an investigation and all documentation (including a title search) on this property.”

Former Councilman and High Street Resident Fernando Gonzalez came up next. He thanked the Council for putting the citizens first and tabling 3 resolutions totaling around \$300,000 worth of items. He then mentioned the YMCA costing the City \$24,000 a month to maintain. “What is the status of the contract?”

Law Director Peter King responded, “There will be a meeting being set up to meet with the Y and the auditor is waiting to go.”

Petrick then made a few comments, “We have already set aside funds for the audit.”

King responded, “I want to see what they (the auditor) says

first.”

Petrick spoke again, “The bill is huge to fill the pool with chlorinated water.”

Fernando Gonzalez continued, “We have an agreement (with the Y) and we have a right to audit them. We keep sitting on things and the homeowners pay for it. Look at the properties at the corner of High and Fayette. It’s ugly and losing tax dollars every day. The City owns the property and it’s in a redevelopment area. Do an RFP. Nothing is getting done.”

Attorney Billy Delgado came up next. He wanted to know why there were changes in the court system.

Petrick responded, “In the Budget, it was decided to eliminate one judge and one prosecutor. We did it based on what other Cities do.”

Delgado continued, “We (Perth Amboy) have a much bigger caseload and we are way behind. Other towns were laughing at us. We were able to do more when one judge and one prosecutor were added. I should have been called before you (the Council) decided to do this decrease. We made money for the City and we could have found cuts ourselves. I’m not into the politics of this. It’s the administration of justice. We had made a lot of progress which now will come to a halt.”

Resident Alfredo Soto came up and stated, “The Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works should not be cut. No one wants a tax increase, but why didn’t they raise taxes slowly instead of one big shot?”

Petrick responded, “We have to ask the Mayor these questions.”

Soto again repeated, “Raising the taxes should have been done in small increments over the years. The surplus should be used for emergencies only.”

Petrick again responded, “These are questions for the Mayor and Administration.”

Soto finished, “Working together is best. God bless you all.”

Former Councilwoman and Resident Lisa Nanton came up. She wanted all to know there is a property tax form for people 65+ to get a tax break. She also wanted to thank the Council for tabling some of the Resolutions and passing the amended Budget. She also said, “There is a proposed fracking pipeline that is coming through Middlesex County. We need to get the information about this and protest it (the pipeline).”

Council Comments:

Helmin Caba responded to Soto’s comments about tax increase in one large lump sum, “Why taxes didn’t increase slowly? You answered correctly – ask the Mayor. There are a lot of questions regarding hiring and spending. The ball is in the Mayor’s court. They know where to make necessary cuts. People were hired for political reasons. The Fire Department, Police Department, and DPW should be untouchable. We know where certain cuts need to be made. Let’s see what hap-

pens. The Administration needs to make sure those hired are necessary.”

Fernando Irizarry spoke next. He questioned the number of fires we had recently. He asked for a report on these fires, the cause, and how many people were affected. He also wanted a report on the fire that happened a couple of months ago at the El Boy Restaurant on the corner of State Street and Dekalb Avenue. “Amboy Avenue – the streets are much better. A trench on Grove Street which goes to Alpine Street was taken care of as well.” He asked who did the trenches initially. He was also glad to see other road repairs taken place. “I don’t see anything regarding Rector Street and State Street. It’s time for us to start doing those streets. I don’t want to have to wait another year.”

B.A. Carr answered, “I will send an update.”

Irizarry continued, “I want to congratulate the Community Theater on the recent show, "Hairspray" they did at the YMCA. I encourage all to go see them. The only thing is at their last performance, there was also a Special Olympics at the Y and not much parking was available. I know the Community Center books their shows a year in advance and why was the Special Olympics held the same day?”

Joel Pabon spoke next, “We do care about people losing their jobs and I don’t know the number losing their jobs or their circumstances.” He then asked for a status on the streetlights that were out.

Carr responded, “There is no info on the lights as of yet.”

Pabon continued, “It’s a shame with the lack of lights, especially at the train station. Businesses on Amboy Avenue were concerned because cleanups by the mini-vacs have not been going on, especially on the streets between Washington Street and New Brunswick Avenue. Looks like the Tennis Courts are up and running.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada asked to look at fencing to be put up on New Brunswick Avenue at Washington Park to protect our children (especially when the food or ice cream trucks come by). She also wanted to thank those who came to the Budget Meetings. “We are listening to the residents.”

Council President William Petrick thanked all for coming to the Meetings. He also wanted to congratulate his son who enlisted in the Navy and he wished his father a happy 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. He also thanked the Council for all the work they did on the Budget.

All the Council Members wished all the mothers a Happy Mother’s Day.

Joel Pabon added that fathers sometimes are left to raise the kids and a shout out to them, as well.

## Discussion on Amphitheater and Loading Zones

### 5/6/19 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – An Amphitheater was discussed during the presentation regarding the PILOT for 225 Elm St. Councilman Fernando Irizarry questioned if this structure would be enclosed.

Business Administrator Frederick Carr replied, “No. It would be an open area with tiered lawn seating.”

Law Director Peter King then made additional comments, “I spoke to Director of Recreation Ken Ortiz. We had a meeting 3 weeks ago. Nothing will be done until you (the Council) approves. It would also need the City’s approval. Councilman Caba and Councilman Pabon were also at that meeting.”

Irizarry continued, “The reason I asked that question is because Director of the Community Theater wanted to know. She also wanted to know if there will be sound and lighting equipment, because that is what she wanted. I thought it would be like Roosevelt Park’s theater in Edison. They have lighting, a sound stage, and fitting rooms

there.”

Carr responded, “This (the Amphitheater) is separate from the PILOT.”

Council President William Petrick spoke up, “I thought it (the Amphitheater) was part of the PILOT.”

Carr responded, “There are two separate agreements.”

Petrick then continued, “Will there be a concrete pad with covering? We (the Council) or the Community needs to ask for more.”

Irizarry then spoke again, “Is the Developer’s agreement is subject to change?”

King replied, “That is why I’m talking to Ortiz.”

Petrick concluded the conversation commenting, “Everything should be included except for the sound system.”

There was a discussion on Ordinance No. 2 – (no public discussion) regarding Loading Zones - application and fees.

Business Administrator Frederick Carr stated, “We had to review this ordinance pertaining loading zones. We had to look at the needs and current prac-

tices. We’ve had many zones removed. We want to make sure that trucks could not park there all day.”

Irizarry said, “When I’m looking at what’s in the paperwork, it says anybody can park in loading zones. If a truck comes to make a delivery and someone is parked in that loading zone, it would force the delivery truck to double park.”

Councilwoman Tejada spoke up next. “This should be no parking (by the general public) in loading zones during the stated hours on the sign.”

Councilman Irizarry asked, “Were some business owners abusing this?”

Carr answered, “Yes.”

Councilman Caba spoke up, “We are wasting time because the Department Head is not here to explain this ordinance.”

Council President Petrick ended the conversation stating, “We should pull the ordinance. It’s irresponsible for the Administration not to have Department Heads to be here.”



# AETNA Takes Lead on Women’s Health Initiative with the JRMC

## Aetna and the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center Host Gala to Expand Women’s Health Services and Awareness

Press Release 5/6/19  
PERTH AMBOY – The Jewish Renaissance Medical Center announces the launch of their Women’s Health Initiative’s (WHI) with Aetna as the event sponsor for a gala dinner to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the spectacular Grand Marquis, in Old bridge, NJ, from 6:30pm-10:30pm. To mark this year’s event, the JRMC will honor the following recipients Bonnie Nolan, Ph.D., for the Magnanimity Award Darlene Forbes, M.D., for the Woman of Leadership Award Taqualla Lowman, Woman of Service Award  
“For over 20 years, the JRMC, has been providing education, resources, and preventive care and personal health management to the City of Perth Amboy and it neighboring communities”, stated John T. O’Leary, JRMC’s Chief Executive Officer. “Each year, the need for education and awareness for women’s health increases. In Middlesex County, there are

421,000 females of which 38.2% are the age 40+. In addition, the JRMC has served 26,000 patients of which 60% of which are women. As part of our ongoing mission to increase access to health, the WHI will expand JRMC’s reach on education and awareness to save lives. We are excited to have Aetna share in the mission in women’s health programs. They are a key partner who currently offer programs that facilitate a holistic member view, consider multiple diseases and conditions across all benefits plans and deliver individualized programs based on a member’s unique needs and preferences.”  
“It’s critical to our mission to continually seek opportunities to improve women’s health, said Glenn MacFarlane, Aetna Better Health of New Jersey’s president and CEO. At Aetna, nearly 53% of our members are female. We understand the vital role women play in maintaining healthy families; they access the health system more than men,

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For information, tables and tickets, contact Lisa Maria Lucia at (908) 868-2042.

# Jersey Shore 5K & Team Hope Walk Raises Over \$50K for Huntington’s Disease

## South Amboy High School Teacher Honored by First Place Winner and Student, Rafael Albarran



South Amboy High School Teacher, Colleen Partenope, with Student Volunteers and First Place Winner, Rafael Albarran.  
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# Teacher Appreciation Week, School Shootings

## Topics of Discussion

### 5/8/19 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – At the 5/8/19 Board of Education Meeting, Student Representative Kevin Chavez stated that the PAHS musical production of 9 to 5 was a success. He also stated that PAHS is a runner up in the Sandy Hook Promise which encourages students to speak up about issues.  
The Board then went into closed session at 5:41 p.m. returning at 7:37 p.m.  
During the President’s Report, Board President Ken Puccio noted that many police officers including himself will be participating in the Police Unity Tour, which is a bike run from Ground Zero to Franklin, to Washington D.C. to honor all the police officers killed in the line of duty every year. Puccio also mentioned Former Teacher Andrew Curry who recently passed away.  
For the Superintendent’s report, Dr. David Roman stated that Perth Amboy is a safe and nurturing environment and the graduation rate is continuing to increase. “I want to publicly thank our teachers and paraprofessionals for that nurturing environment.”  
No one spoke at the public comments on agenda items only.  
For New Business Board Member Anton J. Massopust made a request that any items found in storage in the schools may be important and shouldn’t be thrown out before the Board reviews them. “In McGinnis School there are soapbox cars. These items may mean something to people. Sometimes the people in charge of the buildings don’t know if these items are of historical nature.”  
Dr. David Roman stated that it will be put on a policy on the



Director of Safety & Security  
Carmen Southwood

agenda how these items will be handled.”  
Board Member comments:  
Board Member Tashi Vasquez spoke about Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week stating how teachers and staff impact the lives of their students.”  
Board Member Jesus Martinez stated, “Because of my background, I’d like to focus on active shooters. Teachers had to deal with this in Colorado. Dealing with the post portion of an active shooter – how many defibrillators are in each school? It’s extremely important we have a finger on our pulse. What is our policy on reuniting children in an aftermath?”  
Dr. David Roman stated that information will be provided by the Director of Operations. “We’ll bring that out to you for the next Meeting in June.”  
Director of Safety and Security Carmen Southwood came up to speak, “In June, I will tell you exactly regarding the first aid equipment. We try to be as safe as possible. There is a security symposium to go over protocols for the entire district. If some-



Board Member  
Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe

thing happens to the school, police are on the scene. They are in charge of the emergency. We do have a plan in place. We all have to be on the same page. We’re on it.”  
Board Members Randy Convery, Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe wished teachers and staff a happy Teacher’s Day.  
Márquez-Villafañe spoke about her own personal experience with school shootings and their impact. “I started out on home instruction. I remember a real rough day with my home instructor. I felt depression being stuck at home. When I managed to get back, the first thing I did was turn on the TV. There was another school shooting. My mom called up to see if a name was correct (among the victims). I lost someone in the Sandy Hook shooting. That we (PAHS) were recognized in the Sandy Hook Promise. That means something to me.”  
No one spoke during the public portion. The Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. All Board Members were present.

LAKE COMO/SOUTH AMBOY - On Saturday, May 4th, runners and walkers from all over New Jersey laced up their shoes and headed to Bar Anticipation for the fourth annual Jersey Shore 5K & Team Hope Walk to raise awareness and funds for the Huntington’s Disease Society of America (HDSA).  
The annual race saw its biggest turn out with about 230 participants and raising over \$50,000 for Huntington’s Disease, a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. The money from the race will go to the HD-SA’s care, education, advocacy, and research programs both in the local community and across the country.  
This year’s first place winner, a South Amboy High School Freshman, Rafael Albarran (15) finished the race in 18 minutes and 59 seconds, beating out 3 time winner Daniel Campbell (44) who finished the race in 19 minutes and 49 seconds.  
As an athlete on the South Amboy High School Track and Cross Country teams, Rafael was unable to accept the monetary prize for winning first place and graciously decided to give his first place prize to his Teacher, Colleen Partenope. Albarran said he wanted to give back to his teacher who has done so much for his school.  
Mrs. Partenope, a recipient of the 2018 "Positive Coach Award" for her dedication to her JV and Varsity Softball teams, has been a Math teacher at South Amboy High School for the past 2 years, and works hard to keep her students motivated and feel supported every day.  
"I'm so proud of Rafael and my other students for coming out to run and volunteer in this year's race" stated Mrs. Partenope. "Each year you can see more people coming out to participate and learn more about this disease, and my family and I always try to do our part to help those who are affected by HD."  
Mrs. Partenope and her family have been a part of the annual

5K since its inception and has raised numerous dollars over the past 18 years in honor of her Aunt Bernadette Hayes, who fought for 14 years before passing from Huntington's Disease. The Hayes family has worked to bring awareness and funds to their community and hopes that there will one day be a cure for HD.  
**What is the Huntington’s Disease Society of America?** *The Huntington’s Disease Society of America is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of everyone affected by Huntington’s disease. From community services and education to advocacy and research, HDSA is the world’s leader in providing help for today, hope for tomorrow for people with Huntington’s disease and their families. To learn more, please visit [www.hdsa.org](http://www.hdsa.org).*  
**What is Huntington’s Disease?** *Huntington’s disease is a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. It deteriorates a person’s physical and mental abilities usually during their prime working years and has no cure. Every child of a parent with HD has a 50/50 chance of inheriting the faulty gene that causes the disease. Today, there are approximately 30,000 symptomatic Americans and more than 200,000 at-risk of inheriting the disease. The symptoms of Huntington’s disease are described as having ALS, Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s – simultaneously.*  
**About Team Hope - Team Hope is HDSA’s largest national grassroots fundraising event. Thousands of families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and communities walk together each year to support HDSA’s fight to improve the lives of people affected by HD and their families. From forming a team, to sponsoring an event, to volunteering, you too can help make a difference in so many lives. Join Team Hope for HD, and help us provide help for today, hope for tomorrow! Learn more by visiting [www.hdsa.org/teamhope](http://www.hdsa.org/teamhope).**



# Perth Amboy School Budget for the 2019-2020 School Year

## 5/1/19 Special Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – The purpose of the Special 5/1/19 Board of Education Meeting was to approve the 2019-2020 School Year Budget.

Board President Ken Puccio stated that the citizens of Perth Amboy will see where the money is going in an effort of transparency.

Superintendent Dr. David Roman and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Richard Chromey gave a presentation on the 2019-2020 School Budget. Dr. Roman stated that was a promise made to the community on academic endeavors.

Board Secretary Derek Jess remarked that it was a very good budget for everybody. “This year the district is debt free,” stated Jess. This is due to bonds being paid off.” He also stated that Perth Amboy is considered an underfunded district, therefore the district is eligible and received additional funding

from the State.

The total budget for the 2019-2020 year is \$280,237,774. The budget is \$1.2 million less than the 2018-2019 budget. According to Jess. Jess stated, “72.9% of the budget is for salaries and benefits. The budget provides for equality for all our students by grade level. Cost allocation is by grade level. Jess indicated there was a land swap so there could be additional parking for teachers at the Lopez School. “There is a 1:1 ratio computer initiative at the new High School. There is also \$50 million we have for the new high school.”

Dr. David Roman stated, “If we didn’t put that money away, we would have a problem. We are going to start planning for every school to be filled and continue the programs.” Roman continued to explain that he feels a clean, positive learning environment is essential for learning. “We are establishing

new norms. There is a new media center which is being recognized something being robust. “It’s a creative learning environment for staff and students to engage.” Roman explained that the football field in Waters Stadium is being renovated, as is the HVAC (Heating and Cooling System) in the schools are being updated. “It’s conducive to student academic achievement and student growth and development. We’re creating beautiful memories.”

Roman then stated that the Perth Amboy School District is in compliance with QSAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum). Dr. Roman then stated that every school has significantly improved when taking the PARCC Examination. He also stated the graduation rate increased significantly over the last year. “In 2016, the graduation rate was 71.70%; In 2017, it was %75.90%; In 2018, it was 80.10%. That’s 120

more graduates. The rate has grown more than 16% points. Believe the facts. In a community, we should not negate this.” He then acknowledged that 171 students achieved the Seal of Biliteracy. “The Dual Language has expanded to the 7th Grade. In the 2013-2014 school year, out of 592 students, 352 achieved the Seal of Biliteracy. In the 2017-2018 School year, it was 607 students. That’s 134 more.” Dr. Roman continued, “We no longer have failing middle schools. We’re opening (the Lopez School) in September 2019. For the new Perth Amboy High School, we’ve had over 40 meetings on every space. Our program is ready. We’ve heard the Student Council’s voices. We’ve achieved the State School of Character.” Dr. Roman stated numerous times during his presentation that the tax increase as far as the school budget goes is only \$32 a year (per average household of

\$239,000 value).”

When the presentation was over the Board Meeting continued. Comments on the School Budget were open to the public. No one spoke. The Budget passed unanimously.

Dr. Roman stated, “People don’t realize how much time is spent on this. I want to thank the Board Members for their time.”

The Board then went into a brief closed session. No formal action was taken.

Board Members Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe, Jesus Martinez, Junior Iglesia, and Dr. Danielle Brown were absent.

For a complete report on the 2019-2020 Perth Amboy School Budget go to: <https://www.paps.net/>

**Attend Public Meetings Have Your Voice Heard!**

### Police Memorial Services

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Police Department will hold its annual Police Memorial Day services on Wednesday, May 15 at 11 a.m. in front of South Amboy City Hall, 140 North Broadway. The nation’s officers who were lost in the line of duty in 2018, and officers of the South Amboy Police Department (past and present) will be honored and remembered.



### Memorial Day Parade & Service

SAYREVILLE – Sayreville will host its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2019, beginning at 10 a.m. Sponsored by American Legion Post 211. Procession starts on Elizabeth Street and Washington Road and will conclude with a service at the Borough Hall on Main Street.

### Memorial Day Services

SOUTH AMBOY – Memorial Day Services will be held on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at the American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62. Memorial visits at the following sites will start at 9 a.m. sharp: Gazebo on Bordentown Avenue; Christ Church Cemetery; St. Mary’s Cemetery; Benjamin Sebban Monument (at Waterfront Park); South Amboy Boat Ramp; American Legion Post 62.

There will be a ceremony in front of South Amboy City Hall, 140 North Broadway, at 12 Noon. A memorial wreath will be placed.



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THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

*The City of Perth Amboy, Honorable Mayor Wilda Diaz  
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# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

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**



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## 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.

## Adult Craft Night

WOODBIDGE - DIY Marbled Clay Pots - Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Henry Inman Branch Library, 607 Inman Ave, Colonia. All Supplies Provided! REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register please call 732-634-4450 or register at woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup

## Coffee Talk with Rabbi Metz

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - Wednesdays in May 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.)

## Seeking Volunteers

NEW BRUNSWICK - 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 Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 6-7PM 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

Where: CASA of Middlesex County office, 77 Church Street, New Brunswick; When: Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

For more information: <http://www.casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/volunteer>

## Civil War Library Book Sale

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E Lee Civil War Library at 94 Green Street in Woodbridge will have a Civil War book sale on Saturday, May 18 starting at 10:00 a.m. and running thru to 3:00 p.m. Books and magazines on every battle and personality will be available. It's a wonderful opportunity to start, build or expand your Civil War book collection at great discount prices.

## 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.

### SAINT STAN'S CARNIVAL 2019

MAIN STREET AND MacARTHUR AVENUE SAYREVILLE

**WED. JUNE 19 & THURS. JUNE 20: 6 PM - 10 PM**  
**FRI. JUNE 21 & SAT. JUNE 22: 5 PM - 11 PM**

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**LIVE ATTRACTIONS**

**Wed June 19: Live Music by "Nick Ryan Band" - 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**  
**Thurs June 20: Live "East Brunswick School of Rock" - 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm**  
**Live "Jernee Mill Music" - 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm**  
**Fri June 21 Andrew Lohly 6:00pm to 8:00 pm**  
**All in One 8:00 to 11:00 pm**  
**Sat June 22: Thunder 106.3 - Jersey's Best Country Radio Station 6 - 8 pm**

**Live "The Fog" 8:00 to 11 pm**  
Like us on Facebook St. Stans School Sayreville  
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## Medicare Workshop

WOODBIDGE - May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Woodbridge Main Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. Topics Covered include:

- What Changed in 2019?
- 5 Biggest Mistakes Made by Medicare Beneficiaries
- Original Medicare Versus Medicare Advantage Plans
- How do Medicare Supplement Policies Work?
- How do Medicare Prescription Programs (Part D) work?
- What are some of the Proposed Changes to Medicare in the future?

To register, call 732-634-4450 ext 7120 or visit <http://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/>

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## Weight Loss Strategies

WOODBIDGE - Weight Loss Strategies to Help You Hit Your Goal! Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the Woodbridge Main Library. Setting goals, Exercise. You will leave feeling motivated and informed! Ready to improve your exercise plan! Learn about If you have already retired your New Year's Resolution, it's time to pick it back up! Join Coach Kal as he offers strategies to help you obtain your weight loss/training goals. Complimentary Eating, Motivating the Mind. The Woodbridge Public Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. Please call 732-634-4450 or visit woodbridgelibrary.org for more information

## Puzzling Mornings

WOODBIDGE - Thursday, May 23 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the 2nd Floor Periodicals Room, Woodbridge Main Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. Stop by and work on a puzzle! Jigsaw Puzzles, Word Searches Crossword Puzzles, Sudoku. For more information call 732-634-4450 or visit woodbridgelibrary.org

## Arrest of the Royal Governor

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the Royal Governor's Mansion invites you to witness the Arrest of the Royal Governor: A Dramatic Re-enactment. Sunday, June 9, 2019. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Performance starts promptly at 1 p.m. Join us at the Proprietary House Museum for our Annual Re-enactment of the June 1776 arrest of Royal Governor William Franklin by American Patriot forces. Admission is free for this special event. Donations are most welcome and will benefit restoration of Proprietary House and its museum operations. Arrive early - Space is limited. Following the Performance until 4 p.m. - Free tours of the Museum, colonial music, light refreshments, gift shop. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy. For more information, call 732-826-5527 or email: [info@theproprietaryhouse.org](mailto:info@theproprietaryhouse.org) The Proprietary House Museum is disabilities accessible.

## PAHS Class of 1944 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School, Class of 1944, will be holding its 75<sup>th</sup> reunion on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 12:00 PM at the Raritan Yacht Club, 160 Water Street. Please contact William Sewitch at 732-310-9999 for reservations

## Construction Industry Career Day

EDISON - May 28 & 29, 2019 at the NJ Convention & Expo Center, Edison, New Jersey, NJ Turnpike Exit 10.

**Tuesday, May 28 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.** - This evening program is open to the public. We invite underemployed, unemployed, veterans and those looking for new career options to join us! High School students accompanied by a parent/guardian will receive a gift (while supplies last!)

**Wednesday-- "Just Juniors" May 29th 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.** We prefer High School Juniors on Wednesday, but welcome sophomores if you believe they would benefit from attending. **Anyone attending Wednesday MUST be part of a school group.** We encourage High School Seniors to attend Tuesday night with a parent/guardian.

Register Online: [www.cicdnj.org](http://www.cicdnj.org)



## Tom's Tax Tips

### Leasing vs. Buying A Car

*Knowing the tricks makes you a better decision-maker  
Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A. 1-800-801-1099*

#### Create a Scorecard That Works

There are many reasons for you to lease a car versus buy a car, but too often it is the auto dealer's profit motive that determines which method you use rather than what's best for your budget and lifestyle. To help you make an informed decision, here are some things to consider:

##### When to lease

- You want a car with lower down payments and monthly costs.
- You don't like making your own vehicle repairs.
- You prefer a new car every couple of years.
- You don't drive many miles each year.
- You are not hard on your vehicle.

##### When to buy

- You plan to have the vehicle for many years.
- You are willing to drive a used car.
- You drive more miles than a lease allows.
- You are worried about keeping the car in excellent condition.
- You want to work on or modify the car.

##### Tips to know if you decide to lease

If you think leasing a vehicle is an option for you, here are some tips to ensure you are making the best deal:

• **Negotiate before revealing your intentions.** Negotiate the price before telling the dealer you wish to lease. The purchase price you negotiate should be the price the dealer uses in calculating the lease payments as well as an outright purchase. If it is not, this technique forces the dealer to disclose this fact.

• **Ask about the annual percentage rate (APR).** Ask the dealer to disclose the effective APR built into the lease. If the dealer gives you a lease factor instead of an interest rate, multiply the lease factor by 2,400 to get a general interest rate. For example, a lease factor of 0.0025 multiplied by 2,400 returns an interest rate of 6 percent.

• **Question the residual value.** Ask what the projected residual value of the car is at the end of the lease. This value is often overstated by the dealer to artificially lower your lease payment, but can impact your ability to purchase your vehicle at the end of the lease. Future residual value is an estimate and can often be negotiated with the dealer.

• **Compare with a loan.** Use the negotiated purchase price to calculate your loan payments. Use this information to compare your monthly lease payment with your car loan payment.

• **Read the lease agreement!** If ever there is a time to read the fine print, leasing a car is one of them. Pay special attention to early termination clauses and cost for excess miles. These two factors can dramatically impact your lease versus buy decision.

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### 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

### South Amboy Republican Organization

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Republican Organization invites you to come join our monthly meeting and have a say in the future of our local Republican Party. It will be at the Ocean Bay Diner (1803 NJ-35, South Amboy, NJ 08879) from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on May 15th, 2019. Our events are not strictly political but a fun social gathering of likeminded people from across town and in the area, come support your local business and meet your local, and county chair and even your candidates for public office! More information can be found on our Facebook page SouthamboyGOP or our website www.southamboygop.com

## MOVIE REVIEW: SHAZAM!

By: Anton Massopust III

“Billy Batson, you have been chosen. Say my name so that my power can flow through you!”

The new movie Shazam! is a DC character. Billy Baston (Ashor Angel) is a young foster kid still looking for his birth mother. He is given the powers by a mysterious Wizard (Djimon Hounsou) who is guarding against a group of demons of the seven deadly sins and becomes Shazam, a superhero with all kinds of superpowers that comes from immortal beings such as Hercules, Zeus, Achilles, Atlas, Mercury, and Solomon. However, just being a kid is not easy even though he has all these powers and teams up with another young orphan, Freddy Freeman (Jack Dylan Grazer) who has a bum leg and is obsessed with superheroes. Doctor Thaddeus Sivana (Mark Strong) is searching for The Wizard because he wants the power of Shazam for himself, but only for evil purposes. He eventually finds the Wizards lair and releases the seven deadly sins, evoking their power on himself, both hero and villain. But they are only using Sivana for a means of escape and to destroy Shazam.

At first Billy doesn't know how to use his given powers and is just goofing around like a regular kid, but he soon realizes the importance of family and what good is power if you can't share it? Be ready this is a different kind of superhero movie.

Many people will probably ask me because I know a lot about popular culture who is Shazam? Shazam is a superhero from Charleston comics that eventually DC sued over because he looked too much like



Superman. Charleston Comics eventually won the lawsuit, but they were so riddled by legal bills they eventually went out of business and DC bought the rights to the character and revamped him, bringing him back to the DC Universe. He originally was called Captain Marvel and had his own live action TV Series in a live action show (The Shazam!/Isis Hour) from 1974-1977 and an animated series from Filmation.

DC changed Captain Marvel to Shazam! He was revamped and became a part of the DC Universe, even joining the Justice League of America. In this movie, Billy Batson is a kid struggling with being aban-

doned by his mother and eventually finding a new family in a group home.

This is a fun movie and I think that 10-year olds will really enjoy it. The very young might be a little scared of some off-screen violence, but the antics of a young Billy Batson inside a grown-up body having to deal with superpowers will delight them. How to be a true hero is a fun action adventure with some goofiness and lots of jokes thrown in. DC does a good job here as usual. Definitely check out the ending credits scene. It's well worth the wait if you're a comic fan, so invoke the power of the Wizard and go see Shazam!

### AARP Ch. #3446

EDISON - The next meeting of the Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will be held on Monday, May 20th, 1:00 p.m. at: The Elks #2487, 375 Old Post Road, Edison, NJ. Subsequent meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:00 PM, (except during July and August).

May's program will focus on nutrition for seniors with a guest speaker from Meridian Health. At each meeting we encourage members to bring nonperishable food items which we donate to the Food Bank of Middlesex County. So far this year our donations have exceeded 3000 pounds of food.

On June 17th at 11:30 a.m. will hold our annual installation of officers at a festive luncheon at the Pine Manor, 2085 Route 27, in Edison. The cost is \$22 for members and \$30 for non-members, paid in advance. For further information contact our event planner Kathleen Houdanish at 732-642-9514.

For more information about our chapter please visit our website at WWW.EDISONAARP.ORG.

### 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. May 22, 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 San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, June 6, 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 Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church

PERTH AMBOY - Atlantic City Bus Trip to the Caesar's Resort& Casino on Sunday, Jun. 23, 2019.

Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 Noon - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$30 per person (\$20 slot play). Bagged lunch provided -To reserve a seat: call: 732-261-8726. Payment due at least 2 weeks prior to trip. NO PAYMENTS RECEIVED DAY OF TRIP. NO REFUND FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS.

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Fireworks Kickoff Luncheon, Cornucopia Riverboat St. Charles, Perth Amboy 5/3/19

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Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Chair Barry Rosengarten



Mickey Gross presents Barry Rosengarten with patriotic socks

PERTH AMBOY/SOUTH AMBOY - The Fireworks Celebration got off to a great start on Friday, May 3, 2019 at the Riverboat St. Charles. MC Bert Baron from 1450 WCTC AM Radio greated everyone. Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes Chair Barry Rosengarten thanked all the sponsors as did all the speakers. South Amboy Mayor and former High School History Teacher gave a brief history of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and how they knew they faced death and also their family members faced danger. There was a brief skit representing the Boston Tea Party.

Once Again, Garden State Fireworks will be putting on a spectacular show which they have done every year since 2012 when the Fireworks were revived. The Santore Brothers, who own Garden State Fireworks stated they love to work with Perth Amboy and South Amboy because of the town's enthusiasm.

The fireworks will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2019; Rain date: Friday July 5, 2019.

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Press Conference on Measles Prevention and Healthy Community LivingAwareness Campaign, JRMC, Perth Amboy

4/25/19 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



City of Perth Amboy Launches Awareness Campaign as Agencies Gather to Discuss Prevention

Press Release 4/25/19

PERTH AMBOY – Mayor Wilda Diaz hosted to host a panel discussion with doctors and medical professionals of the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center (JRMC) on Measles prevention and healthy community living.

The City of Perth Amboy and the JRMC have partnered to bring awareness and education to local residents on vaccinations, travel, contact and spread of measles, as officials issued a warning on possible measles exposure at an Englishtown restaurant on Monday, April 22. **There are currently no cases of Measles reported in the City of Perth Amboy.**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of Measles cases have increased significantly in 2019. The CDC has issued the following information, from January 1 to April 19, 2019, 626 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 22 states. This is an increase of 71 cases from the previous week. This is the second-greatest number of cases reported in the U.S. since measles was eliminated in 2000, second only to the 667 cases reported during all of 2014. In the coming weeks, 2019 confirmed case numbers will likely surpass 2014 levels.

“These are the alarming facts and today we are joined by the clinical staff of the JRMC to address the concerns that our surrounding communities are currently facing, as we take a proactive approach to securing our communities wellness and public health. We wanted to partner with the JRMC because this federally qualified healthcare facility reaches some of the most vulnerable populations. They have cared after and treated patients in our community for over 20 years and it is key to get the message out to our loved ones. The important message of getting checked and seeking medical attention for prevention,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

“For over 20 years, the JRMC, has been providing education, resources, and preventive care and personal health management to the City of Perth Amboy and it neighboring communities”, stated John T. O’Leary, JRMC’s Chief Executive Officer. “Each year, the need for education and awareness for vaccinations increases. As part of our ongoing mission we are happy to collaborate with the city on JRMC’s outreach on education and awareness to save lives,” Jack L. O’Leary, CEO of the JRMC.

“As new cases of measles are becoming prevalent in New Jersey, it is important for everyone to speak to their doctor about vaccines and immunity status. JRMC is fully prepared to vaccinate children and adults against measles. Additionally, JRMC providers are committed to helping patients determine their immunity status and immunize patients who need a booster,” said Dr. Cynthia Vuittonet, M.D. Department of Internal Medicine.

Local Author Marianne Komek, Kearny Cottage, Perth Amboy 4/28/19

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Local Author Marianne Komek read excerpts on her book, "Promises to Theresa," at the Kearny Cottage. She autographed her book for guests. The event was cosponsored by Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library and The Kearny Cottage Historical Association.

New Jersey Schools Development Authority Advances New Perth Amboy High School with Advertisement for Design-Build Contract

Press Release 4/4/19

TRENTON – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has announced the issuance of the design-build advertisement for the new Perth Amboy High School in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

The advertisement was posted to the SDA and State website on March 26<sup>th</sup> and is available here: [https://www.njsda.gov/SDA\\_](https://www.njsda.gov/SDA_)

BUSINESS/Content/advertisement/ET-0099-B01.pdf

Price & Technical Proposals are due to the SDA on July 2, 2019 and price proposal opening date is August 6, 2019.

The construction cost estimate for the new Perth Amboy High School design-build contract is \$210-230 Million, marking the largest procurement undertaken by the SDA to date. The

construction of this highly anticipated school will result in a 576,000 square-foot, three-story educational facility for approximately 2,800 students.

To date, the SDA has invested more than \$92 million in completed projects in Perth Amboy alone. The SDA is also currently constructing the new \$56 million, Rose M. Lopez Elementary School in Perth Amboy.



Correction

PERTH AMBOY – In the May 1, 2019 issue of the Amboy Guardian, on p. 12 for the photos in “Living Stations of the Cross,” Some of the photos were taken by Justin Bognar. The Amboy Guardian regrets this error.



## World War II - 75 Years Ago

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

In Europe, 800 bombers of the U.S. 8th Air Force on May 12, 1944, carry out attacks against synthetic-fuel plants at Leuna, Merseburg, Lützkendorf, and Zeitz, in Germany, and Brüx, in Czechoslovakia. The remains of the German Seventeenth Army in Crimea are destroyed, with the Russians taking 36,000 Axis troops prisoner. In Asia, large numbers of Chinese troops, having crossed the Salween River, invade northern Burma.

In Italy on May 13, the Allies take Sant' Angelo and Castelforte, opening the way to Rome. In Ukraine, Soviet forces complete their occupation of the Crimean Peninsula, the Germans having evacuated over 150,000 soldiers by air and sea over the past several weeks. The American destroyer escort *USS Francis M. Robinson* sinks the Japanese submarine *RO-501* south of the Azores in the North Atlantic. (Formerly the German *U-1224*, the sub had been one of two transferred in German waters to the Imperial Japanese Navy. After its crew was trained by *Kriegsmarine* submariners, *RO-501* was heading to the Pacific when it was caught.)

In Italy, Free French and French colonial troops break through the Germans' Gustav Line, on the Cassino front, on May 14. The *Luftwaffe* conducts a 91-plane night raid on Bristol and its surrounding countryside in southeastern England.

On May 15, the Germans begin withdrawing from the Gustav Line to new positions, called the Adolf Hitler or Dora Line, some 30 miles south of Rome. In London, King George VI, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, U.S. Army Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander, and British Army Gen. Bernard Montgomery, Commander of Ground Forces in Operation Overlord, meet to discuss D-Day plans. In Hungary, under the guidance of SS officials, the deportation of the first of 440,000 Jews to concentration camps in Poland begins. They will be sent at the rate of 4,000 per day.

Aircraft of the RAF's Coastal Command sink five German U-boats off the coast of Norway on May 16. Soviet aircraft bomb German positions in Minsk, Belorussia.

On May 17, Merrill's Marauders (the U.S. Army's 5307<sup>th</sup> Composite Unit (Provisional)), along with Chinese troops, capture the important airfield at Myitkyina, Burma, about 250 miles north of Mandalay, after a three-week, hundred-mile jungle march. Allied bombers attack oil installations at Japanese-occupied Surabaya, on Java, in the Dutch East Indies.

In Italy, the Battles of Monte Cassino conclude on May 18 with an Allied victory, as the Polish 2nd Army Corps takes the abbey and British forces capture the town; after 123 days of fighting, the Germans depart the area. Off Papua-New Guinea, Japanese resistance ends in the Admiralty Islands.

On May 19, German submarine *U-960* is sunk in the Mediterranean northwest of Algiers by depth charges from British aircraft and two U.S. Navy destroyers.

The U.S. Fifth Army captures Gaeta, 89 miles southeast of Rome on May 20. Elements of the Fifth Army's II Corps enter Fondi, about 13 miles to the northwest. A record 5,000 Allied bombers raid 12 railway targets and nine airfields in northern France and Belgium. A German V-2 rocket, on a test flight, lands near the Bug River about 80 miles east of Warsaw. Polish resistance fighters find the rocket, haul it away and hide it before German troops arrive to recover it. The rocket is later disassembled and shipped to London for examination.

In Italy, a small American force on May 21 makes an amphibious landing at Sperlonga, on the Tyrrhenian seacoast, having embarked at Gaeta, some 12 miles farther south. The U.S. Army's II Corps captures and occupies the adjacent town of Fondi, 62 miles southeast of Rome, while the French Expeditionary Corps takes Campodimele, 10 miles to the east. In Hawaii, an explosion on a landing craft (LST-353) at Pearl Harbor kills 132 sailors and Marines and injures 380. Six additional LSTs are sunk.

In Italy, the U.S. Fifth Army continues its advance on May 22. The U.S. II Corps moves out of Fondi, following Route 7 northward along the coast. The French Expeditionary Force captures Pico, around 9 miles north of Campodimele. In the Sulu Sea, an American submarine discovers the Japanese fleet concentrating near Tawi-Tawi, the Philippines. In Iceland, a four-day referendum ends with 98% of voters approving a split from Denmark and the founding of the Republic of Iceland.

Paris radio on May 23 reports that the French railway system is in chaos, the disruptions caused primarily by Allied bombing. Gen. Hans Cramer, the last German commander of the *Afrika Korps*, who had been captured in May 1943, arrives in Berlin. Imprisoned in a POW camp in Wales, his deteriorating health due to asthma spurs the British to repatriate him to Germany through the Swedish Red Cross. He is brought first from Wales to London, with the route taken bringing him through the southwest and south of England. Along the way, he is allowed to see the massive buildup of tanks, planes, ships and personnel being readied for the D-Day invasion. What he *doesn't* know is the exact area of England he is being driven through. He overhears — seemingly by accident (but, actually, on purpose) — that the locale is Kent, in southeastern England. This is what Cramer reports to his seniors in Berlin, adding credence to Allied propaganda and misinformation that the invasion will take place in the Calais area, in the north of France. (The materiel buildup that Cramer sees is in Devon, much farther to the southwest, opposite the Normandy coast.)

In Italy, on May 24, Canadian troops break through the German lines in the Liri Valley, triggering a German retreat. The Canadians capture Pontecorvo, west of Cassino, while U.S. troops take Terracina, on the Tyrrhenean Sea, about 55 miles southeast of Rome. The retreating Germans are subjected to heavy air attacks. In Përmet, Albania, King Zog is deposed, and Enver Hoxha becomes the head of a new Albanian anti-fascist government. Iceland begins to sever ties with Denmark. In Parma, Italy, the Nazi-puppet Italian Social Republic publicly executes two captured admirals of the *Acqua Regia* - Inigo Campioni and Luigi Moschera - for refusing to recognize Mussolini's government as legitimate and to collaborate with it.

On May 25 in Italy, the Germans are in retreat in the Anzio area. Patrols of the U.S. Fifth Army's II Corps link up with troops from the U.S. Sixth Army from the beachhead at Anzio to the south. The U.S. Fifth Army continues its drive northward toward Rome. In China, after almost two weeks of combat between 500,000 troops of the Imperial Japanese Army and 390,000 soldiers of the National Army of the Republic of China, the Battle of Central Henan comes to an end in a victory for the Japanese. They capture the strategic city of Luoyang, the one-time capital of China. The Japanese continue southward toward the Indochina border.

Charles de Gaulle on May 26 proclaims his Free French movement to be the "Provisional Government of the French Republic." Though the new government wins recognition from Czechoslovakia, Poland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Yugoslavia and Norway, Roosevelt and Churchill are furious over de Gaulle's premature action and refuse recognition. They retaliate by excluding de Gaulle from the final planning for Operation Overlord. In China, having captured Luoyang, the Japanese launch a major, two-pronged attack from Canton and Hankow against the airbases of the U.S. 14th and 20th Air Forces in China. Some 620,000 Japanese troops are involved in the operation to stop the launching of air raids against Japan from along the Chinese coast.

On May 27, "Operation Hurricane" begins: 12,000 American troops land at Biak, Dutch New Guinea, site of a key Japanese air base. Gen. Douglas MacArthur states, "This marks the strategic end of the New Guinea Campaign."

Allied forces continue their offensive in Italy. The Canadian I Corps captures Ceprano on May 28.

The American escort carrier *USS Block Island* is sunk by the German submarine *U-549* in the North Atlantic off the Canary Islands on May 29. Six crewmen are killed, but 951 are rescued by escorting vessels. *U-549* is itself sunk by two destroyer escorts shortly after the torpedoing of *Block Island*, the only American aircraft carrier to be sunk in the Atlantic Ocean during the war. The U.S. 8th Air Force attacks airplane-production plants at Marienburg and Posen, in eastern Germany, the maximum range of its aircraft.

In Europe, German forces on May 30 attack units of the Soviet 2nd Ukrainian Front north of Jassy, the second-largest city in Romania, and make some headway. Units of the British Eighth Army capture Arce, Italy, in the central Liri Valley.

The Japanese — having suffered heavy losses and experiencing severe problems in maintaining their supply lines — begin retreating from Imphal on May 31, ending their invasion of India. The Red Army repels a heavy German counterattack in southern Ukraine. In Moscow, Stalin gives the go-ahead to "Operation Bagration" (the Soviet summer offensive) intended to destroy German Army Group Centre in Belorussia. In the Pacific, the American destroyer escort *USS England* sinks the Japanese submarine *RO-105* in the Bismarck Sea northwest of New Ireland, its sixth enemy submarine in 12 days, a record for one ship in the war. In Italy, the Canadian I Corps captures Frosinone, the British X Corps takes Sora, and the U.S. VI Corps, around Anzio, captures Velletri and Monte Artemiso.

On June 1, British troops capture Frosinone, in central Italy. German authorities in occupied areas warn citizens that giving aid to downed Allied pilots is a punishable crime. The BBC transmits a coded message to French resistance fighters — the first line of the poem "*Chanson d'automne*" ("Song of Autumn") by Paul Verlaine: "The long sobs of the autumn violins . . ." — warning that the invasion of Europe will occur within two weeks.

## Pets of the Week

Zoey was featured in February 1, 2017 issue of the Amboy Guardian. Here she is now still in service with Jeff Mullins form the Rebuilding Warriors - saving Warriors One Dog At A Time Organization.

The organization provides service/companion dogs to honorably discharged Veterans.

For more information on the organization, got to [www.rebuildingwarriors.com](http://www.rebuildingwarriors.com) or contact Jeff Mullins, 25 William St., Fords, NJ 08863.

Photo taken at Alameda premier networking event, 4/30/19.



Zoey & Jeff Mullins

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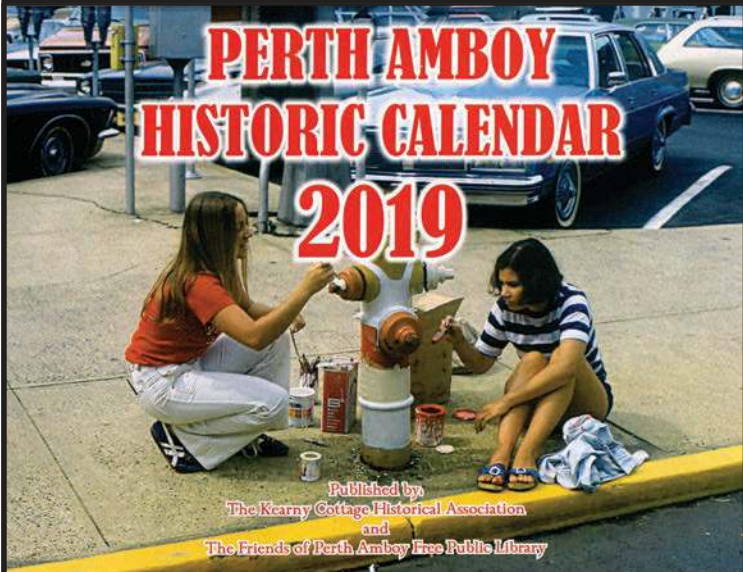
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**Farming in  
Millstone Valley**

WOODBIDGE – The Historical Association of Woodbridge Township Presents: Farming in the Millstone Valley: Past and Present Screened at the 2019 Garden State Film Festival. A new 38-minute documentary film discusses how Dutch farmers helped earn New Jersey its Garden State nickname and became the breadbasket for a booming NYC metropolis culminating in the farm to table movement. The film was co-written by Jessie Havens, Judy Peters and Brad Fay.

Monday May 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge. For further information contact Brenda Velasco, Township Historian. 732-428-2403.



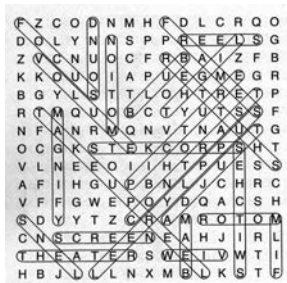
**Book Sale**

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: June 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</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](mailto:friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com) Check us out on the web: [www.FOLPerthAmboy.com](http://www.FOLPerthAmboy.com) Book Dealers are welcome!!!!

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From Puzzle  
On Page 19**



**LOOKING BACK**



PERTH AMBOY - St. Mary's High School Art Class circa 1960's

*\*Photo Courtesy of Rose Lavin-Pennyfeather*

*This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.*

**Senior Scene  
Happenings**

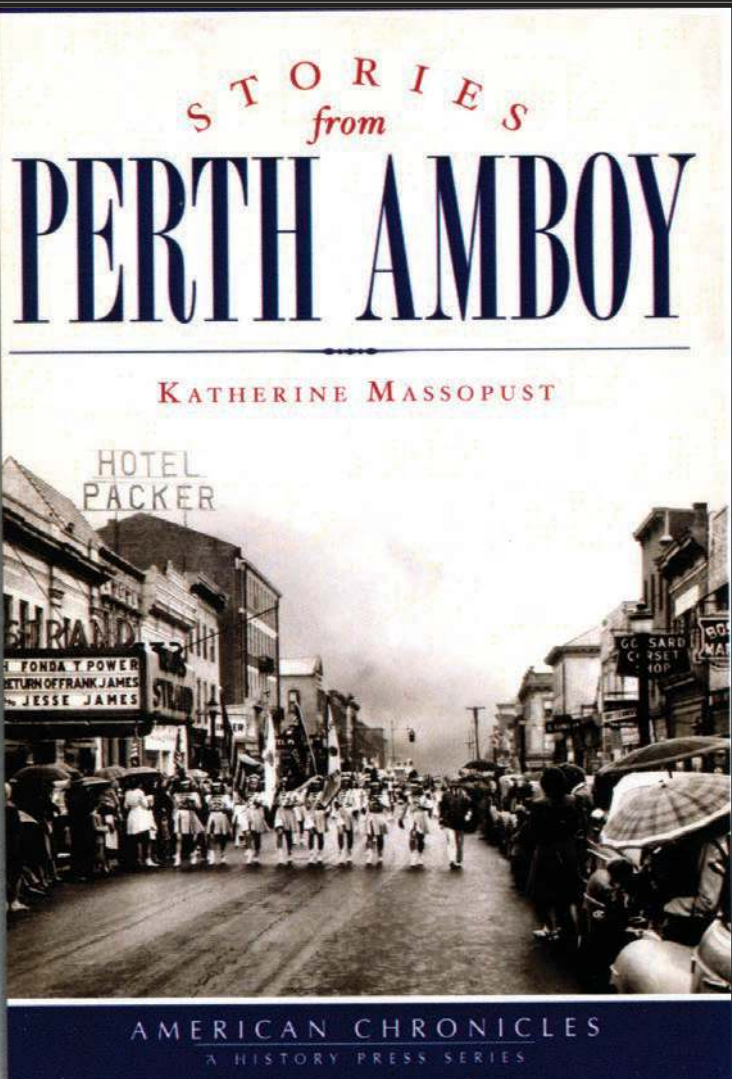
**Perth Amboy**

- TUES. May 14 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. May 15 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. May 16 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. May 20 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. May 21 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. May 22 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. May 23 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m. Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

**South Amboy**

- MON. May 27 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- WED. Jun. 5 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Jun. 10 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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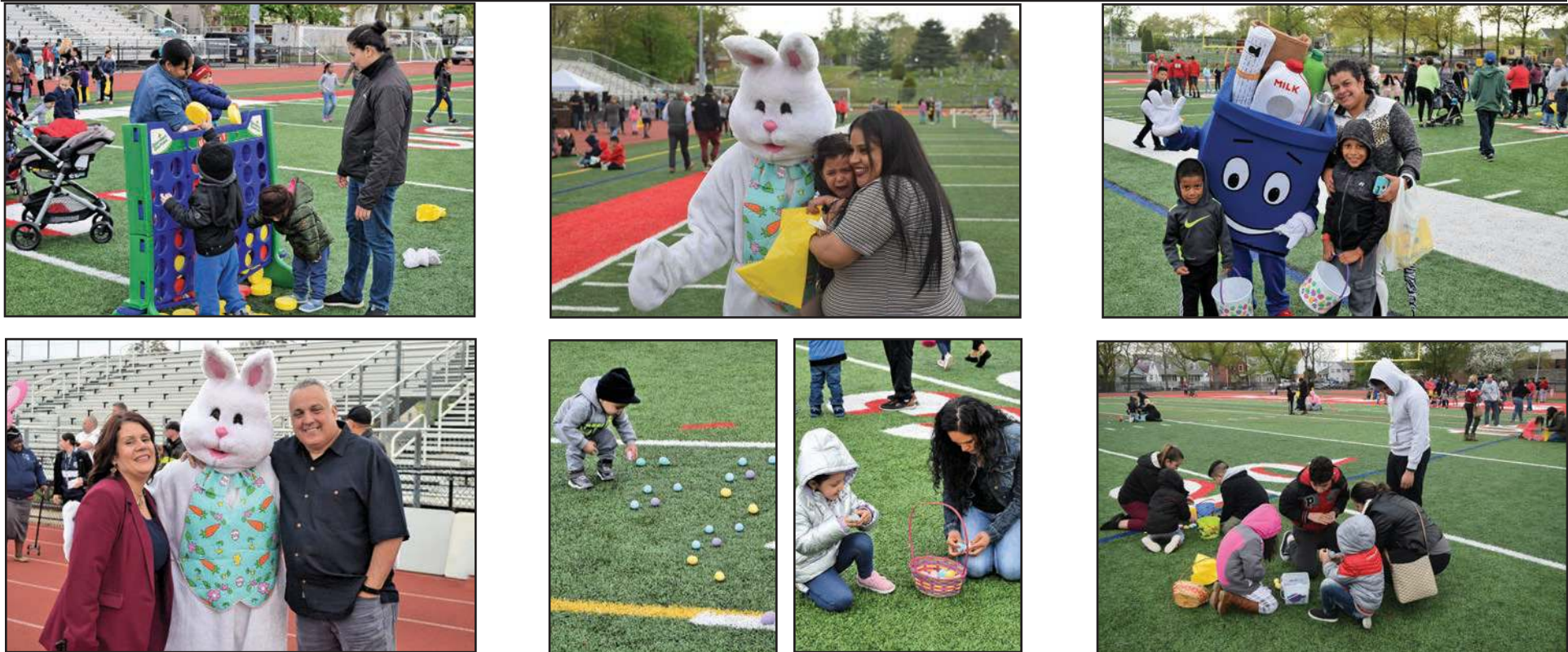
**Stories From Perth Amboy**

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy or in Fertig's Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - or Fertig's at 732-442-1079 - A Great Gift! Get it now along with Then & Now: Perth Amboy!



Easter Egg Hunt, Waters Stadium, Perth Amboy 4/25/19

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**Perth Amboy,  
Past, Present  
and Future:**  
*A Photography and  
Digital Art Project by  
The Students of  
Perth Amboy High School,  
In Cooperation with The  
Perth Amboy Public Library*

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY - The students in Ms. Bautista's photography classes traveled all over the city to recreate pictures of Perth Amboy's historical landmarks, using images from the Perth Amboy Public Library archives as our only guide. This exhibition juxtaposes the historical photographs next to the modern ones.

The digital art students and Communications Academy students in Mrs. Wintenberg's classes took a different approach. First, we learned how to use Photoshop to professionally colorize the public library's historical black and white photographs.

Next, we imagined going back in time and added ourselves to vintage images, a project we called 'Time Machine'. Take a close look at the 'Time Machine' photographs and see if you can tell who doesn't belong.

Finally, we envisioned what the city might look like in the future and created composite images for a project called 'Perth Amboy, Past Present and Future.'

Many thanks, from the students and staff of Perth Amboy High School, for the generosity of the Perth Amboy Public Library and SGO Museum, for your assistance and support as we examine our past and envision our future.

Looking through the camera lens of photographers and historians long gone, gave us rare insight into our roots and inspired a new appreciation of the importance of preserving and protecting our beautiful city by the bay.

Showing now at the Library, 196 Jefferson St., through May 16 and opening at the Ferry Slip Museum on May 18 in time for the first Live at the Ferry Slip concert.

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**PERTH AMBOY** - 3 family house with 2-car garage attached. **\$469,900**



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**PERTH AMBOY** - Grab this lifetime opportunity 3-bedroom, 2 bath brick home located in the terrific high school neighborhood, lots of off-street parking, a truly move-in condition. This won't last long. Hurry!!! **\$265,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Great potential very quiet neighborhood this cape Cod features Living room, Dinette, 1.5 bath, 3 brs, garage, large yard. needs work buyer is responsible for C/O, smoke and termite cert, all repairs and clean-up. is being sold Strictly in "AS IS" condition. **\$219,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - This unique brick three family features all separated utilities, partial finished basement garage, close to public transportation, hospital, schools and YMCA. Great investment. **\$269,000**



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