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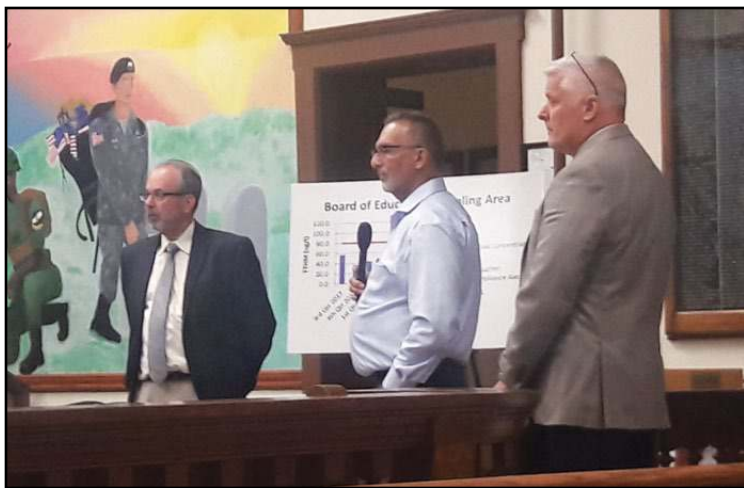
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## Questions Still Abound About Our Drinking Water and Mayor & Council President Go Toe to Toe 6/24/19 Caucus



PERTH AMBOY - (L to R): Dave Brogle (Dir. of Production), Luis Perez Jimenez (Dir. of Operations, Perth Amboy), Robert Villager (Assistant V.P. of Operations) at the 6/24/19 Caucus

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By: Carolyn Maxwell  
PERTH AMBOY – On the agenda, there was a question regarding an ordinance dealing with a property that had a private fireline. Luis Perez Jimenez - Director of Operations at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) came forward to state, “This line, which is privately owned has no meters, but does have a stand-alone pipe connection that can be hooked up when needed by the Fire Department.”

Law Director Peter King gave more information regarding Ordinance No. 4 - Dissolving the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency and designating the City Council as the Redevelopment Entity for the City of Perth Amboy (Adoption Subject To Approval From Local Finance Board). He told the Council that he is waiting for one last document which would be the bills to close out the month of June from PARA before sending the information to the Local Finance Board.

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned Ordinance No. 5 – Regarding fixing and establishing a schedule of salaries and salary ranges in increments for Officers and Employees (Non-Union and Management). Pabon stated, “Some positions we asked to remove are still there.”

Business Administrator Fred-

erick Carr responded, “We still have to leave the salaries in, even if there is no one in that position.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry then spoke up, “This ordinance doesn’t reflect the change in the Mayor’s salary.”

Carr responded, “The Council introduced, then voted to restore the Mayor’s salary. It was voted on to restore her salary to what it was in January 2018. If the Council wants to restore the Mayor’s and the Deputy Prosecutor to their previous salaries, then you can turn down this ordinance.”

Council President William Petrick responded, “So, we have to change the entire ordinance to make one change?”

Law Director King said, “Yes. You have to change the whole ordinance to change one item.”

There was also a question regarding handicapped applications and how many are still pending. Councilman Fernando Irizarry, who is on the Handicapped Committee stated the last meeting was cancelled and he could not attend it because he was attending a funeral in Puerto Rico. “There were not many applications that were pending.”

Council President Petrick had a question regarding R-293-

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## South Amboy Recognizes The SAHS Boys Baseball Team & Coach; SAPD Receives Accreditation 6/19/19 Council Meeting



SOUTH AMBOY - Police Officers were honored at the 6/19/19 Council Meeting for achieving Accreditation  
\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

By: Carolyn Maxwell  
SOUTH AMBOY - Congratulations were the first order of business at the 6/19/19 Council Meeting. The Council Chambers were filled with well-wishers, guardians, and parents of the South Amboy High School Boy’s Baseball Team. Representatives from the State and County Government who were on hand to recognize the South Amboy Police Department as well as residents and relatives. A special recognition was also presented to the family to honor the late Paul Soltys (Former Baseball Coach, Little League Coach, and Resident of South Amboy). Mr. Soltys was a Navy Veteran and served in Vietnam.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin had the honor of reading the resolutions honoring the Baseball Team and their Coach Poulsen and also honoring Paul Soltys. McLaughlin had fond memories of Coach Soltys and how he took his players and the youth in the community at-large under his wings. “Soltys was also one who would let you know your weaknesses, but also saw what your potential was. Soltys would evaluate each player and placed them in a position where they would excel and help the team the most.”

When it came to comments regarding the Baseball Team and their Coach Poulsen, Mayor Henry wanted to congratulate the parents and guardians who produced these fine young men. The players also are very in-



Sergeant Patricia Kanecke (L), Detective Sergeant Daniel Holovacko (R) hold the Certificate of Accreditation



James Soltys (L) accepts a resolution from Councilman Brian McLaughlin (R) honoring his late father, Paul Soltys.



The South Amboy High School Baseball Team (Seniors who were recognized included in no particular order) Christian Anderson, Nick Charmello, Kyle Gaslewski, Christian Gonzalez, Zach Honimar, John McCleery, Stephen McLaughlin, Raymond Perez

involved in the community. “And that comes from the top (parents and guardians)! You (the team members) had the guidance and the initiative. You also have the basis for something good. “Henry then told McLaughlin,

“I’m sure you’re proud of your son and your constant involvement with our youth.”

Councilman Tom Reilly mentioned that some of the players

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South Amboy City Council Meeting 7/8/19 - 7 p.m.; Perth Amboy City Council Meeting 7/10/19 - 7 p.m.





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## How Many Warnings?; Lozada Appointed 6/26/19 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell  
PERTH AMBOY –Middlesex Water Company Representatives came to the 6/26/19 Council Meeting at the request of the Council. At the 6/24 Caucus, Middlesex Water Company made a presentation that was lengthier than expected.

Dave Brogle, Production Supervisor of Middlesex Water spoke first. "THM'S (Trihalomethanes (a chemical compound)) are long-term. They were first regulated in 1971. Each water testing site is regulated separately. The safety levels (of the contaminants) of elements or regulations are geared towards children or those with a compromised immune system."

Louis Perez Jimenez cautioned the Council that 2 more letters were already sent this year and one more is coming. "There are no problems at the Runyon Site. The THM levels are low. We take the readings of the last 4 quarters and do the average between the high and low level contagions. The letter that went out in Spanish had incorrect measurements and we will be sending them with the corrections."

Brogle then spoke again, "We have sampled the water in the last couple of weeks. The sample showed MCL's (Maximum Contaminant Level (the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water)) were in the upper 40's to low 60's. The next sample will be done in July. We're looking at different chemicals to lower organics and we're also looking to flush the system."

The meeting was open so people can ask questions regarding the presentation.

Dorothy Carty-Daniel spoke first. She referred to the chart that showed the Housing Au-

thority on it and wanted to know where on the site that were the readings taken.

Jimenez answered, "At the Delaney Homes."

Daniel then questioned, "Was this a citywide? I drink tap water all the time. I don't have bottled water. I don't have any problem with the water. I never received a notice about this."

Jimenez explained, "Notices were sent to the people who actually get water bills. The records come from City Hall, so we know who to contact."

Daniel answered, "I don't pay for water. Maybe that is why I did not get a notice."

Resident Vincent Mackiel came up next and asked for a breakdown of the last 4 quarters.

Jimenez explained, "The Grainy Well was broken, and we were forced to use other wells which had more organic matter. We have 2 brand new pumps, and we're getting another one."

Mackiel continued, "What would be the affects this would have on superfunds sites? In 1976, I did a school study. At the time we had and still had an infrastructure problem. How do you coordinate the infrastructure with the growing population? Will that watershed be available?"

Jimenez answered, "By Sunday, we will be sending out RFP's for engineers to do a study on treatment equipment and contaminants and what we will need to do."

Mackiel then questioned, "What about businesses that caused those contaminants?"

Jimenez answered, "That's why we have the EPA coming in here."

Mackiel suggested that they direct the companies out of that

watershed.

Resident Ken Balut came up next and stated, "Over the last 5 years, we've had several violations of chemicals (in our water) including E.coli."

Jimenez countered that last remark. "We didn't have E.coli. We have 17 sites we cover every week."

Balut continued, "We should have been informed about the E.coli and lead that was found."

Brogle responded, "The report was sent in late to the EPA, and that was why we were cited."

Balut continued and talked about R-307 - Irving Lozada being on the agenda to be appointed Director of Code Enforcement. "On the application to be the Mayor's Aide, Lozada failed. What credentials does he have to be Code Enforcement Director? If he has to appear in court (on a Code Enforcement Violation), they would ask him for his qualifications. He is a nice guy, but we still have illegal housing."

Stanley Sierakowski came up next and also spoke about Irving Lozada. "Let's assume he has the credentials. Is it a civil service position? Will it be posted? Will the Mayor have to pick from that list (candidates that apply)?"

Business Administrator Frederick Carr replied, "It's not a civil service or tenure position. It's a Department Head appointed by the Mayor."

Sierakowski then questioned R-303-6/19 – Directing the City Tax Collector to place a lien on Block 51, Lot 1&2 in the amount of \$389,270.30 + interest for default on settlement agreement and general release. Sierakowski said that he heard

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# CY 2019 Budget, Redevelopment Passes: Lozada Appointment Tabled

## Special City Council Meeting 6/18/19

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – Firefighters from all around came to support the Perth Amboy Fire Department because members of the PAFD were notified of budget cuts which would affect the PAFD. The Council Chambers was filled to capacity with firefighters, local residents and businesspeople, City Employees including Department Directors.

Perth Amboy Fire Chief Ed Mullen read a statement assuring everyone that despite budget cuts, there will be no cuts to the Fire Department, Police Department, or Department of Public Works.

After Chief Mullen spoke, there were a plethora of speakers by concerned citizens.

Director of Recreation Ken Ortiz came up to speak next. “In 2018, when Fehrenbach (Former Business Administrator) came in, we took an initiative of what our base goal of human services. I took down administrative services down to 2009’s level. I want to give a little bit of insight. We took into consideration our funding costs. One of the increases dealt with an incident where 40 people needed services. Many City agencies supplied services, as did PRAHD and the JRF (Jewish Renaissance Foundation). This summer over 100,000 meals will be given to children. A reduction may affect that. We provided 50 Code Blue’s last year. If you change 28° (minimum temperature for Code Blue) to 32°, we will have 80 Code Blues. Any tax increase may affect our homeowners and renters will be affected as well.”

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak next. “You know why we’re here? Code Enforcement and illegal housing. How many reports of illegal housing are there? Firemen are going to die because of illegal housing. We give millions of dollars to Fortune 500 Companies. These PILOTS are \$750 million. That’s enough money to keep and improve staffing costs. We’re paying the percentage of taxes. We’re paying police officers \$33,000 a year. One of her (Diaz’s) supporters who couldn’t become a supervisor – and we’re making him a director. We need a qualified director of Code Enforcement. If PILOTS were negotiated properly, we would not be in this predicament. She’s (Diaz) been hiring left and right. According to a Union Rep, she put zero in the budget for raises. It’s the incompetence’s of this administration who negotiate contracts. If you had a qualified person (for Code Enforcement Director), you would know what’s in the budget. That’s simple math. It’s the incompetency in this Administration.”

Police Chief Roman McKeon came up to speak next. He stated that the original budget was supposed to be a 5.3% increase. “The City Council came back with a 1% increase. That percentage can be achieved where she can cut other places.” McKeon held up a list of police officers with some names highlighted in yellow. “Those in yellow are those who left. Currently we have 5 officers being interviewed for jobs in other towns. This brings us down to

104 officers. Some can’t afford to work in Perth Amboy. In 2018, there were 135 officers. We’re looking at 105 by the end of this year. It affects everything. We have 5 patrol officers working the streets of Perth Amboy. This coming yesterday we had to close the Police Substation because an officer had to be pulled. That substation caused a 25% crime decrease. It makes a huge increase in response time. One officer calls in sick – that’s where overtime comes in. I’m not placing any blame on anybody.”

Council President Bill Petrick reminded everyone that the Mayor is the Police Director.

Resident and Businessman Louis Cruz came up to speak next. “I’m here to speak on behalf of my colleagues in Perth Amboy. All the energy is blaming one another. We’re not taking time to solve issues we’re having. We’re so divided. How do we prevent this from happening again? A better core of investors. To see every election year. Basically, like this we’re going nowhere. It’s hard for businessmen to say I’m keeping my businesses here. My business is based on investors who flip houses. I don’t see why I should keep my business in Perth Amboy. I rather go to another city that works hands on with investors. You have to work together and communicate better.”

Council President Bill Petrick asked what other towns (are more business friendly)?

Cruz answered, “Carteret, Linden. . . If it takes 9 months here, If I do it there, it’s 4 months. That’s where I put my money.”

Former Code Enforcement Director Ed Scala came up to speak. “I’m here to speak up about Irving Lozada as Director of Code Enforcement. I don’t think we can hire enough staff to address all of these issues. As Director, he has power to act. Mr. Lozada is not only been there the last 3 months - he learned the operation of the office. As Director, he will resolve issues. He has learned the fundamentals of each position and how they all work.”

Resident Dorothy Daniel spoke next, “I’m not here to criticize – I’m a problem solver. I would like to present something to you so that nobody – especially public safety gets laid-off. A city will have police and fire personnel, especially when they go to the academy. This City has the lowest paid Police Department in the County. I remember when Joe Vas was going to lay-off 17 police officers and firefighters together. I went to him and said, there is a federal law called the Community Reinvestment Act. It was passed in 1977. It requires the banks located in a city to contribute to that city. Go to the banks. There’s one on every corner in this town. Get them to adopt a Police Officer or Firefighter. Let them pay for their salary.” Daniel got a few laughs when she said, “This is my 4<sup>th</sup> pacemaker. We need a full court if it goes out.”

Council President Petrick said, “Shame on the administration.”

Daniel answered, “I’m sharing this with everyone!”

The room gave Daniel a standing ovation.

Daniel added, “Read it, and do what I told you to do and you won’t have a problem.”

The next speaker at the podium was Lissette Martinez who is a Director in the Olive Street Community Center. “I’m aware I’m part of the defunding totals in the City. We have over 6,700 seniors (in Perth Amboy). We have over 70 programs a year where we provide information and services. Any given day there are between 45 and 65 seniors we service. Many (seniors) live off \$700 a month. In this way, they can have a hot meal. Our recreational activities – it’s kind of hard for me if you want to cut programs and your services there. We are creating programs. We’re a group that works together. We service our seniors. Think about the services you are cutting. Everything is affecting them. Some seniors don’t have a family. You’re going to affect them.”

Robert O’Buck came up to speak next. “We’re in a big pickle. Our community has grown bigger than we can handle. We cannot get rid of our services. Better decisions on certain things – I’m not sure if going into our reserve or what is going to happen. If there’s an emergency, we’ll be 4X in debt. We always come together as a unit. I’m a businessman in our town. I don’t want to see taxes raised, but we have to change how we do business to move forward. I’m sure you guys will make a good decision.”

James Garrison, President of Local Firefighters #286 spoke next. “I understand everyone might have political motives. Public Safety is not one of them. We have 49 firefighters. 30% of our firefighters were burned or injured last year. I don’t want a phone call saying we killed someone in the community. It’s important to you, too. At Family Fun Day, you want a picture with us – but you don’t have our back.”

Resident Alan Silber spoke next. “The facts you can’t beat. There’s a lot of people in Woodbridge. For every \$1 they pay for their municipal taxes, they pay \$2 for school tax. If you live in Perth Amboy there is 60,000 residents and we pay \$26 million in school tax. In her (Mayor Diaz) first State of the City address, Wilda Diaz said, “We have to do more with less.” She actually raised our taxes 26% in one year. Between 2016 thru 2018, we hired 74 people.”

Council President Bill Petrick stated, “The City Council is not cutting any emergency personnel. The Mayor and Administration sent out notes to all departments.”

Silber continued, “If you put on resumes and say you have 10 years experience as a short-order cook and 10 years experience in childcare, would you hire someone as a Director of Code Enforcement? If you voted “No,” would there be a vacancy??

Law Director Peter King answered, “The Mayor can put in someone for 90 days.”

Silber then said, “Amboy’s code – keep hiring anybody.”

Mayor Wilda Diaz came up to the podium next. “I did introduce a budget of 5.44% (increase). I did hire many safety



PERTH AMBOY - The Council Chambers was filled with firefighters and emergency personnel after being notified of budget cuts for the CY 2019 Municipal Budget. It was made clear at the Meeting, that there would be no layoffs in the Police, Fire, and DPW Departments. \*Photo by Katherine Massopust

personnel. I want to work with the Council. It was recommended to be a 2.5% increase (by the Council). At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, the Council decided to go with 1%. This has been very difficult for me. I want the reason. When we looked at that figure, we had some types of firing and layoffs. I want to know – 1% is impossible to achieve. I was not going to layoff anyone in those departments. Let me go over what positions were targeted: we worked closely with Code Enforcement. You also want to eliminate the Public Information Officer and Mayor’s Aide.” Mayor Diaz’s time ran out before she could finish her statement. The Council did not give her any more time to speak.

Councilman Helmin Caba then made a statement, “I’m a union member myself. I feel your pain. I work in Perth Amboy High School and we’re fighting for a contract. Let’s clarify some things. A lot have been coming to meetings sometimes. We should not lay off police officers, firefighters, or members of the Department of Public Works. Last week, I pled with Mayor Diaz to not lay off essential workers. The Mayor and Mr. Carr said do not lay off any police, fire, or DPW. I even quoted former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger: “Government’s highest duty is public safety.””

Caba stated that Diaz’s response could not be stated in public because it involved closed session information. Caba then stated, “The ball is in the Mayor’s court. People got positions for political reasons.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski then came up to the podium, “People can be lied to. She (the Mayor) is the only person that can hire, fire, or layoff people. If you layoff people who were hired for political reasons – her campaign manager did nothing for \$100,000 a year. The Mayor supports multimillionaires. A multimillionaire got a 10-year loan to fix his business with no interest. A wealthy individual didn’t pay taxes for 25 years. If you didn’t pay property taxes, they wouldn’t allow it. That’s how the Mayor conducts business. Kushner got an extension without telling anybody. Layoff the Public Information Officer. Layoff political hacks. I’m involved with politics. You reward your supporters. Don’t be misled. Don’t be deceived.”

Resident David Caba came up to speak next. “I’ve been com-

ing here since I graduated high school in 1991. I’m very proud everyone cares. That’s how all meetings here should be. Overspending – now you want to blame the Council. Our police officers are going to other towns.” Caba then made analogy, “It’s like the Yankees. We’re hiring all these players. Only the Yankees could do this,” Caba then stated, “She (Diaz) is becoming worse than Joe Vas. She’s worried about her problems - not the people she represents. I believe in term limits. Can we imagine a President for 20 years? In the Dominican Republic the President been there for 10 years. That’s our Mayor.”

A woman came up to speak about Irving Lozada. “After he (Lozada) has been switched to Code Enforcement, things have changed. You used to walk in the office and ask for permits – the people would hide from you (in that office). That’s changed under Irving. You call and he calls you back. Permits used to take months, now it’s faster.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry then asked, “How do you know it’s changed?”

The woman answered, “It used to be a headache. My husband dealt with this. I don’t think it’s fair when we pay so much property taxes.”

Businessman Paul Patel spoke next, “All is negative, negative, negative. Most people are Mayor, Mayor, Mayor. You must work with people. My recommendation is to stop fighting with each other. Compared to Carteret, everything is negative.”

Frank Marrero came up to speak next. “When you do something right, no one remembers; when you do something bad, no one forgets. If someone has a problem, he (Lozada) works with us hand by hand. He’s a good gem we’re throwing away. He is very, very proactive.”

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez came up to speak next, “I always supported Perth Amboy. I’m glad to hear no one is suffering layoffs. The people of Perth Amboy should not pay anymore taxes. If we didn’t have money, don’t spend. We are spending 22,000 a month on the Y. It is sad; that’s reality. Look down at City Hall. Nothing has been done with (the old police station) in 12 years of this administration. That land has been sitting. We got to continue.



## Special City Council Meeting 6/18/19

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Code Enforcement is an important position. 1% is all this City can afford at this time.”

Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton spoke next. “I just want to go over a review for those in attendance that a month ago this Council voted on a budget with a 1% tax increase that did not eliminate any police, fire, or the DPW workers - period. The only reason we are back here, is between that meeting and a following meeting, we had a meeting with the EPA who came here to tell this City that our water is being contaminated and they are offering 3 alternate solutions and there was nobody in this room. That is the number one health issue in this community. We are slowly being poisoned by our water. Nobody was notified. The Mayor wasn’t here. Nobody was here. I resent the Mayor using City Workers as pawns when she wants to make this point. It’s insulting and it’s diminishing the credentials of our City employees. This is America. No Mayor has the right to use City Workers as pawns for her benefit. The whole intention of property taxes is to share pooled resources to make services more affordable. This issue with this administration raising our property taxes, is that there is no evidence of any improvements in our city that warrant an increase.”

The following was provided by Nanton and read at the meeting:

- 1) Do we have paved streets?
- 2) Do we have safe drinking water?
- 3) Is our debt paid?
- 4) Are our sewers replaced or relined?
- 5) Have we satisfied the federal mandate to separate our water and sewer systems?
- 6) Has our train station been updated to satisfy the legal requirements?
- 7) Are there traffic issues that have been addressed?
- 8) Are there any solutions to the parking conundrum?
- 9) Are there any long-range plans for restoring our water supply?
- 10) Has our unsafe housing been rectified?
- 11) Are we litter free?

- 1) No, our streets are a bumpy mess and people’s tires and rims are being damaged.
- 2) No, we don’t have safe drinking water and it’s thanks to the EPA and not this administration to warn us of the threat.
- 3) No, after 10 years, the debt is still there.
- 4) Our sewers are collapsing continually, and all we can do is patch them up and hope for the best.
- 5) No, but the deadline is looming and it’s gonna cost millions!
- 6) Our train station is in worse shape ever, unless you enjoy the smell of urine, but the handicapped, people traveling with luggage or families with children and strollers cannot use it.
- 7) Traffic is ridiculous and there has been no thought or plan to try and alleviate some of the problems.
- 8) Parking problems exist in every neighborhood with no thought or solution in sight.
- 9) There are no long-range plans for restoring our water supply.

Why not?

10) Our community has suffered tragedies because of unsafe housing.

11) There’s litter is so many public areas, it’s disheartening.

NOTHING has been done to improve living conditions in our city, in fact they’ve been neglected and now they’re worse. So, my question is – what the hell are we paying more money for?”

DPW Director Frank Hoffman spoke next and explained what the DPW has been doing.

A man came up and spoke about reports that the drinking water in Perth Amboy is not safe.

Resident Renee Skelton came up next. “The budget and tax increase – there’s not a lot of people speaking on behalf of the taxpayers. Be cognitive of the town we live in. We’re being pushed to the limit. We’ve been talking to a lot of people who live here. Property tax is based on what you need. People who live in homes they own in New Jersey – 65% is the average. That is true for Woodbridge and South Amboy. In Perth Amboy 29% of homeowners live in their home. That number is trending down. Raising property taxes too much pushes that number lower. People who own their own homes have a stake. It forces them to raise rent. Please keep in mind the City you represent.”

After the Public Comments were closed, there was an interview with Irving Lozada who gave a report on his work as Acting Director of Code Enforcement. Lozada explained that Code Enforcement used to send letters and now they get a call to explain whatever you need for code compliance. Lozada then explained there was a recent incident where Code Enforcement was dispatched to a house with illegal housing. “We’re here for the people,” Lozada explained. “In the last six months 246 code compliances. That’s a great number for anyone. I have to work with everyone in the department. We have an issue of crowding in town. We are very up-front when it comes to illegal housing. As far as zoning, when you submit for an application, right away you get the permit within 3 to 5 days. As far as illegal parking – it’s been too many years. Someone needs to address these problems. We know where we have a problem. As Acting Director of Code Enforcement, we have to protect the taxpayers. We have 20-30 days; we have to be flexible. The same with boats. We’re sending out letters to tell them to put their boats in the water. I’m making sure people have permanent Certificate of Occupancy’s (C/O). It’s important that they comply with this law.”

Council President Petrick then asked, “Is there a reason for a temporary Certificate of Occupancy?”

Lozada answered, “The Armory has had a temporary Certificate of Occupancy since Sandy. They never came back for a permanent C/O.”

Petrick added, “In many towns, there are worse issues with C/O’s for whatever reason.”

Lozada then added, “A contractor had a temporary C/O for 2014, 2015, 2015, 2017,

and 2018. I called them to get final input to get a permanent C/O. We have four Code Enforcement Officers for 18,000 proposals. It’s easy to blame and remind citizens if Code Enforcement is not doing anything. It’s not easy. I’m open. Let me do my job. I want support from you guys.”

Addressing Resolution R-285-6/19 – Authorizing the execution of a property donation and easement agreement (“The City Agreement”) between the City of Perth Amboy and NCP Perth Amboy Holdings, LLC (“NCP”). A representative from NCP came up and spoke. It was stated that the City Agreement was to provide 10% of property to open space. 3.6 acres will be an amphitheater and includes a restoration of a historic building at no cost to the City. “We will maintain some of that property. There will be walls on the north side and northwest side. We are responsible for cleaning up the site. It’s the City’s obligation to do maintain the improvements on the historic building. All of this is built into the agreement. We’re going to team up with a Fortune500 Company. We’re offering tax incentives and requirements to labor. Things pop up. We need more parking. It’s a very dynamic process. We have met all the requests and have an agreement for 20 years.”

Petrick then added, “That’s the life of the PILOT.”

Councilman Irizarry said, “We’re back to the original plan.”

The representative then stated, “Our business is acquiring environmentally challenged sites and getting them ready. For the historic building, put through a wish list, what you’d like to see. For the 3.68 acres, it will be \$2.6 million worth of improvements. There is \$50,000 for a public bathroom or washroom.”

All the Council voted “Yes” to R-285.

Regarding R-286-6/19 Amending the CY 2019 Budget., Councilman Joel Pabon made some comments: “I’m hoping the Administration steps up. In the past, I voted against it. With respect, the other day I was sent a text that we were going to lay off you guys. You knew before us. I really thought, I’m a homeowner, too. Seniors can only pay so much. I want to make sure you guys are working and making good money. What better if you live here. Certain department are used the way you’re being used, but you are here. At the end of the day, I don’t know what happened.”

All Council Members voted “Yes” except Councilman Fernando Irizarry. R-286 passed.

R-287-6/19 Consenting to the appointment of Irving Lozada as Director of Code Enforcement. – The Council voted unanimously to table R-287.

During the second public portion, Resident Dorothy Daniel came up to speak first. “Banks take away people’s houses. Those houses are not there. We had a fire because a person was there. The homeless people. I’m asking you to do something to make these places livable. I don’t want to see a firefighter lose their life during a fire. I know what could happen. I would like to get cooperation with the City Council to get some covering on that bridge. I

saw the bridge going up. It was like a ladder. I started a ruckus. They put up chicken wire. They (emergency personnel) have to go into the bay where the worse currents are. Make the State accountable so people can’t use Perth Amboy and Perth Amboy resources to kill themselves. It’s your right and responsibility.”

Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up next, “I’m just reassuring Ms. Daniel the grid decreased people from jumping. For the Amended Budget, the cuts existed in the prior budget.”

Council President Petrick then answered, “Not according to the City Council.”

Resident David Caba came up to speak, “Are we looking out for poor Seniors? A driver for Uber makes more than them.”

Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton came back up to speak, “I just asked the representative from NCP why the amphitheater is next to the train bridge. They said it was what they were told to do.” Nanton continued quoting, “If education is expensive, try ignorance.”

Resident Alan Silber came up, “In February 2008, more people that were here for Run Joe (Vas)! Run! You can always go on. Joe (Vas) went to prison 2 years later. The Senior Citizens – There aren’t too much money to do a lot of things. \$500-\$700 – that’s a lot for them. A lot of people who work for the City don’t worry about that. She (Diaz) hired 74 people in 2 months. What Bryan Walensky made in a month, they (the City) could pay 2 Officers (salary). Send a message telling people to come to meetings – it’s where it came from. I wish it was this crowded all the time.”

Resident Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe came up to speak. “I am always pro first responders. The reality is people are standing in the stairways. Some concerned citizens couldn’t hear anything. You should have prepared a location or have a monitor so you can hear what people have to say. We should have an alternate location to come to the Meeting. Seniors are not only on a fixed income; a lot of our homeowners do rent out. Who feels it are our renters. What’s going to happen to the City tomorrow or 10 years from now? I’m glad money comes in. What happens when they leave the City? Perth Amboy is not in the best of shape. What happens when all these companies decide to leave?”

Petrick answered, “One position is the properties are cleaned up.”

Márquez-Villafañe continued, “Look at places like Trenton and Camden. These companies leave and we’re stuck with another vacant property. There should be something in place.”

The Council did not have any Council Comments. President Bill Petrick thanked everyone for coming and stated, “I think we accomplished a lot.”

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. and the Council went into closed session where no formal action was taken.



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

We Salute The Men and Women Who Fought For Our Independence



Patriots Forces at the Battle of Bunker Hill \*DAR

There were women who contributed to the war effort in traditional roles such as nurses or civilians who treated the wounded. Then there are those extraordinary women who felt so passionate that they felt the need to disguise themselves as men to take up arms and participate in actual battle.

There was one woman named Margaret Corbin who was with her husband on the battlefield. He was killed and she manned the cannon and started firing until she suffered wounds herself. She earned a pension for her service.'

Hannah Blair would take in and hide and protect Patriots. She supplied them with food and helped with medical care. She also received a pension for her service.

Mary Pricely was a nurse on a colonial warship.

Many women who disguised themselves as men to fight were poor. They needed to earn money for their families, besides fighting for America's independence.

Another woman that fought was Ann Nancy Bailey who disguised herself as a man named Sam Gay. She was promoted to Corporal. When she was discovered to be a man, she was arrested and imprisoned. After being released from jail, she disguised herself again as a man, reenlisted and was jailed for the second time. Talk about determination!

There were some women who didn't care, didn't disguise themselves, took up arms and fought anyway.

As we say in the title above, we salute all men and women! Especially those women that had what we call gumption!

In case people don't know what that word means - it means the strong will and determination to

do something - the ability to decide what is the best thing to do in a particular situation and to do it with energy and determination. If you easily give up, and don't have a lot of confidence or smarts, then you are lacking in gumption. It takes gumption to get things done - especially difficult things. Someone who takes risks without being afraid has gumption. Having gumption is like having "chutzpah." We all could probably use more gumption. Like common sense, it isn't that common.

I also want to salute those immigrants who took the oath who became citizens recently. They proudly pledged allegiance to America.

The Oath of Allegiance is as follows:

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the armed forces of the United States when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, so help me God. *C.M.*

Sources: *The Roles of Women in the Revolutionary War* by Rebecca Beatrice Brooks.  
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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

**Armalite Rifle**  
A daily newspaper on 6-15-19 had a long editorial by a novice reporter who claimed the Armalite Rifle can fire ten rounds per second. Hunters wouldn't

waste ammunition like that. Why print such misinformation? A reporter should check the facts before commenting on a topic they are unfamiliar with. That reporter did not men-

tion the use of SSRI drugs (like Prozac) and their link to mass shootings over the past decades.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

**Too Many Kids in Perth Amboy**  
I agree with the comment made by Maria Vera and published in the June 5th issue of the Amboy Guardian about there being too many kids in Perth Amboy. Couples need to find a new recreation besides procreation, per-

haps parcheesi? It may not be as much fun, but it won't burden the taxpayers any further! I'd also suggest a limit of two exemptions/deductions per household, which would give a new meaning to pay to play. More children mean more schools, more teachers, and more taxes to dole out for education and

services. Seniors and folks with either no or grown progeny do not benefit from those who produce excess offspring. Those who wish to have more children should take the financial responsibility for them!

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Rusznak

**Water**  
In the letter about TTHMs beyond the standard for drinking water in Perth Amboy, it stated, "People who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer."

"If you have a seriously compromised immune system, infants, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your healthcare provider about drinking this water."

It then went on to say, "Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or

mail)."

So, there are many people who don't know about the contamination and the Middlesex Water Company is expecting residents to spread the word to them. That is negligent of the company. They should be the ones distributing copies of the notice to apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses, paid for by them, not the taxpayers. Mayor Diaz and the City should coordinate the effort. It should be posted in English and Spanish on Channel 47. Notices could be sent to churches and other places of worship in town and published in local newspapers. I told a friend who lives in an apartment and she did not know about the contamination, but many do not have friends who could inform them about it.

Infants, the pregnant, the elderly and those with severely compromised immune systems are our most vulnerable citizens and should not be left in the dark about the water.

People in nursing homes are mostly elderly and would not be able to be proactive about their health, unless the nursing home administrations are aware of the problem and give them bottled water or their family members are informed.

It is immoral not to inform the vulnerable about health risks. And down the line, should they become ill and later find out that Middlesex Water Company and the City did not take appropriate measures to inform them, there could be lawsuits against the company and the Mayor and the City for not reaching out to them.

Surely, it is in the best interests of all our elected officials to safeguard the health of all of our residents. I urge Mayor Diaz, the administration and the City Council to work together on this issue to protect the health of everyone, especially the most vulnerable.

Marianne Komek

**The Quality of Life in Perth Amboy**  
After long winter months, and anxiously waiting for spring/summer to finally arrive, and waiting for the opportunity to be able open my windows to let the summer air come in to my house, one would think, something as simple as that it shouldn't be an issued. Unfortunately, this privilege to be able to relax in my own home is no longer possible for me in this city.

every Friday staring early evening till 10:00 p.m. or later; and back up again on Mid-Saturday and Sunday morning till late at night.

If i choose to watch TV, I would have to close the windows so I would be able to hear my own television or to prevent the "hookah smoke" to come into my house.

Yes, I have asked my neighbors to lower their music nicely, some days they would do it other days it has caused and argument. I also have called the police many times; they come and give them warnings, the next weekend same thing. I believe a warning should be issued once. If other times the police are called for the same scenario, a fine should be issued. How many warnings are they are going to give?

Only when fines start being enforced as per the cities' "NOISE ORDINANCE", only then, is when people would

think twice before blasting their music.

I also enjoy listening to music when I am entertaining guests in my backyard for a BBQ, but I put the music at a level that would not disturb my neighbors. I can't even have a BBQ anymore; because my neighbors' music is so loud that it overshadows any conversation that I may have with my guests.

Since I am no longer able to enjoy my own home, I am strongly considering moving out of Perth Amboy. Thinking of this decision saddens me. I have lived in this city for more than 40 years. My house has been in my family for almost three decades. It has sentimental value for me.

I wish that this letter would touch some higher official and something would be done about this problem.

Sincerely,  
Maritza Hernandez

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

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Historic Surveyor General's Office

PERTH AMBOY - The Historic Surveyor General's Office, which is adjacent to Perth Amboy City Hall, is now open for tours. At one time, this structure was the meeting place of the East Jersey Board of Proprietors & housed their records. Presently the Surveyor General's Office is displaying artifacts from the John Watson (1685-1768) archaeological site along with other items from Perth Amboy's rich history. Perth Amboy history DVDs are also available.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

MON. Jul. 8	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Jul. 9	BID, 4 p.m. City Hall, High St.
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WED. Jul. 10	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

MON. Jul. 8	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.
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## South Amboy 6/19/19 Council Meeting

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are involved in the Fire Department, First Aid, and the Community at-large. “Some are going off to college (Rowan, Middlesex), and one will be serving in the U.S. Army and some will be working for the City.” Reilly also mentioned the passing of Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski’s mother and Chief Darren LaVigne’s brother. Reilly praised Paul Soltys’s commitment to the youth of South Amboy. “His coaching and mentorship meant a lot.” James Soltys (his son) was present to receive the award presented by Councilman McLaughlin honoring his dad.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin wanted to thank all (Mayor and his fellow Council Members): “For allowing me to read the entire resolutions honoring the Baseball Team and their Coach Poulsen and the resolution honoring Paul Soltys.”

Councilwoman Dato congratulated the Baseball Team and recognized some of the members of the community. She also talked about the new swimming program at the YMCA that teaches grade school kids how to swim. She mentioned that the program is expensive, and they

will be having a raffle at the Fireworks to help the Y defray some of the cost. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 9:10 p.m. at the South Amboy Waterfront. Tickets can also be purchased at the South Amboy YMCA. The cost is \$20 per ticket.

The South Amboy Police Department took centerstage and Chief Darren LaVigne came forward to proudly announce that the Police Department had received full accreditation on March 14, 2019. “This accreditation was important, and it was through the highly recognized Rodgers Group. This program was started by Police Chief Frank Rodgers who has been recognized statewide on his progressive Police standards. These standards meet the highest level that any police department can achieve. Their program is very strict and has many guidelines and criteria that has to be met.” LaVigne wanted to thank the Prosecutor for his support and former Business Administrator Camille Tooker. He recognized the two accreditation managers: Detective Sergeant Daniel Holovacko and Sergeant Patricia Kanecke. “They undertook a voluminous task. They had to do a lot of assessments, interviews, updating records, firearms training, and

working with internal affairs. I want to thank Mayor Henry and Council President Mickey Gross for their patience, diligence, and support. We had to testify before the State Chief of Police. We were awarded Full Accreditation Status.” LaVigne then went on to introduce a person who he described as, “A great ally who was always there when we called – Middlesex County Prosecutor Andrew Carey.”

Carey came up to speak and stated, “We ask more of our police than ever before. They are expected to have many roles. I commend the Council. You gave the Police Department the tools they needed to do the best job and to back you up. Our partnership will continue and Chief LaVigne was the driving force.”

The next person to come up to speak was Harry Delgado (Accreditation Program Manager) of the New Jersey State Association of Police Chiefs. Delgado stated, “There are 500 agencies (police departments) and only 39% were successful in achieving accreditation. There are 112 standards along with compliances that have to be met. The South Amboy Police Department exceeded the practices. This program raises the level of stress. You have well trained

personnel. This program consists of progressive and forward thinking. You (the South Amboy Police Department) met all the standards and criteria in a shorter period of time than other departments. We found no fault in the South Amboy Police Department in our last findings.”

Mayor Henry congratulated Police Chief DeVigne and the two officers in charge of the training, Prosecutor Carey, and State Police Chief Harry Delgado. “On behalf of myself, and the Council, I want to thank you all for keeping us safe.”

During the meeting, comments were also made by Council President Mickey Gross who thanked the Superintendent of Schools who had a lot to do with the new swimming program at the YMCA. Council Vice-President Christine Noble congratulated the baseball team and the others that were honored tonight.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski thanked the redevelopment agency for helping with the cost of South Amboy’s new digital sign. “The YMCA will be receiving a matching grant of \$83,000 which will help with Y improvements. This will save us \$10,000 a year.”

Mayor Henry mentioned the passing of a Sayreville resident Raniero Travisano. Travisano

was a Sayreville Councilman, Board of Education Member, former Middlesex County Clerk, and a member of Morgan Fire Department, a member of South Amboy Knights of Columbus, and a member of South Amboy Elks.

Henry also talked about the Historical Society Vintage Baseball Game. “The Board of Education recently honored the Girls Basketball Team of 1989.” He also thanked the Council for the resolution honoring Paul Soltys. “I want to thank all of the people who volunteer.” He urged everyone to check out South Amboy’s website (for upcoming events) and special announcements.

During the public portion, Resident Brian Murphy came up to speak. “I’ve only been a resident here for 10 months and I have a young son enrolled in the baseball program. I want to thank the older baseball players who come and talk to the younger players and give them encouragement and mentor them.”

James Soltys then came up. He thanked the Council for honoring his Dad. “I’ve been gone for almost 20 years, but this will always be my hometown. There’s always a flood of memories when I come to visit. I appreciate all that you did.”

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6/19 – Emergency temporary appropriations to extend the CY 2019 temporary budget in the amount of \$10,221,104.00.

Carr responded, “This is the combined amount for July and August.”

Petrick requested the months be broken down individually.

Carr went on to explain R-295-6/19 – Application for the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program Continuation Funding.

“It’s for fringe benefits for two existing officers.”

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned R-296-6/19 – A Change Order to the Contract with Suburban Consulting Engineers for professional environmental study for underground storage tanks at 400 Stanford Street in an amount not to exceed \$15,800.

Pabon said, “I hope this is going to be it.”

Carr stated, “I doubt it. There is lead in the groundwater, and they need to get ground level samples. They could not get a clean sample.”

Council President Petrick stated that a proper site screen should have been installed. “The responsibility should have been with the original owner of the property.”

Director of Recreation Ken Ortiz came up to explain R-300-6/19 – A Bonners Program under Middlesex County College.

Ortiz stated, “This is an internship program with Middlesex County College and the

Democracy House. It is to hire a College Student to help out with the Teen Center. They would assist the Site Manager. Besides helping out in the office, and the intern will also be a part of the mentorship team. Interested individuals will have to go through an interview process at Middlesex County College. We prefer to have a Perth Amboy resident, but it’s open to anyone. This is a nationally recognized program. It was first brought to our attention by Isamar Payano (Municipal Alliance Coordinator) when she attended Rutgers University. Rutgers also participates in this program.”

Councilman Joel Pabon had a question regarding R-297-6/19 – Purchasing a 1 automated plate reader and 1 upgraded automated license plate reader processing unit for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$21,324.48. He questioned, “Will that bring the total to 3?”

Deputy Police Chief Cattano came forward, “This will bring the total up to 5.” Cattano explained, “This will help in identifying cars that are stolen or have suspended registrations. The one license plate reader we have now is 10 years now. The new ones will have a quicker processor. The cameras will have infrared detectors. It will make sure the vehicles are not stolen or on a watchlist. They are on a county database, which we will not have to pay a fee to.”

Luis Perez Jimenez came up to explain R-304-6/19 – Increasing the contract with Sensus USA

for the purchase of water meters and advanced metering infrastructure project in an amount not to exceed \$28,357.00. “These are large industrial meters. The meters are mechanical, and we have to stay away from purchasing meters with lead and copper components.” Luis Perez Jimenez went on to explain R-305-6/19 – A contract with Allied Construction Group increasing the contract for the Second Street Pumping Station Hazard Mitigation Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$167,993.00 (90% of this amount will be reimbursed by FEMA). “There’s a standby generator that is over 20 years old. We talked to FEMA. It was agreed that it was best to buy a new one.”

Law Director Peter King gave information regarding R-306-6/19 – Amending R-180-4/19 – Authorizing execution of contracts for towing services for years 2019 to include 2 additional towers. King explained, “None of the towers had contracts, and they could not tow until contracts were done. Once those contracts are reviewed, they will be good for 2 years.”

During the public portion, Resident Sue Pezza came forward. She explained she is the coordinator for the Girl Scouts Gardens. She was upset because one of the gardens that was planted is gone now. “One butterfly garden that was planted in memory of my Dad was stolen and some of the flowers were trampled on. Fencing was put up around the garden, and there was debris all over. Some of the

decorations that I put up were tossed all around. Some of the swamp flowers were donated by the Royal Garden Club in Perth Amboy.”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr spoke up and told Pezza, “I contacted Director of Public Works Frank Hoffman, and also Supervisor Danny Cleaver from the same department. They immediately went down there to look at the problem and clean up the mess.” He then went over and gave Pezza his business card so she could contact him for further assistance.

Mayor Wilda Diaz came up next. She said she appreciated seeing the resolution for the appointment of Irving Lozada for Acting Code Enforcement Director on the agenda. She asked the Council to please take into consideration some of the key positions of some of the people (when considering the budget). She then told Council President Petrick he should have abstained when voting on some of these positions. “You took personal attacks on these positions and some women.”

Petrick responded, “Would you prefer we cut the Police and Fire Departments?”

The Mayor then asked Petrick not to interrupt her when she was speaking. She continued, “You (Petrick) personally voted on two positions that you are in litigation with. I’m going to stand with those two females. Irving Lozada has worked hard to turn the Code Enforcement Department around. You need

to fund those positions that are critical. You personally targeted some people.”

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke up and defended Council President Petrick, “Those positions that were removed were based on economics.”

Business Administrator Carr spoke up and said, “Representatives from the Water Company are here to explain the malfunctioning of pumps. The residents will be receiving letters from Middlesex Water Company and a follow-up letter from the City with a follow-up explanation.”

The first representative to speak was Director of Production Dave Brogle. He stated, “In 1990, we started adding chlorine to the water to handle organic matter. In 1998, we lessened the amount of chlorine and put in a different additive. We sampled the locations that have the highest amounts of contaminants. We moved the point of relocation of where we would add chlorine. The main well, which was low in organics had the problem. We were now chlorinating up-front to remove as many organics as possible.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and suggested we made need to start using more wells.

Luis Perez Jimenez responded, “We’re working on a feasibility study to see what we need to control. We have spent \$17 million in the last several years to update the system. We can ask for low interest loans. We have 5 working wells. The Rainy Well has been existence

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# Perth Amboy and South Amboy Present Their Spectacular Fireworks Show on July 3 to Celebrate America’s Independence Day

*Arrive early -- Each City is Planning Family-Fun Events Before the Fireworks That Includes Games, Amusement Rides, Bouncy Inflatables, Music, Food and Much More*

Press Release 6/28/19  
PERTH AMBOY/SOUTH AMBOY – Perth Amboy, South Amboy and the non-profit Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Committee are presenting their spectacular fireworks display over Raritan Bay on Wednesday, July 3. Before the pyrotechnics begin, at about 9:30 p.m., each city is hosting family-friendly activities that will be fun for children of all ages. Everyone is invited to enjoy games, amusement rides and inflatable slides and bouncy houses, food and refreshments from vendors, music, and much more. The rain date for the fireworks show is Friday, July 5.

The fireworks are launched from barges anchored in Raritan Bay. The brilliant light and booming sounds from the explosions can be seen and heard from viewing areas along the waterfront in Perth and South Amboy. “For anyone who loves fireworks, this is the show to see during the Independence Day week,” said Celebrate Chairman Barry Rosengarten and Co-Chairman Michael “Mickey” Gross.

The fireworks display, presented free of charge, is staged by the world-renowned Garden State Fireworks. The incredible pyrotechnics are celebrating America’s Independence Day and honoring the nation’s patriotic men and women from the past and present. Generous donations from local businesses, corporations and not-for-profits cover the costs for the fireworks.

Also, Perth Amboy has arranged for free shuttle service from key parking areas in the downtown district to the waterfront. Shuttle service begins at 3 p.m. and will make regular pickups at and return people to these locations after the fireworks:

- Perth Amboy Public Library (196 Jefferson St.)
- Perth Amboy Train Station (Between Market and Smith streets)
- Jefferson Street Parking Deck (151 Jefferson St)

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz said, “We invite our residents and their guests, as well as visitors, to enjoy the many fun events that are planned for families and young people before the fireworks. We are grateful to the team at the Department of Human Services for planning the activities. As night falls, everyone is going to marvel at the fireworks, which create a joyous tribute of our country’s belief in freedom, independence and equal opportunity for all.”

Spectators are invited to arrive early to enjoy Perth Amboy’s pre-fireworks events which will begin at about 6 p.m. Vendors are selling and serving food, refreshments, desserts, and ice cream as well as Americana novelties. The city is also placing amusement rides, large inflatable slides, a climbing wall, moonwalk and more along Sadowski Parkway. There will be a nominal cost to use the rides. The parkway will be a vehicle-free roadway and safe for pedestrians.

The Perth Amboy Police, Fire and Public Works Departments are focused on making the July 3 fireworks display a safe and secure event for everyone. The police have issued traffic and safety advisories that include temporary street closings around the city’s waterfront area. The police strongly encourage people to leave their pets at home during the fireworks show.

The police department also reminds residents and visitors that free meter parking is available beginning at 5 p.m. in the downtown district and in public parking areas:

Municipal Parking Lots	Locations
Lot A (Next to Post Office)	<u>185 Jefferson St.</u>
Lot B (Next to Public Library)	<u>196 Jefferson St.</u>
Lot C	<u>103 Jefferson St.</u>
Lot 4	<u>Hobart Street</u>
Lot 9	New Brunswick Avenue and State Street
RD Howell Lot	<u>296 Madison St.</u>
Jefferson Street Lot	<u>151 Jefferson St.</u>
Train Station Lot	<u>Smith Street</u>

*Many Excellent Locations to View Fireworks*

**Where to watch the fireworks in Perth Amboy – Perth Amboy Marina, Bay View Park, Front and Water Streets, Sadowski Parkway** and the adjoining beachfront area. Guests who take NJ Transit trains or buses to Perth Amboy to watch the fireworks, may reach the waterfront viewing area by using the free shuttle service.

**Where to view pyrotechnics in South Amboy – Raritan Bay Waterfront County Park.**

The viewing location in South Amboy is within walking distance of the NJ Transit train station. South Amboy residents and guests may picnic, play games and relax in parks along the Raritan Bay Waterfront County Park, courtesy of the city Recreation Department. Residents and guests will enjoy food, refreshments, games and much more, including kiddie rides and a performance by Al Chez and the Brothers of Funk.

Parking inside the county park will be limited to those with valid handicap plates. Alcohol is prohibited in the park. Those planning to attend are asked not to bring their pets.

The free, pre-fireworks activities begin at 4 p.m. in South Amboy.

**Music Fills the Air**

On the music front, Perth Amboy, South Amboy and the Celebrate Committee have teamed up with Magic 98.3 (WMGQ-FM) and WCTC-AM (1450). Each city is placing a sound system in its fireworks viewing areas. During the afternoon and evening, a local DJ from each community will play a selection of popular music.

As the fireworks begin, WMGQ-FM and WCTC-AM will start playing Americana-style songs and patriotic tunes over local sound systems and their airwaves. The music will be “synced” with the fireworks to accentuate the sights and sounds of the pyrotechnics.

Over 60,000 people are expected to view the extravagant pyrotechnics display. The fireworks remind everyone that the very course of history can be changed when free, brave people unite to achieve a special cause.

For more details and updates about the July 3rd fireworks (Rain Date July 5th), visit the Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes website: <http://www.celebratestarsandstripes.com>. Companies and individuals still have time to make a contribution to fireworks display.

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since 1993. The other wells are over 32 years old.”

Brogle then continued, “A home water filtration system may help as long as you maintain them (per their instructions).”

Representative Robert Fullager, who is the Assistant Vice-President of Operations spoke next. “This problem is not unique to Perth Amboy.” He also responded to people who brought up the water problem in, Flint, Michigan. “In Flint, Michigan, there was a failure on all levels, and it was a cover-up. You can see all reports dealing with your water.”

B.A. Carr then spoke up, “Luis Perez Jimenez is working on the CCR (Consumer Confidence Report - A document that provides consumers information about the quality of drinking water in an easy to read format).”

Resident Ken Balut came up next, “We had levels for smoking. The same as on how much water we should drink. Levels keep being lowered. We’ve had experts come here before. Trust the Administration? I don’t think so. Look at what’s going on in New Brunswick with their water.” Balut then turned his attention to Irving Lozada. He stated, “Lozada could not fill out an application correctly when he applied for a job as a Confidential Aide (to the Mayor). He will just be a paper-pusher. We are short-handed, yet they want to put someone unqualified for the position (Code Enforcement Director). 11 letters should have been sent out regarding the water situation.”

Resident Vince Mackiel came up. He asked representatives from the Water Company if they have to report any of the City’s water problems to Federal Agencies.

Brogle responded, “The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) makes the regulations. Some cities stay with the minimum requirements. Everything reported to the New Jersey EPA goes to the Federal EPA.”

Mackiel then asked, “Besides what the Superfund Sites require, can we do more?”

Council President Petrick responded, “We may be able to put some wells outside of the plume area.”

Mackiel continued and suggested, “We should use the Superfund Sites and new wells. I would like to see more politicians involved. I appreciate the Council Comments. The Mayor needs to become more involved. This can impact the economics of the whole country.”

Resident Alan Siber came up next. “When people come up to speak, they should also say where they live.” He then talked about interim appointments, “If there is a no-vote after a period of 90 days, the Mayor can reappoint someone else in that position.” He then stated that Law Director Peter King made an \$885 donation to a campaign ticket that the Mayor was supporting. “The Mayor is conflict-

ed. The people who were put on the Budget worked on her campaign. You (the Council) will be setting a precedent when voting for Irving Lozada. Can we put people in any position? Certifications in some positions are not required. You can put anybody in the position as Police Director. I would be skeptical about the water reports. The current Prosecutor at Flint, Michigan wants to reopen the investigation (regarding their water problems). Look at the YouTube Video regarding our water situation. The panel consisted of the Mayor and representatives from the Water Department.” Silber also questioned the Mayor taking a vacation when working on a campaign.

Law Director King responded, “The Mayor can take a vacation and work on a campaign. A person can’t work on a campaign during their working hours. The Mayor can reappoint someone for a position after 90 days. After the 90-day trial period, it goes to the Council. They can say no to appoint the same person., so the appointment can go to someone else.” King then responded to Silber’s statement about making a contribution to a political campaign, “I did not do a check for \$800.”

Councilman Irizarry spoke up, “At a previous meeting, a resident stated that 13 letters have been sent out regarding the water in Perth Amboy. To me, that meant that unsafe levels have been elevated 13 times.”

Brogle responded, “I don’t know where that number came from. Unsafe levels have to reach a certain threshold and each paying customer has to be notified through direct mail. The state also has to be notified.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next, “I liked the presentation regarding the water, but it was not put on the agenda. We were part of the blame for this. I also went to a meeting regarding sewer overflow.”

Luis Perez Jimenez spoke up next, “There will be another meeting regarding sewer overflow that will be on July 1 which we will present to the DEP.”

B.A. Carr said, “The draft of what will be presented is 175 pages.”

Luis Perez Jimenez continued and said, “We can do a presentation in Perth Amboy.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada spoke up next, “I want to thank you (Middlesex Water) for coming here and I believe the truth will come out.” She also congratulated all of the graduates of the Class of 2019.”

Council President Petrick said, “I appreciate Middlesex Water coming here tonight, but it should have been publicized. It’s important that we are transparent.”

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Congratulations Class of 2019, South Amboy High School, 6/20/19

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Valedictorian Jack Lukio (R) Salutatorian Wiktoria Radon (L)



SAHS Class of 2019

Congratulations Class of 2019, Perth Amboy High School, 6/25/19

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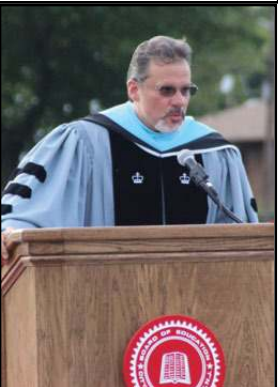
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## Volunteers Needed to Help Children in Foster Care

Press Release 5/30/19  
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CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to speak for a child's best interests. They meet with the child and learn about their circumstances, then share information and recommendations with the judge. CASA volunteers come from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds, with no special experience or education needed. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, pass background checks and have compassion, objectivity and commitment to children.

CASA volunteers work closely with an abused or neglected child or sibling group, advocating for their best interests. Essentially, CASA volunteers "speak up" for these children in the court, making sure they are safe and well-cared for, are getting the services they need and are placed in a permanent, safe, nurturing home as quickly as possible.

If you are interested in volunteering, or need more information please join us for an information session on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30-11.30 a.m. at the Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Avenue Metuchen, NJ 08840, or visit our website, [casaofmiddlesex-county.org/volunteer](http://casaofmiddlesex-county.org/volunteer).

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# How Many Warnings?; Lozada Appointed 6/26/19 Council Meeting

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this was done deliberately. “Or was the check lost in the mail?”

Council President William Petrick responded, “The City didn’t receive the payment.”

Sierakowski went on to explain, “I recently attended an event there, and all 3 parking lots were filled. I couldn’t find a parking space.”

Carr explained, “Those lots are public parking and it’s first come – first serve. The owner knows that.”

Sierakowski continued, “I am surprised the people who do the valet parking do not get paid by the owners (of the establishment). They are only paid tips by the people whose cars they park.”

Sharon Hubberman came up next. She thanked the Council and Middlesex Water for their presentation. She asked, “Who compiled the graphs of different levels of compounds of the sites around the City?”

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “The Water Company.”

Hubberman then questioned, “What would cause the letters to be sent out? I see 4 quarters that was based on a total year of running value. The letter said that the readings would be based from April 1st to June 30th. We need to rely on the EPA stats. What filtration procedures have been implemented? What about corrosion? I hear you are using ozone’s for clean-ups. I sent an OPRA request for the maintenance records for the last 10 years. We are paying an excess of \$20 million to the Water Company. What about the chemistry of the water? What about organic versus inorganic materials? Inorganic includes metals. We want to make sure you differentiate between the two and it is noted. An emergent contaminant was not mentioned.”

Jimenez replied, “We’re using a pressure system for filtration and we use lime to control the corrosion. We don’t use ozone’s. In regards to your OPRA request for the last 10 years, you are asking for over 1000 pages. If you would like, you can come to our office anytime to look at the reports. Organic materials would be trees and leaves that are extracted through the wells.”

Resident Marianne Komek came to speak next. She read a letter regarding the water and the lack of communication to residents who had not received the notice. (see letter “Water” on p. 6.)

Louis Perez Jimenez again explained that notices were only mailed to those who pay the water bill.

Brogle then spoke because there was a question regarding ozone’s and bromates. “Bromate (bromate and ozone formed together is used when disinfecting water) can be form when it’s reacting with ozone’s. We do not use ozone’s. Another company working on the site is the one using ozone’s.”

A woman who lives on Jefferson Street came up and talked about Irving Lozada and why she thinks he should be appointed as Code Enforcement Director. “Lozada goes above and

beyond his duties. The Council should take that into consideration.”

Another resident came up and asked that her Spanish be translated into English, which Councilman Irizarry did. She wanted to congratulate the Council Members who didn’t do a tax increase. She explained she is a community leader and represents Ward 2 District 1. “People come to me to help solve their problems. A lot of people call Lozada personally. If he did a bad job, I would tell you. Please vote to support him. If not, who would do the job? He has done a better job than those who had this position before. Irving has to support his family and he will continue to do a good job.”

Renee Skelton came up next. She made a statement regarding anticorrosive, metal, and copper levels in the water. She stated in the letter it said the pH in the water was 6.6 to 7.

Jimenez said, “The groundwater has a low pH and we have to increase the pH to reach the acceptable levels.”

Alan Silber came up next. He talked about a political press conference that the Mayor had at City Hall Circle. “She (Diaz) submitted the form and signed it. Irving Lozada is a very polite person and anytime he would see me, he would shake my hand. The day that the Mayor had that press conference, he (Lozada) left work to attend it. I also saw Code Enforcement Officers with badges who attended. It (the press conference) was a political intrusion. You (the Council) are elected. The Mayor has to uphold all ordinances and you have to make sure she does. She puts any dates on correspondence that she wants (referring to the time when she made title and date changes to appointments that are made by the Mayor).”

Council President Petrick responded, “The Resolution appointing Lozada was on the agenda 3 times.”

Councilman Irizarry then spoke up and said, “In 3 times, those resolutions were tabled.”

Silber continued, “Improper political appointments were made.”

A Resident from West Side Avenue came up to speak next who came up to support the appointment of Irving Lozada. “I’ve known him for years. Lozada deserves an opportunity to continue. Lozada does much for the community. I pay more than \$80,000 a year in taxes as a business owner.”

Another Resident came up to speak. He said, “I came up here tonight to speak about Irving. I’ve been a resident for 40 years. Not many people here have done for the community what Irving has done. I asked you to value Irving for the position he’s requesting.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up to talk about Ordinance No. 2 regarding rates for the water and sewer. She stated, “The rate increase will have an impact on our water rates. Some apartment renters pay for their water. Why aren’t we discussing a moratorium? I understand there’s a lot to run the system, but I’m not in favor of an increase.”

Petrick spoke up and remind-

ed everyone, “We have an old system. For many years it was neglected. We (the Council) have to pay the increase also.”

Resident Ken Balut came up next to speak about Ordinance No. 3 – An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” re: transfer restrictions. He questioned, “Is this for one person only?”

Law Director King responded, “Anyone can take advantage of this. It’s a restriction from one owner to another.”

Balut continued, “The town has bent over backwards for this one person.”

Petrick responded, “If this ordinance passes, then anyone can do the same, even if they have a pocket license.”

Councilman Helmin Caba then added a few comments, “It’s not to help just one person. This license is presently located in a residential area. It will be relocated to a commercial area. If we don’t approve this ordinance, it will remain in a residential lot which will affect more people.”

Alan Silber came up to speak about this ordinance. “I understand about moving this license to a commercial area, but why does it expire January 1, 2020?”

King responded, “To give it a window.”

Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak about Ordinance No. 4 – An ordinance dissolving the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency and designating the City Council as a Redevelopment Entity for the City of Perth Amboy. (Adoption Subject to Approval from Local Finance Board) Sierakowski stated, “The agency currently has no debt and has more assets than deficits. How long will it take to dissolve the agency if the DCA approves the dissolution?”

King responded, “About 6 months.”

Sierakowski then questioned, “Can we reduce that timeframe?”

King responded, “I don’t know. I will be forwarding all the paperwork to the DCA.”

Balut came up to speak regarding the same ordinance, “This is a great ordinance, and you can have more control when dealing up-front with the developers and contractors. The school taxes went up with the PILOTS. It’s not fair to the Senior Citizens. Those PILOTS are garbage. Fehrenbach said no to a PILOT for Kushner. You can make an easy case (to dissolve PARA) to the DCA on why you should take over. Just show them the 2 PILOTS that were given first. You guys did a good job increasing the taxes by only 1%. You have to vote for this ordinance.”

Resident Dorothy Daniel came up to speak about Ordinance No. 5 – An ordinance to amend an ordinance fixing and establishing a schedule of salaries and salary ranges and increments for officers and employees (nonunion and management). She was concerned that the police or fire personnel may be laid-off.

Petrick responded, “Our intention is not to layoff anyone from the police, fire, or EMT departments.”

When it came time to vote on the resolutions, R-290 and

R-291, R-293 thru R-306, and R-308 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon. R-292 and R-307 was asked to be pulled by Council President Petrick to be voted on separately.

For R-292 – Authorizing the 2019-2020 renewal club license held in the name of St. George Catholic Club, Inc. at 409-419 Eagle Avenue effective July 1, 2019. It was moved by Councilman Joel Pabon and seconded by Councilman Fernando Irizarry. Petrick abstained because he’s a member of the club. All the other Council Members voted “yes”.

For R-307 – Consenting to the appointment of Irving Lozada as Director of Code Enforcement was moved by Councilman Joel Pabon and seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba. Before they voted individually, Councilman Irizarry had a question. “There was supposed to be more information attached to this resolution.” He asked about the salary.

B.A. Carr responded, “Lozada’s salary would start at the low end for that position. That would be \$90,793.”

When it came time for the vote, everyone voted “yes” except Council President Bill Petrick who voted, “no”.

For Ordinance No. 3 – The transfer restrictions regarding alcoholic beverages, it was moved by Councilman Caba and seconded by Councilman Irizarry. Everyone voted “yes” except Council President Petrick who voted “no”.

Law Director King gave Councilman Irizarry more information regarding R-307. “When appointed, Lozada will have to go to certain required classes. After 6 months, there will be a review of his salary to see if he has met certain criteria (in that timeframe).”

Councilman Irizarry responded, “My concern is it that this is not stipulated (in the resolution).”

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch said, “It’s in there if you look at the revision.”

B.A. Carr then spoke up, “Lozada’s focus is the management.”

Law Director King spoke up again, “Lozada will be taking certain seminars pertaining to the job, but he can’t be expected to take all of the classes.”

During the last pubic portion, Dorothy Carty-Daniel came up next. She was concerned about the traffic on Convery Boulevard near the fast food establishments. “With the cars going towards Woodbridge, many of them are crossing the yellow lines to go into those businesses and it’s dangerous. I’m concerned about the students and teachers who will be going to the new school there. A footbridge is needed.” She also complained about the smells coming from the sewers and stated they need to be cleaned. She suggested nets may be needed to be placed over the sewer grates. She then talked about Community investment Programs that banks and other businesses would participate in. She remembered that program was around when Vas was Mayor. They would pay the salaries

of firefighters or police officers so they wouldn’t lose their jobs. Daniel also wanted to thank the Council for voting to make Zambory Street one-way.”

She then talked about getting a call from a telemarketer who used a utility company phone number to say they are a bill collector. “You should call our top politicians to get this stopped.”

Petrick spoke up and told Daniel, “A conversation is taking place with the FCC to stop this.”

Carr commented, “This problem went through the FCC pretty fast and a ruling has been made. These are computer generated calls.”

Petrick spoke up again, “These telemarketers are preying on the elderly.”

Resident John Katz came up next. “I came up here at another meeting to complain about the uprooted pavers on our sidewalks. It was suggested that I walk the streets to take pictures. That’s not my job, but if you want to pay me \$20 an hour - I’ll do it! I used to be a cop with Balut. The quality of life is bad.” He went on to explain that he saw an individual urinating in public in the daytime. “There are lot of people who smell really bad with dirty clothing. People are always begging for money. I’m on social security. I should be asking them for money.”

Petrick responded, “It’s the Mayor’s duties. We can’t tell the police where to patrol. You need their presence.”

A woman by the name of Ms. Rivera came up to speak. She talked about a problem that she’s having in the neighborhoods of Augustine and Sayre Avenue. “There is always loud music playing. I tried to reason with these individuals. They cursed me out. It’s really bad. My parents own a home in that area. My father is 90 years old. When I called the police, they still harass us. There are loud beeping noises that start late at night and continue until early in the morning. Some places play loud music from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. They have no regard for the police. This has been going on for 8 years. Don’t these people know about Code Enforcement Laws? The police should be issuing summonses. You can’t tell people anything nowadays because they will retaliate. I live on a one-way street and people are always going down it the wrong way. Lawton Street is a problem.”

Resident Ken Balut came up and talked about when he was a Police Officer. “We will always go back to the address where a complaint was being made.” He then talked about the appointment of Irving Lozada to Director of Code Enforcement, “We just gave \$90,000 to a pencil pusher. He’s just doing what he did when he was the Mayor’s Aide. You know about the ticket fixing that went on. The AG (Attorney General) knows about this and about the person who was given a raise in the court system. It’s doing the same thing that Joe Vas did (giving houses away). And no one



**NAACP Meeting, Olive Street Community Center, Perth Amboy 6/17/19***\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*

PERTH AMBOY - Reverend Donna Stewart President (L) and Sheriff Mildred Scott (R) spoke at the NAACP Meeting at the Olive Street Community Center. There was a special presentation by the MCDO (Middlesex County Democratic Organization) on the Black Caucus.

## A.C. Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN – The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip just to Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. Cost is \$30 with \$25 back in play. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. For any questions - please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.



## 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, July 11, 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.

## PAHS Class of 1979, 1980 & 1981 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Class of 1979, 1980 & 1981 Class Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019 from 7 PM – 11 PM at Yesterday's Restaurant, 3153 Route 35 North, Hazlet, NJ 07730. There will be a buffet dinner with unlimited beer and wine. This event will be the 40th year reunion for the class of 1979, 39th year reunion for the class of 1980, and 38th year reunion for the class of 1981. Music will be provided by Class of 1981's Tony "Bojo" Negron. Tickets are \$60 per person. Send an email to ansky.nj@verizon.net or call 732-409-2418 to purchase tickets or for hotel accommodation info. The deadline to purchase tickets in Monday, July 22nd.

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WOODBIDGE - Tuesdays May 14<sup>th</sup> thru Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Wal-Mart Parking Lot). Weather Permitting. Rock & Roll Music, Trophies, Kids Games - Just Family Fun. For more info call 1-732-407-2396.



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Fresh Roasted Turkey Breast, Gravy, Sausage Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables Medley, Cranberry Sauce, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Thursday, July 25, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adults \$15.00; Children under 8 years--\$6.00. Tickets Available in Advance at the Lodge and at the Door. Reserved Tables Must be Paid for in Advance. Proceeds to benefit our general fund. For more information call 732-727-7170.

## Bus Trip Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

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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.

## Barron Arts Center Annual Outdoor Flea Market

WOODBIDGE – Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rain or Shine! Location: Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge (Between Walgreens and the NJ Transit Woodbridge Station) Benefits the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission and future programming at the Barron Arts Center. For more information or to register as a vendor, call 732-634-0413.

## Angioscreen Event

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding an Angioscreen event Friday, July 19, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn your risk of heart attack and stroke. Screenings include carotid artery ultrasound, heart rhythm, blood pressure and screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm and peripheral artery disease. Receive a color report of your findings, education materials and consultation with a registered nurse. The cost is \$49.95. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

## Perth Amboy NAACP Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Unit of the NAACP meets Monday July 15, 2019 at the Jankowski Senior Center, 1 Olive Street Perth Amboy NJ at 7 p.m. sharp. All are welcome. Reverend Donna Stewart President.

## Farmers Market

WOODBIDGE – The Woodbridge Farmers' Market is OPEN every Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Parker Press Park. This season, the WB Farmers' Market has expanded with a brand-new "Jersey Fresh" farmer and specialty food vendors. Melick's Town Farm Market joins the WB Market offering straight-from-the-field produce, vegetables, fruits, flowers, plants and organic specialties.

## Total Joint Replacement Education Session

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is sponsoring a free Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, July 5, 8 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., in the Human Motion Institute office, concourse level, 530 New Brunswick Ave, Perth Amboy, NJ. The class will educate attendee on what to expect, before, during and after surgery. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990

## Eyes of the Wild

SOUTH AMBOY – Come to see the Eyes of the Wild Summer Program at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy on Monday, July 8, 2019 from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Live Animals! Don't miss out! Sponsored by the Friends of Dowdell Library. For more information call 732-721-6060 or go to [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org)

## Bariatric Weight Loss Support Group Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Center for Bariatric Surgery at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding a Bariatric Weight Loss support group meeting Tuesday, July 9, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is designed for individuals who have had weight loss surgery, are contemplating weight loss surgery, or are trying to maintain a healthy weight. Friends and family are welcome. The meeting will be held in Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

## Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have a book sale every other Saturday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center at the corner of Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the summer is as follows: Saturday, July 13, 27, August 24, September 7, 21. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardcovers are \$1, \$5 for a bag full, no limit to size of bag except no lawn or garbage bags. We have best sellers by popular authors that are like new. The money we raise goes to support the library with providing programs, promoting literacy or to provide funds to the library with their needs beyond their budget. For more information email us at [friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com), or call us at 201-381-1903 and like us on Facebook. Dealers are welcome.

The Friends are also sponsoring the Lizard Guys on September 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the children's room of the Perth Amboy Library. Mark your calendars.

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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.

In Normandy on June 30, 1944, the fighting rages on. Since D-Day, the Allies have landed 630,000 troops, 600,000 tons of supplies and 177,000 vehicles. Allied losses have numbered 62,000 killed and wounded. U.S. forces abandon the airfield at Hengyang, China, in the face of a strong Japanese offensive. The U.S. breaks off diplomatic relations with Finland. In Jerome, Arkansas, a relocation center housing 8,497 interned Japanese and Japanese-American U.S. citizens closes. It is the first of the facilities established under President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 to be shut down. President Roosevelt signs a bill providing for independence for the Philippines once the Japanese are removed from the islands. (The Philippines had been a Commonwealth of the U.S. since 1935.)

In France, the 1st SS Panzer Korps, part of the German Seventh Army, mounts an armored attack around Caen on July 1, 1944, but the British Second Army holds off the assault. In Italy, German forces in front of the British Eighth Army begin to withdraw. In New Hampshire, the Bretton Woods Conference convenes to deal with post-war financial and economic problems. Representatives of 44 countries at the meeting establish the International Monetary Fund for Reconstruction and Development.

German V-1 "flying bomb" attacks against England continue on July 2, especially against London, with considerable destruction and loss of life. About 7,100 Allied troops land at Noemfoor Island, Dutch New Guinea, against no resistance from the Japanese garrison stationed at an airfield there. On Saipan, in the Marianas, American troops continue their advance; Garapan village is overrun. On Europe's Eastern Front, Soviet forces cut several rail lines running westward from Minsk, Belorussia.

Minsk, the capital of Belorussia, is captured by the Soviets on July 3, trapping 100,000 Germans in a pocket to the east. Minsk is the locale of the last large German base on Soviet soil. In Italy, Siena falls to Algerian troops fighting along with Free French forces.

On July 4 the general strike in Copenhagen that began on June 26 ends. The Germans repeal the 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew that triggered the protest to avoid further popular uprisings in Denmark. The Nazis also agree to no reprisals and no firing into unarmed crowds. The Soviet 1st Baltic Front begins an offensive toward Riga, Latvia, capturing Polotsk, Belorussia, and threatening to isolate German Army Group North during its fighting retreat from Estonia. Elements of the U.S. Navy's Task Force 58 attack Guam, in the Mariana Islands, Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands, and Chichijima, in the Bonin Islands, with naval bombardments.

German U-boats begin operations off the Normandy coast on July 5, sinking four small Allied warships. On the Eastern Front, in Belorussia, the Red Army begins the destruction of the German Fourth and Ninth Armies, comprising around 100,000 troops. On Noemfoor Island, Dutch New Guinea, the Japanese garrison there counterattacks the Allied beachhead but fails to make any progress.

On Saipan, on July 6, the Japanese launch the largest human-wave *banzai* charge of the war. The 1st and 2nd Battalions of the U.S. Army's 105th Infantry are hit hardest, losing 650 men. However, the charge fails, and 4,300 Japanese soldiers are slaughtered. Hitler replaces Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt with Field Marshal Günther von Kluge as Commander in Chief, West. In London, Winston Churchill states that 2,754 "doodlebugs" (V-1 flying bombs) have been launched by the Germans, causing 2,752 deaths and 8,000 injuries so far. He also announces that penicillin, heretofore restricted to military use, would be available to V-1 victims. In Hartford, Connecticut, 100 children and 70 adults die in a circus-tent fire at a performance of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Over 700 others are injured. As part of a Polish national uprising, 4,200 soldiers of the Polish Home Army (*Armia Krajowa*), together with thousands of partisans and civilian volunteers, launch an attack against the 7,700 Germans occupying Vilnius, the largest city and capital of Lithuania. The next day, the Poles are joined by several units of the Red Army that are in the vicinity.

On July 7, on Saipan, Vice Adm. Chuichi Nagumo, commander of naval forces there (he had commanded the carriers at the Pearl Harbor attack) and Lt. Gen. Yoshitsugu Saito, the local army commander, commit suicide independently of each other as the Japanese position on the island deteriorates. In Europe, 50 heavy RAF bombers carry out a saturation raid, dropping 2,300 tons of ordnance on the German positions in and around Caen, France. 1,129 USAAF bombers attack aircraft factories and oil-processing plants in the Leipzig area of Germany.

U.S. Navy ships on July 8 shell Guam, in the Mariana Islands. Southwest of Minsk, Belorussia, Lt. Gen. Vincenz Müller, commander of the surrounded German Fourth Army, surrenders with 57,000 men. Vicious street fighting is reported as Polish Home Army soldiers and Soviet troops enter Vilnius, Lithuania. German Army Group Center's losses have now reached 300,000 men (28 divisions) in less than three weeks. In France, British and Canadian troops reach the outskirts of Caen.

Saipan is declared secured on July 9. The Japanese lose over 27,000 troops killed. In the last stages of the battle, numerous native civilians commit suicide at the encouragement of the Japanese military. Overall, 3,116 Americans have died in the fighting; over 13,000 have been wounded. A major Soviet offensive begins east of Riga, Latvia, in order to cut off German Army Group North in the Baltic States. The 2nd Belorussian Front attacks northwest from Vitebsk, the 3rd Belorussian Front attacks west from Psovsk and the Leningrad Front attacks southwest toward Narva. British and Canadian troops capture Caen, France, in Normandy.

On July 10, Tokyo is bombed for the first time since the Doolittle Raid in April 1942. On New Guinea, the Japanese are still offering fierce resistance to the Allied advance. German and Finnish forces turn back the Red Army at Talli-Inhantala and at Vyborg Bay, Finland. Because of the dangers posed by German V-1 flying bombs, 41,000 British mothers and children are evacuated from London and head for assigned lodging in the countryside.

In Washington, D.C., President Roosevelt announces on July 11 that he will run for an unprecedented fourth term. The United States formally recognizes the provisional French government of Gen. Charles de Gaulle in London as the *de facto* government of France. The Red Army captures an additional 35,000 soldiers from the remnants of the encircled German Fourth Army, eliminating resistance in Belorussia east of Minsk. In Normandy, the German Tiger II heavy tank makes its combat debut.

In Italy, the Allies begin air attacks on the bridges over the Po River on July 12. In France, the U.S. First Army gets to within two miles of Saint-Lô but meets stiff German resistance. At Méautis, Normandy, France (14 miles from Sainte-Mère-Église), U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of the former president, dies of a heart attack. The only general to land by sea with the first wave of troops on D-Day (at Utah Beach), Roosevelt was, at age 56, the oldest man in the invasion. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

On July 13, a German *Junkers* Ju 88G-1 multi-role combat plane, equipped with secret SN-2 radar, lands by mistake at Woodbridge military airfield in Suffolk, England, giving the RAF its first look at the new radar and the aircraft's radar-detection gear. In Italy, the French Expeditionary Corps, part of the U.S. Fifth Army, engages with German forces about 20 miles south of Florence. In Asia, Japanese troops and their Indian allies continue withdrawing from India to Burma. The abortive invasion of India has cost the lives of over 65,000 Japanese and Japanese-allied Indian National Army soldiers.

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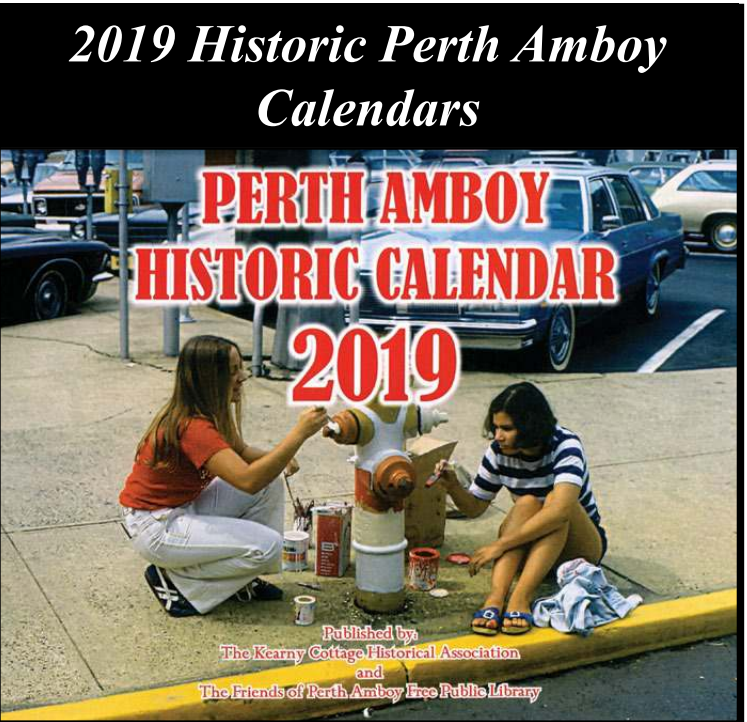
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## MOVIE REVIEW: TOY STORY 4

By: Anton Massopust III

“Kids lose toys all the time, Woody.” - Bo Peep

The Toy Story franchise has a long history. For those of you who have not seen the other Toy Story movies, here’s a brief history. The original Toy Story is a buddy movie about Woody (Tom Hanks) and Buzz (Tim Allen) and how they became best friends and how being part of Andy’s life was the most important thing they could do. Toy Story 2 is when Woody gets kidnapped by a greedy toy collector and it’s up to Buzz and friends to rescue him. We run into a new gang of Heroes including Jessie. They all have to worry a little about an uncertain future but are confident they will be okay. Toy Story 3 involves what the toys most dread. Andy’s final journey to adulthood and the toys realizing that they had to become Bonnie’s toys at the end.

In Toy Story 4, Woody the cowboy feels like the odd toy. Bonnie (Madeleine McGraw) plays with other toys, but not him and Woody is sitting in the closet. We also get a back story of what happened to Bo Peep (Annie Potts). Molly goes to kindergarten orientation and Woody smuggles himself along in Bonnie’s backpack. Bonnie makes a new toy out of spork named Forky (Tony Hale). She constructed little feet and little arms for Forky, but he doesn’t feel that he is a toy and he just wants to be thrown in the trash. What can Woody do to convince Forky that he is a toy and is important to Bonnie?

Forky gets lost and Woody goes after him. Woody soon discovers Bo Peep is now stays with a group of toys who do their own thing. They get played



with when they want to. Forky ends up in an antique store with a doll named Gabby Gabby (Christina Hendricks). Woody teaches Forky how to become a real toy. There’s a carnival nearby and Buzz goes to save him and runs into two new characters: Ducky (Keegan-Michael Key) and Bunny (Jordan Peele) who tag along with the hope of getting a new kid to adopt them. Woody, Bo Peep and Duke Kaboom (Keanu Reeves) go rescue Forky from the hands of Gabby Gabby and her minions of ventriloquist dummies who are really creepy.

This story is mostly about Woody, how he has to face maturity, and what he does to a toy who believes he’s outlived

his usefulness. Just like in Toy Story 3, Andy has grown up, and Woody has to grow up, too. The ending is heartbreaking.

Toy Story 4 has excellent animation which as way improved since the original Toy Story. It has wonderful songs by Randy Newman. Just when you thought they couldn’t do another Toy Story. My only complaint is that it’s a little bit redundant. There’s too much getting into traps and getting out. The other Toy Story’s usually just focused on one story while this film tackles multiple stories so it’s a little bit long winded, but it moves pretty quickly. Toy Story 4 is fun for everyone, but you better bring some tissues.

## How Many Warnings? 6/26/19 Council Meeting

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is being held accountable. You guys are obligated to follow up if something is wrong because you can be held accountable. The police have more experience to do the Code Enforcement job. There are continuous problems with towers dropping tickets. It’s just a matter of time before someone gets a phone call. You guys will pay for it.”

Irving Lozada came up next. He wanted to thank the Council for giving him this opportunity. He stated he’s here to serve the people.

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up next. She recommended a forensic audit be done regarding the water and sewer. “Where did the money go? It’s a self-liquidating debt because they’re called fees. If we issue debt, it was supposed to go towards the water and infrastructure. We should have a commission set up to see how the money is used. We need an environmental community committee pertaining to public health, chemicals, etc.”

Resident Alan Silber came up. He again brought up the \$885

campaign contribution that Law Director Peter King made to a political campaign that the Mayor was supporting. King had denied writing that check.

Silber insisted he had a copy of the check which had King’s name on it made out to the ticket the Mayor supported. Silber said, “If King said he didn’t write out that check, then someone committed fraud. The Mayor also did a \$2,000 contribution. The Council should hire an attorney to investigate our attorney. They filed their reports of that campaign way after the election deadline.”

During Council Comments, Helmin Caba spoke first. He stated, “The liquor license (Ordinance No. 3) was the best thing for this community. I don’t want anyone else to take advantage of this. I want to thank everyone for coming to the meeting and expressing their feelings.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

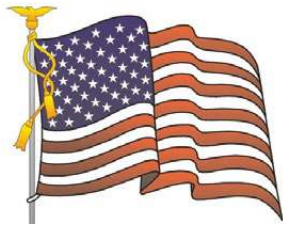
Before the Council continued, B.A. Carr wanted to make an announcement, “I had a 45-minute talk with the DCA. I told them about our negotia-

tions. I want to talk more about the budget and its impact on the City. At the July 8th Caucus Meeting, there will be 2 presentations and one presentation and one presentation at the July 10th Council Meeting.”

Pabon had no comments.

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda thanked everyone for her comments and said we (the Council) will have to do our own investigation.

Council President Petrick thanked everyone in the public for attending. He told them how to find out when the meetings are (date and time). He wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.



## Tom's Tax Tips

### 5 Summer Tax Saving Opportunities

*Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A. 1-800-801-1099*

Ah, summer. The weather is warm, kids are out of school, and it's time to think about tax saving opportunities! Here are five ways you can enjoy your normal summertime activities and save on taxes:

- 1. Rent out your property tax-free.** If you have a cabin, condo, or similar property, consider renting it out for two weeks. The rental income you receive on property rented for less than 15 days per year is not considered taxable income. In addition, you can still deduct your mortgage interest expense and property taxes in full as itemized deductions!. Track the rental days closely - going over 14 days means all rent is taxable and rental income rules apply.
- 2. Take a tax credit for summer childcare.** For many working parents, the summer comes with the added challenge of finding care for their children. Thankfully, the Child and Dependent Care Credit can cover 20-35 percent of qualified childcare expenses for your children under the age of 13. Eligible types of care include day care, nanny fees and day camps (overnight camps and summer school do not qualify).
- 3. Hire your kids.** If you own a business, hire your kids. If you are a sole proprietor and your child is under age 18, you can pay them to work without withholding or paying Social Security and Medicare tax.
- 4. Have a garage sale.** In general, the money you make from a yard or garage sale is tax-free because you sell your goods for less than you originally paid for them. Once the sale is over, donate the remaining items to a qualified charity to get a potential charitable donation deduction. Just remember to keep a log of the items you donate and ask for a receipt.
- 5. Start a Roth IRA for your children.** Roth IRA contributions are limited to the amount of income your child earns, so earned income is key. This can include income from mowing lawns or selling lemonade. Start making contributions as soon as your child makes some money to take advantage of the tax-free earnings available in a Roth IRA.

Taking the time this summer to execute these tips can put extra money in your pocket right away and provide you tax-saving happiness in the future.

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**Novena to St. Rita**

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

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us. Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

*Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.*

**Prayer to St. Jude**

*To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.*

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

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**Prayer to The Blessed Virgin**

*(Never known to fail)*

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity *(make request)*. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee *(3 times)*.

Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands *(3 times)*.

*(Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.)*

*G.T.A.*

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WED. Jul. 3 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.  
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.  
MON. Jul. 8 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES. Jul. 9 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
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• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
THURS. Jul. 11 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m. Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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MON. Jul. 8 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
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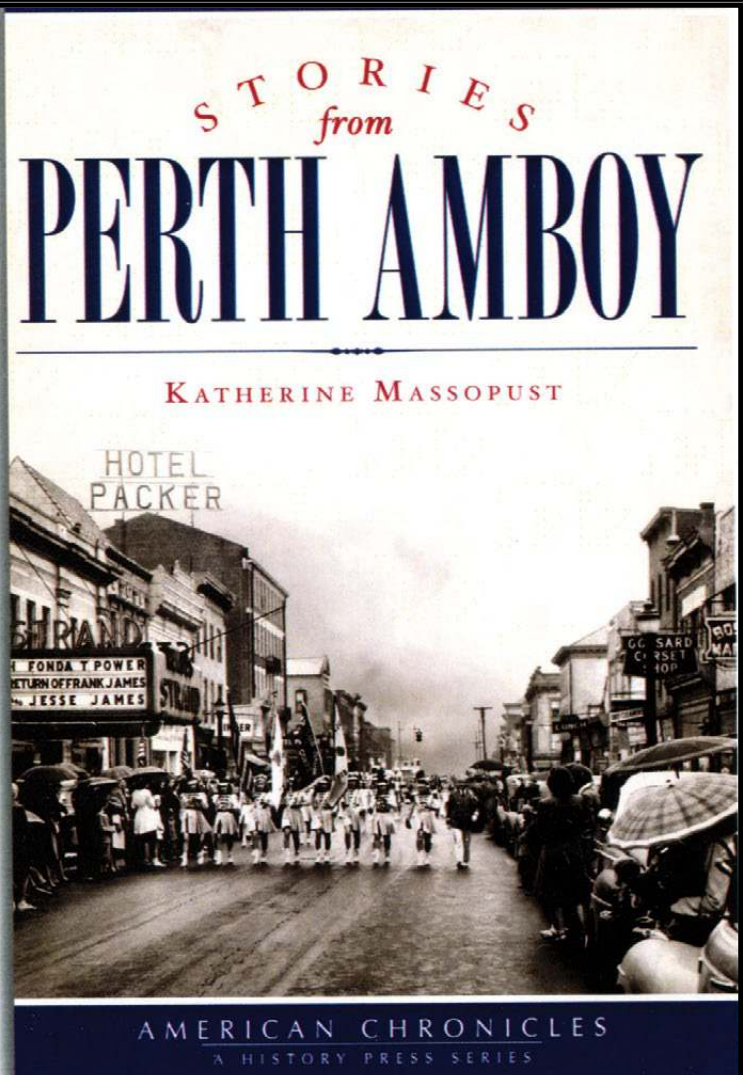
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PERTH AMBOY - Concerts by the Bay, Bayview Park circa 1970's

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- Moreno of movies

23. Swans' notable features

28. Ball (of paper)

31. Young children

33. Alda or King

34. Middle Eastern country

36. Spud

38. Makes (a knot)

39. Put cargo on (a truck)

41. Spider's snare

42. Some birds of prey

44. Forehead

46. Kin of a 13-Across

48. Indy 500 entrant

52. San Francisco treat?: 2 wds.

57. Diva's offering

58. Canton's state

59. Spanish waterway

60. Male alleycats

61. Struggle for breath

62. Upshot

63. Otherwise

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10. Winner takes \_\_\_\_\_

11. Farewell

17. Raggedy \_\_\_\_\_, doll

19. Flying toy

22. Parkway fee

24. Consume food

25. Cat's weapon

26. Ms. Hepburn, to pals

27. Snooty one

28. Accompanied by

29. India's locale

30. Made a picture with crayons

32. Shadowbox

35. Invite

37. Scent

40. Get

43. That gal

45. Refuse; trash

47. Farm unit

49. Warm's opposite

50. Lawn trees

51. Popular flower

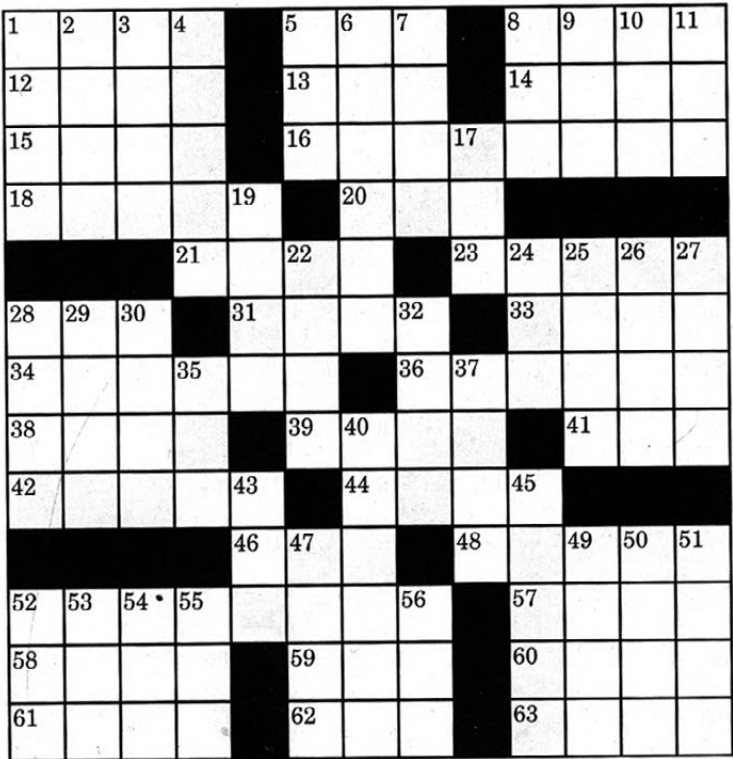
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