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Fourth of July Celebration, Perth Amboy, South Amboy 7/3 -7/4/19



(L to R) Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Chair Barry Rosengarten, Yolanda Flores, Junel Hutchinson



Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz with her granddaughter



Council President William Petrick, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Linda Henry, Bill Henry



Fireworks over Raritan Bay



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Carolyn Maxwell, Council President Mickey Gross, Katherine Massopust



Waiting for the show to start at Perth Amboy's Waterfront



Fireworks over Raritan Bay



A Bouncy House in South Amboy



People enjoying the evening at South Amboy's Waterfront



Face painting



Walking up High Street to City Hall Circle on July 4th



Speaking about the importance of freedom



Mayor Diaz Rings the Liberty Bell

*Photos by Paul W. Wang, Eric Salvary, Katherine Massopust



South Amboy City Council Business Meeting 8/7/19 - 6 p.m.

Redevelopment Recap

7/8/19 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – At the request of the Council, PARA Executive Leigh Ann Hindenlang presented PARA's annual report. She stated that besides the PARA Commissioners, they also have an attorney, and an engineer on board. “They hire appraisers and consultants as needed. Since 2014, the agency has been stabilized and organized. In 2016, the City’s obligations were removed. Money is spent to advertise on billboards and other advertising resources. We also own land which we make money to pay other costs. There are 16 projects currently going on which will generate millions. The projects will include developing 210 acres and add 2,500 jobs over the next 5 years. There is a focus on the Gateway Development. The Redevelopment area covers a third of the City. The Elm Street Property was transferred to Duke Realty, and that Realty Company has a tenant who wants the entire site. E-Port 1 is completed, and it created jobs and revenue. E-Port 2 – we’re looking in August for a developer to clean the site. The current owner seems to want to keep the site. There will be sidewalk improvements from Harbortown to High Street. The remediation is almost done. For Second Street Park, PARA got the first check. There will be 6 acres of open space for recreation. Both sides of the Waterfront will be connected. It’s going to be hard to relocate those present businesses (Auto Repair and Towing Businesses on Second Street). We hope to begin remediation this year. There were holdups because of the EPA. There’s a new company opening up on Grant Street that will create 100 new jobs. They relocated from Brooklyn and received a tax abatement. This company will improve the sidewalks adjacent to the property. Perth Amboy Self Storage was approved for a public right of way. Another new retail company submitted a package to come into the City back in November. They are just waiting for the permits from the City.”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr then spoke up regarding the last company that Hindenlang just mentioned. “They had a change of a contractor, plus they had architectural changes. They submitted their application by piecemeal, and you can’t do this until everything on the application is completed.”

After Carr finished speaking, Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “This company is located at 500 High Street has been playing games with us for a long time. It’s a delay tactic. The application should have been done a long-time ago. We have control over this.”

Hindenlang then continued, “Regarding the project taking place by Dunkin Donuts, that would be on the North East Corner of the ShopRite Parking Lot. This project will incorporate green infrastructure.” Hindenlang then talked about the car wash located at the Cor-



Council President William Petrick



Annie Hindenlang

ner of Convery Boulevard and Smith Street. “They are relocating and they’re contributing \$25,000. No one owned the house that was taken down. On the other side of Convery Boulevard, there will be signage such as welcoming people to Perth Amboy.” She then went on to talk about the project located at the corner of Sayre Avenue and Smith Street. “RFP’s went out twice for this mixed-use property. We’re looking at 100 units with 1.75 parking spaces (per unit) underground. There is open space at the site that we can decide what we want to do. It’s predominately 1-bedroom and some 2-bedrooms. Some of the units are set aside for affordable housing.”

B.A. Carr spoke up again. “We are checking on our affordable housing obligations. We will never be at a deficit. We are doing a Master Plan re-evaluation.”

Councilman Fernando Iriary spoke up, “I am concerned about the units going up. I’m more interested in home ownership such as condos and townhouses.”

Council President William Petrick added, “I echo Irizarry’s sentiments.”

Hindenlang continued to speak about the Fayette Street Public Works Site and options, “There are easement grants where you can fund up to 25% of the cost. The site can be sold for cleanup. There are 10 acres presently on that site are not being used at all. Smith Street Realty had been interested in the Site, but it found it too cumbersome with negotiations going back and forth. You (the Council) needs to make a decision on that site. There are 3 ordinances on the agenda for you to review and all of the parties involved on those ordinances are here to answer any questions.”

The first person to speak was Viridian Partners Tate Goss. He was there in reference to Ordinance No. 1 The Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area 1 (Gateway) in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law. Re: Warehousing.

Goss explained, “They expanded the warehousing by 30,000 feet and there was space left for a park. There’s a lot of property left over for us to sell. A restaurant can be built. We got rid of the residential. A soon as we get the go-ahead, we can start on the project immediately. The retail market is strong.”

Council President Petrick spoke up and told Goss, “A Historian who is present in the audience right now would like to see a dig done on some of the property.”

Goss responded, “We’re open to that as long as it doesn’t take years.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada spoke up and mentioned she was happy with the improvements, but still had concerns about the truck traffic.

Councilman Helmin Caba then questioned if Smith Street could be widened a little more.

Goss responded, “That’s up to the DOT.”

Council President Petrick then commented, “I’m glad that the trucks will be off Market Street.”

When the meeting was opened up to the public, no one came up to speak.

Law Director Peter King was not present. Roman B. Himiak substituted in his place.

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Top 10 Tenant Rights

1. Read your Lease

Your lease explains what you and your landlord are responsible for. Ask your landlord questions if you don't understand something. Keep your lease somewhere safe in case you need to look at it later. Your lease may help if you have to appear in court or respond to an issue from your landlord.

2. Health and Safety

Your landlord has to make sure your apartment is free of health and safety issues. Tell your landlord right away if there is a problem and keep a record (copy, photograph, or dated notes) of your request. If you ask for repairs and your landlord refuses, contact your local building inspector. This is known as the "Warranty of Habitability" law.

3. Protect Yourself and Your Property

Keeping your apartment clean helps protect your health and your belongings from pests, mold, fire, etc. Make sure batteries in smoke detectors work. The landlord's insurance does not cover your personal belongings – look into renters' insurance.

4. Meet State Security Deposit Limits and Return Rules

Security deposits in New Jersey cannot surpass one and one-half month's rent and there is an interest requirement.

5. Rent Receipts

Your landlord is required to write a receipt every time you pay rent (unless you use a check). Save these receipts (or check copies) somewhere safe so you can always prove that you paid rent.

6. Amount of Notice to Increase Rent

New Jersey landlords must give tenants at least 30 days' notice (in writing) to increase rent or change another term of a month-to-month rental agreement. If you have a long-term lease, however, landlords may not increase the rent until the lease ends and a new tenancy begins.

7. Rent Control in New Jersey

New Jersey has no statewide rent control law, but Perth Amboy has passed rent control ordinances that cover how much and how often rent can be raised. Our local ordinances allows for a maximum of a 5% rent increases each year. Landlords can apply to the county court for increases above the annual amount—for example, if the landlord is not making a fair rate of return.

8. Give your Landlord Access

Your landlord needs access to your apartment to make repairs and do inspections. The landlord must give you 24 hours' notice for non-emergency access. You are required to let your landlord have access to your apartment if you were given proper notice. Your landlord does not have to give notice in an emergency.

9. Only a Judge Can Evict You

Your landlord has to ask a judge to remove you from your apartment and only a Sheriff or Marshall may remove you from the property. If your landlord tries to put you out without taking you to court, they are breaking the law. Contact free legal help if this happens (i.e. Central Jersey Legal Services). If your landlord asks you to go to court, you need to do so. If you do not go to court, you are more likely to be evicted. If you appear in court, the judge might offer alternatives to eviction.

10. Retaliation is Illegal

Your landlord cannot retaliate against you for asking that repairs be made or for contacting a building inspector.

International Blues Music Day

SOUTH AMBOY - Celebrate the 7th Annual Blues Music Day!, New Jersey. NYC Blues Society presents: Ryan Hartt, Johnny "Guitar" Childs, Dean Shot, Stew Cutler, Danny Draher, Dave Fields, Johnathan Kalb, David Coppa, Vin Mott, Ronnie Rauso & Big Mike Devita, Gary Wright & Phil Proctor, The Powertones w/Mike POslt & Gladys Bryant, Rachel Wise & Wild Bill Winters. Saturday, August 3, 2019. Blue Moon, 114 S. Broadway, South Amboy. 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. (Doors: 3 p.m.) 10 hours of premium live blues! Full Bar, Kitchen, Patio, Guitar Raffle, 50/50 Raffle. Tickets \$15 Adv/\$20 Door/ VIP \$25/VIP Pack \$35. Ticket Link: www.nyblues.org/events

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Collective and Then Some

Recently in the news, Nike caved into Colin Kaepernick's complaint that the Betsy Ross Flag was a "slave era" symbol, so Nike pulled the Betsy Ross Flag Sneakers off the market. This is just one of many examples of political correctness.

Political correctness has been getting more intense over the years. Topics such as the history of blackface, Kate Smith's rendition of God Bless America, the banning of Christmas colors (Red and Green) at a "Holiday Party", the bullying of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, the deletion of the song "Be Prepared" in the new Lion King Remake, Chimney Sweepers in Mary Poppins, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, even Major League Baseball no longer has a "Disabled List" - It's now the "Injured List". Many athletes on sports teams don't want the owners of their perspective teams known as "owners" because they view it is a "slave reference".

All these topics have been deemed, "Politically Incorrect". It happens that some Black entertainers and former Black athletes are OWNERS or PART-OWNERS of some of these franchises. Get over yourselves. This is an insult to people who actually were slaves and didn't have the privileges, rights, money, or could just walk away with another lucrative contract. Maybe you need a bigger pacifier.

On July 4, 2019, 6 police officers were standing in line with their purchases in Starbucks in Tempe, Arizona. They were approached by the barista on duty who requested that they move out of line or leave. A customer complained several times to the barista that they felt uncomfortable about the police presence. The Officers decided to leave. (Source: The Washington Post 7/7/19)

Lastly, let's talk about the incident that happened at the ICE facility in Aurora, Colorado.

Protestors removed the flags: a GEO Group banner, a U.S. flag, and a Colorado flag. They put up their own, a Mexican flag, an upside down banner that was a "thin blue line" emblem, which resembles an American flag, and another banner also disparaging police officials. (Source: The Denver Post)

The protestors were from the GEO which is for Immigration Rights who are known to be peaceful demonstrators. According to the news source, another group asked to join in the protest and did the disgusting act. (Source: Aurora Sentinel & *AP)

A How disrespectful! The American Flag should not be desecrated and no other flag from another Country should ever fly higher than the American Flag on our soil. (Source: The Denver Post)

In America, it is within your rights to criticize the Country's leaders, disrespect the American Flag, even if you are here illegally.

You want to know why some people do anything they can to come to America? Because they know they have a right to do it here.

Let me tell you something. I have traveled to Mexico, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Haiti, Yugoslavia, to name a few. Even though I had my passport and what I needed to travel, the one thing that never crossed my mind was to disrespect the laws of those countries. Try pulling stunts like those mentioned above to the government you wanted to escape from. If you tried, you would probably be a martyr.

Although, for the most part I had enjoyable vacations, there was nothing like getting back to the good old USA, because I saw the grass on the other side, but I know the grass is greener here.

Where is the future of America going? Just think if there is nothing left of our individuality or originality: Everyone will wear the same style of grey shirts and pants. God forbid you wear a different color because it might offend someone. Everyone both male and female will keep their hair real short and bland because if you wear it long, it will offend people who are bald. We will all watch the same "acceptable" TV programs (one channel), the same movies, listen to the same music and read "acceptable" books. There will no longer be any sports or competition of any sort because if you win at the game, you might offend the opposing team. We will all eat the

same synthesized food (maybe SoyLent Green) because if we eat real food, we will be offending someone. No one will work, because a giant main computer will be governing us and telling us what to think and provide us with our necessities. Robots will do all the necessary tasks. Knowledge will be limited to simple books and a monitored internet which the computer overlord will keep track of what you are looking up.

That's where we are headed. In a nation that was founded on rugged individualism and our most important trait - our individuality is slowly being absorbed into a giant mindless collective. This is akin to the Borg in Star Trek who tried to assimilate the Federation. Think about it, the very thing we are trying to protect - our diversity - our American Melting Pot - or individualism - is being destroyed and giving way to "Democratic Socialism" or to put it plainly: Communism to its highest degree.

Our pride, creativity, innovation from the frontier spirit is giving way to technology and entitlements in the name of "safety" and protecting the "snowflakes". Some people want to erase our history. Yes, the United States has committed its share of sins, but so has every country. There is no perfect place, and nobody is perfect. We all do and say things we shouldn't. With the advent of social media, the instant you do something stupid, it's already on Facebook or a similar site. It's public shaming - like the book "The Scarlet Letter".

Everyone isn't going to like what you say or do, and remember: "You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time". - John Lydgate.

I for one am tired of walking on eggshells worried about who I'm offending. How far is this going to go? We are all going to end up as a bunch of mindless drones, being told what to think and how to think it. Political Correctness must stop, or we will lose everything our forefathers fought and died for. America's future should not be dictated by celebrities, athletes, or politicians with personal agendas. It's time to stand up, to be that square peg in a round hole and remember it's okay to be different - to be yourself. If God wanted everyone to be the same, we would all look and sound exactly alike. The time is now to stand up and stop being afraid of offending everyone. I take offense to your offense. C.M. & K.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

How Gun Prohibition Kills

In 1968, a time of turmoil, Congress passed a Gun Control Act. There were 15,000 violent firearms deaths then. This number escalated to 30,000 firearm deaths after 25 years! It rose to 40,000 deaths a few years ago, then dropped after some states

began to liberalize their gun laws. Beware of "sounds good" proposals that have contrary effects!

This shows the true motives of Gun Prohibitionists who want to oppress people and their rights, not to save lives. Don't let 'Big Brother' control your thinking, research the facts for yourself.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Blue Trails of Sorrow

In response from the letter to the Editor in the Amboy Guardian July 3, 2019 issue, (The Quality of Life in Perth Amboy by Maritza Hernandez). First of all, thank you for writing this letter. I stand by you 100% and what you are saying is true. Many other city residents are facing the same problem over the years. It's nothing new. Perth Amboy has changed over the years. It became a free for all from drugs to dirty streets, and most of all - overcrowded

schools. The only time our elected officials come knocking on your door is when they know you made a nice political contribution and the problem is solved for you. That's how it works. These politicians we voted for could care less if you move out of town. It's a crying shame you lived here for 40 years and have to deal with this issue. The best thing you can do is go to a city council meeting and embarrass those elected officials.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez.

10 Derechos Mas Importantes Que Deben Saber Los Inquilinos

1. Lea su contrato de arrendamiento

Su contrato de arrendamiento explica de qué son responsables usted y su arrendador. Preguntele al dueño si no entiende algo. Mantenga su contrato de arrendamiento en un lugar seguro en caso de que necesite verlo más tarde. Su contrato de arrendamiento puede ayudarlo si tiene que ir ante un tribunal o responder a un problema de su arrendador.

2. Salud y seguridad

Su arrendador tiene que asegurarse de que su apartamento esté libre de problemas de salud y seguridad. Dígale a su arrendador de inmediato si hay un problema y mantenga un registro (copia, fotografía o notas con fecha) de su solicitud. Si solicita reparaciones y el dueño se niega, comuníquese con el inspector local. Esto se conoce como la ley de "Garantía de Habitabilidad".

3. Protégete y protege tu propiedad

Mantener su apartamento limpio ayuda a proteger su salud y sus pertenencias contra plagas, moho, incendios, etc. Asegúrese de que las baterías de los detectores de humo funcionen. El seguro del propietario no cubre sus pertenencias personales; consulte por un seguro para inquilinos.

4. Cumplir con los límites de depósito de seguridad del Estado y las reglas de devolución

Los depósitos de seguridad en Nueva Jersey no pueden superar el alquiler de un mes y medio y existe un requisito de intereses acumulados.

5. Recibos de alquiler

Se requiere que el dueño escriba un recibo cada vez que usted pague la renta (a menos que use un cheque). Guarde estos recibos (o verifique las copias) en un lugar seguro para que siempre pueda probar que pagó el alquiler.

6. Cantidad de aviso para aumentar el alquiler

Los dueños de casa de Nueva Jersey deben dar a los inquilinos un aviso de al menos 30 días (por escrito) para aumentar el alquiler o cambiar otro término de un contrato de alquiler de mes a mes. Sin embargo, si tiene un contrato de arrendamiento a largo plazo, los propietarios no pueden aumentar la renta hasta que el contrato de arrendamiento finalice y comience un nuevo arrendamiento.

7. Control de alquileres en New Jersey

Nueva Jersey no tiene una ley estatal de control de alquileres, pero Perth Amboy ha aprobado ordenanzas de control de alquileres que cubren cuánto y con qué frecuencia se puede aumentar el alquiler. Nuestras ordenanzas locales permiten un máximo de un 5% de aumento de renta cada año. Los dueños pueden solicitar a la corte del condado aumentos superiores a la cantidad anual, por ejemplo, si el propietario no está obteniendo una tasa de rendimiento justa.

8. Déle a su propietario acceso

El dueño necesita acceso a su apartamento para hacer reparaciones y hacer inspecciones. El dueño debe avisarle con 24 horas de anticipación para el acceso que no sea de emergencia. Se le exige que le permita al dueño tener acceso a su apartamento si se le notificó debidamente. Su arrendador no tiene que avisar en caso de emergencia.

9. Solo un juez puede desalojarte

Su arrendador tiene que pedirle a un juez que lo saque de su apartamento y solo un Sheriff o Marshall puede retirarlo de la propiedad. Si su arrendador trata de expulsarlo sin llevarlo a la corte, están violando la ley. Póngase en contacto con la ayuda legal gratuita si esto sucede (es decir, Servicios Legales de Central Jersey). Si su arrendador le pide que vaya a la corte, debe hacerlo. Si no va a la corte, es más probable que lo desalojen. Si comparece ante el tribunal, el juez podría ofrecer alternativas al desalojo.

10. Las amenazas son ilegales.

Su arrendador no puede hacer amenazas contra usted por pedir que se hagan las reparaciones o por ponerse en contacto con un inspector de edificios.

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Jeep Show by the Bay**
Will Feature Convoy of Over 400 Vehicles



Perth Amboy's Xtreme Jeep Show on July 20 will feature 400 incredible vehicles, which makes it the largest show of its kind on the East Coast. **Photo by Perth Amboy BID*

Press Release 7/12/19
PERTH AMBOY – Over 400 Xtreme Jeeps are cruising into Perth Amboy. The enormous convoy of Jeeps will be on exhibit along Sadowski Parkway on Saturday, July 20, beginning at noon. This year, a pack of fully-customized Jeeps with the coolest equipment, chrome-plated gear, huge tires and exotic light bars will also be parked on the beach by Raritan Bay.

Perth Amboy's third annual Xtreme Jeep Show is free to attend. Arrive early and view the Jeeps and speak with the owners from more than 40 Jeep clubs. Jeep owners are coming from across New Jersey and as far away as Connecticut, New York, Maryland, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. See plenty of Jeep models including the CJ-models 1 to 7 as well as the Renegade I and II, Super Jeep, Golden Eagle, and Golden Hawk. Jeep owners are also bringing their Wrangler Unlimited, Sport, Freedom Edition, Shara, Altitude, Rubicon and Reconmodels as well as many more.

The Xtreme Jeep Show is sponsored by the City of Perth Amboy, its Business Improvement District (BID) and the Perth Amboy Jeep Club. Among the trophies the owners and Jeep clubs are competing for is the highly-coveted King of Kings

Champion award, which Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz will present to the winner. Members of the Perth Amboy Jeep Club, which has the largest membership in the state, will bring 49 incredible vehicles to the event.

According to Benito Lopez, president of the Perth Amboy Jeep Club, "Our city is hosting one of the biggest Xtreme Jeep events on the East Coast and possibly the entire United States. We invite you to get an up-close look at the most outrageous, tricked-out, and themed Jeeps displayed in one place."

Jeep owners may register their vehicles beginning at 11 a.m., and the cost is \$20. For more details about participating in the boldest Xtreme Jeep Show, contact the Perth Amboy BID office at 732-826-0290, ext. 4050, or by email sent to RConvery@perthamboynj.org.

Jeeps will park on Sadowski Parkway, which adjoins the City's waterfront and Sadowski Park. Families will find fully-equipped playgrounds for children. The city's Department of Human Services is organizing beach volleyball games and will offer activities for kids including face-painting.

The rain date for the Xtreme Jeep Show is Saturday, July 27.

Jeep-gear vendors, food, beverage and dessert trucks will also be at the show.

**United Dominicans of Perth
Amboy and Irving Lozada En-
tertainment Host Annual
Dominican Festival**

Press Release 7/15/19
PERTH AMBOY - On August 9, 10 and 11, 2019, the Dominican community of Perth Amboy will be celebrating the 156th Anniversary of the Dominican Republic's Restoration of Independence; this event is organized by The United Dominicans of Perth Amboy (UD of PA) in association with promoter Irving Lozada.

The Festival will take place at the beautiful, scenic and spacious Waterfront "La Playita" in Perth Amboy.

Over 25 musical attractions are set to perform. The musical performances will be highlighted by Peña Suazo, La Banda Gorda, Oro Sólido, Dionis Fernández y El Equipo among

others. Festival goers can expect a combination of different rhythms such as merengue, bachata, salsa, reggeton, etc. There will also be food from different cultures, in addition to rides for both children and adults.

We invite the entire community of Perth Amboy and surrounding communities to come and enjoy this great event dedicated for the entire family.

The hours for the event: Friday, August 9 from 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, August 10 from 1:00pm to 10:00pm & Sunday, August 11 from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Please contact Sergio Diaz @ (732) 277-9330 for any additional information.



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Union & Non-Union Salary Matrix Instituted; Sewer Rates Increased

7/8/19 Business Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – There were a number of topics discussed at the 7/8/19 Business Meeting.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz stated that two different applications were sent in for a grant to pave North Feltus Street and Sixth Street. He stated that last year North Broadway was paved.

Business Item e.) Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Township of Woodbridge and the City of South Amboy for Animal Control. Council President Mickey Gross stated, “They do a phenomenal job. If you know the hassles other towns have with animal control, we are lucky.”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato asked, “I have a question about animal control. How much activity do we have?”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated, “We have more than our fair share of activity. We have our share of complaints.”

Council President Mickey Gross stated, “Animal control is an issue in every community.”

Business Item j.) Resolution Declaring JADS Construction Company of NJ Inc., to be in Default of Agreement to Perform Stevens Avenue Road Improvements and Authorizing that Certain Actions be Taken by the City of South Amboy to Compete the Project and Charges Against the Performance

Bond.

Mark Rasimowicz explained that Stevens Avenue’s repairs were below par and the contractor was supposed to repair the road.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked, “Did you send any complaints, so he doesn’t get to do any more public contracts?”

Rasimowicz explained, “We have a bond for our repairs. He (JADS Construction) is willing to do the work but not to work with the manufacturer of the asphalt. I want to get this work done before winter.”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato asked, “Explain if we will take bond to withhold money.”

Rasimowicz stated, “The Contractor has not been paid for asphalt. The town performance bond – that’s a guarantee he completes the work. This could push him to come and do it. We need to take the first step to call in the performance bond.”

Law Director Francis Womack stated, “We called. He said everything is fine.”

There was a discussion on Ordinance #14-2019: Ordinance entitled an ordinance to fix union minimum and maximum salaries. Also Ordinance #15-2019: Ordinance entitled an ordinance to fix non-union minimum and maximum salaries.

Councilman Tom Reilly asked, “How is this going to impact what we have now? What

are we adding and deleting?”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski explained, “3 or 4 will get significant bumps up. We have instances with two positions: one with less service making more money than one with more one more experience. There is no provision to advance them in a salary. We sat with the union and clearly defined where you are in year one and where you are in year ten. It explains why the matrix and how it is set up. This benefits us from a budget perspective. There were titles we never use and looking forward have no use for. We did add some titles. We anticipate the City is going to grow. We have the ability to do that. We don’t have to keep coming back. We have the option to regularly add to titles. We prefer to promote from within and we provide the training and the title.”

Council President Mickey Gross stated, “If a man passes a test, he should be promoted instantly.”

B.A. Skarzynski stated, “We’re ready. It was explained in detail.”

The next topic of discussion was #16-2019: An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Ordinance No. 27-02. This Ordinance dealt with increasing the sewer rates.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski explained the need for increasing

the sewer rates. “Ideally the sewer system will be self-sustaining. It’s user-based instead of flat taxes. We’re getting hit with pretty substantial repair bills. The new one on Pine Avenue is in the \$60,000 range. We’re hoping not to pull from the tax base.” Skarzynski stated that the sewers need to be upgraded and recommended an increase in sewer rates.

There was a discussion of whether the increase should be in one foul swoop or incremental. If the increase was in a one time raise, it would be a \$44.24/year increase depending on usage which would translate to 18 Cents/Day. It was also proposed to have an either incremental increase by year or month. The Council debated which would be the best choice of the three options.

B.A. Skarzynski stated that any of the three choices would solve the problem in three years from now. “The way it is structured, we will be essentially the most used will billed more. We did preserve the discounts for seniors and the disabled.”

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz stated, “In the past, it was a lot more. We’re planning to upgrade two pump stations.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked, “Why are we always putting this off?”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato stated, “We have a big problem.

If it’s a chronic issue, we have to do it.”

Councilman Thomas Reilly stated, “I’m not for it. We have a zero tax increase and now we are putting a essentially a tax increase.”

Council Vice-President Christine Noble stated, “We haven’t raised our sewer rates in 10 years.”

Skarzynski then stated, “10 to 11 years.”

Council Vice-President Noble stated, “Do it incrementally.”

Dato said, “The problem is getting worse.”

Skarzynski advised the Council, “Once you pass it – it takes time to collect it.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin advised, “A one shot deal – I’m not for it. I’m looking out for a fixed income person.”

After two votes the Council decided to raise the sewer rates incrementally by a yearly increase. Councilman Thomas Reilly voted “No” to the increase.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Zusette Dato stated, “The fireworks were fabulous. At the park, I saw families. It was such a good feeling – a great joint effort between Perth Amboy and South Amboy.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin had no comments.

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CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) Report & Quality Concerns are Presented

7/10/19 Council Meeting



Howard Matteson, Principal Environmental Engineer, Sr. Project Mgr., CDM SMITH, Edison, NJ (L) Edward Burgess, P.E., D WRE, Senior Vice President, CDM SMITH, Cincinnati, OH (R)



Resident Sharon Hubberman gives a presentation at the 7/10/19 Council Meeting
*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – 3 individuals were present to give a presentation on the CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) Report. They were Luis Perez-Jimenez (Dir. of Operations of USA-PA), 2 representatives from CDM SMITH: Howard Matteson, Principal Environmental Engineer, Sr. Project Mgr., CDM SMITH, Edison, NJ and Edward Burgess, P.E., D WRE, Senior Vice President, CDM SMITH, Cincinnati, OH.

Jimenez-Perez started, “We have a CSO permit. It’s a Long-term Control Plan which the City would have to meet certain criteria. One of the criteria would be on how you are considering to handle the overflow. We have a combined sewer overflow system.”

Burgess spoke next, “The problem happens about 70-80 times a year. The Long-Term Control Plan will be implemented over a 20-year timeframe. We are trying to reduce the control of the CSO’s. The separation of lines has been done in

other states. We can build treatment plants near the discharge plant, or raingardens can be used. They would capture the overflow before it goes into the sewer system. The problem with sewer separation is that you have to tear up each street. In Chicago, IL sewer systems, they built a separate regulator that winds up in a tunnel structure. It’s self-cleaning, and a very low maintenance wastewater system. We like to do green infrastructure which would capture the water in raingardens, which is very effective. The wastewater goes into both the Arthur Kill and the Raritan River (they both flow in the Raritan Bay). There are 18 locations in Perth Amboy with combined sewer overflow points. We are using a permit process, and they are approved by the NJDEP and the EPA. The Middlesex Utility and Perth Amboy each have permits. Each permit is only for 5 years, then it expires. They will see where you are at that point before they can determine if you can reapply for another 5

years. 20 years is the cap. They have to see what kind of progress and where you are at during those 5-year increments. There are 13 approaches when dealing with CSO’s. You have to capture 85% of the overflow. Perth Amboy is part of the NJCSO (New Jersey Combined Sewer Overflow) Group. There would be an evaluation of the cost performance. The higher level of control, the higher the cost. You have to recognize the expense that the residents are paying for the service that they get. We would like to use the beaches to control the CSO’s. These decisions have to be made by June 1, 2020. Sensitive areas can be relocated if possible.”

Howard Matteson then spoke. “5 groups of CSO’s are located in Perth Amboy and we selected the ones that were close to one another. The flow (of the water) goes from the top to the bottom ending at the Second Street Pump Station. Over the 20-year period, the cost (to the City) can be anywhere between \$300 million to \$600 million.

The City will be the regulator of the location. We would commit to the CSO Plan that the City chooses. The cost would be based on the amount of money to maintain the system and additional costs for the improvements to the system.”

After they gave their report, Resident Sharon Hubberman had her own hearing (Hearing of the Citizens) to talk about water quality concerns. She stated that she was not here to represent any company. During Hubberman’s presentation, she read information and had a PowerPoint Presentation displayed on a screen behind her to show where the information was from. She stated, “Our water comes from groundwater.” She was concerned about the dioxane (*one of the contaminants - 1,4-Dioxane is a heterocyclic organic compound, classified as an ether. It is a colorless liquid with a faint sweet odor similar to that of diethyl ether. The compound is often called simply dioxane because the other dioxane isomers are rarely encountered.*) in the water. Her concerns were also about the rise of contaminants in Perth Amboy’s water and how it can affect a person’s health when a certain level is reached. “The State can no longer wait for the Federal Government to clean up our water. There are violations of THM (*a group of 4 chemicals that are formed along with other disinfection byproducts when chlorine or other disinfectants used to control microbial contaminants when drinking water reacts with naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter in water*) and lead.” She showed a report on testing of lead in the blood in children in Perth Amboy between ages of 6 months to 26 months of age. There was a rise in the levels of lead in a 4-year period shown in the chart. “We need actions regarding lead. We need a commission authority, an environmental commission and a citizen’s action group. Workshops are needed. Contact our legislative leaders and quality control groups. We need an engineering assessment.”

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Citizens & Council Voice Concerns About the Gateway Redevelopment Project, Quality of Life Issues & Taxes

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By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – During the first public comments, Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to question R-320-7/19 – The Amendment to the Focus 2020 Plan for Redevelopment Area #1 (Gateway) RE: Warehousing. He was against any warehousing being put in that area. “If you put up warehouses, you won’t be able to put any educational building there.” He requested that the Council table that resolution.

Council President William Petrick responded, “The plan was changed, and there will be no residential. The warehouses will finance the proposed project.”

Sierakowski then continued, “You should still table the resolution and put an office building or educational facility instead. It’s being limited (building warehouses there). You don’t need the Gateway to Perth Amboy to be warehouses. Let’s look at what New Brunswick did.”

Resident Alan Silber spoke next and stated he was against R-321-7/19 – Extending the contract with Peter J. King, Esq. and the lawfirm of King and Petracca, LLP to perform legal services beyond the regular duties of the Director of Law in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Alan Silber explained, “King did not oversee the contractor that did the roof repair work at Olive Street like he said he would. King changed the nepotism ordinance. The Public Relations Officer during working hours sent out political press releases criticizing the Council. King said that the press releases were not political. King made political contributions to Wilda’s Team. King is conflicted. King should be removed. He (King) has to be recused from everything and he can’t be trusted.” Silber also said that King told a reporter from a daily newspaper that we (the City) were thinking of getting rid Adam Cruz for some time. “Why did he City wait so long

to remove Cruz?”

Stanley Sierakowski came back up to talk about R-286-7/19 – CY:2019 Municipal Budget Amendment. He asked, “What is the dollar amount?”

B.A. Frederick Carr responded, “It is a 1% tax increase. There was an increase on some titles and deductions on some positions. It has gone to the State for review.”

Sierakowski then stated, “If it’s 1%, I’ll agree to it.”

Earlier in the Meeting, when they voted on the Ordinances, Ordinance No. 1 – 2020 Redevelopment Plan Gateway Re: Warehousing. (first reading) – Councilman Irizarry made a motion; it was seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba. Councilwoman Milady Tejada who was the only one to vote “No.”

When it came to Ordinance No. 2 – Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for Area #3 (Industrial) RE: Billboards. (first reading) A motion was made by Irizarry; seconded by Caba.

Council President Bill Petrick was the only one to vote, “No.”

When it came to Ordinance No. 3 – Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan Area #1 (Gateway) RE: Cell Towers (first reading) – it was moved by Irizarry; seconded by Caba. Councilman Joel Pabon was the only one who voted “No.”

Ordinance No. 4 – Loading Zones; Ordinance No. 5 – Garbage, rubbish, reuse; Ordinance No. 6 – restricted parking spaces for use by handicapped persons regarding additions/deletions. (all first readings) They were all moved by Irizarry and seconded by Caba. Everyone voted “Yes.”

When it came to the consent agenda, the following were asked to be pulled to be voted on separately: R-320 was asked to be removed by Councilwoman Tejada. R-321 was asked to be pulled by Council President Petrick. R-322 – Transfer of a retail consumption license at 519-521 State St. Casa del Toro Restaurant transferred to El Tiro

de Baliloe Steak House Bar & Grill. This was pulled as well.

When it came to R-320, it was moved by Councilman Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Tejada. When it came for the Council to vote, everyone voted “Yes” except Tejada who voted, “No.”

When it came to R-321, Petrick stated, “We just did a contract for Peter King and his firm for \$50,000 a few months ago. Why are so many of these contracts coming up now?” Petrick requested that R-321 be tabled. It was seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon. Everyone voted “Yes” to table. For R-322. It was moved by Milady Tejada and seconded by Fernando Irizarry. Everyone voted “Yes” except Councilman Helmin Caba who abstained.

There was a late-starter R-323 dealing with 3 bars. One of the businesses was questioned by the Council because of neigh-

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borhood complaints. It was decided after the Resolution was put on the agenda, it was decided to exclude the one questionable establishment to just have 2 of the 3 businesses included. R-323 was tabled until the amendment could be made.

The amendment included only 2 renewal of 201-2020 Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses. Amada Pina t/a Latin Love Lounge, 460 State St., Inactive. The second license was for Jose De La Cruz t/a La Opccion, 176 New Brunswick Ave.

Public Portion: Resident Stanley Sierakowski was concerned about the billboards in Ordinance No. 2 in Redevelopment Area #3 (Industrial). He stated an instance when a former Governor had allowed individuals who were later indicted for putting up unauthorized billboards. He asked the Council if the person who wants to put up the billboards is an LLC. "You don't see billboards going up on the roads from Highland Park into New Brunswick." Siera-

kowski also questioned Ordinance No.3 RE: Cell Towers in Redevelopment Area #1 (Gateway). "Who made the deal with the Cell Tower and what is the land being used for?"

Council President William Petrick responded, "The penthouse on the building will house the antenna with a curtain around it."

Resident Alan Silber came up next. He mentioned at the last Meeting; the Council moved an Ordinance regarding a liquor store. "The amendment will only last for 6 months. People have liquor licenses that are not in use." He continued, "I have a picture taken at a fundraiser and the picture are 2 people that are suing the City. Peter King (Law Director) thought that this was not wrong. King denied giving money to a campaign. This whole thing with paying Adam Cruz. We did not have to pay him. He (King) is supposed to work for the Council and the Mayor."

Sharon Hubberman spoke next in reference to R-321 (Contract with Peter King). "It's bordering almost on pay-to-play. It's

about integrity and morality. You want to close the loophole regarding contributions made to individuals. You can close that loophole."

Sharon then went on to talk on the property on the corner of Washington and High Street. "There's a lot of soil. Is it hazardous?" She then talked about the property that used to be the Shell Gas Station located on the corner of New Brunswick Avenue and Convery Boulevard. "What's going on there? There's no signs posted." She then asked that the deep potholes on Washington Street to Amboy Avenue be looked at. She also thanked the Council for allowing her to do the presentation (on the water quality). Council Comments:

Councilman Helmin Caba thanked all those who made presentations this evening. He then mentioned about the upcoming activities for all to enjoy.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry thanked all who contributed to the Fourth of July Celebrations. "I was so proud to be an American. I was so inspired." He also suggested the Rent Leveling

Board needs to be reactivated. "Landlords may raise rents (taxes are going up). The Ordinances say the homes that have renters have to be registered. That will be the job of the Rent Leveling Board. If it's (Rent Leveling Board) not active, then we should eliminate it. I also want to thank those involved in the roads that were paved. Rector Street still needs to be paved. Where are we at this point?"

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next. "I, the Mayor, and Councilwoman Milady Tejada have been talking with the Board of Education about opening up Elizabeth Street. The cul-de-sac by the Wilentz School on First Street needs to be opened up. Hubberman's presentation was very good. I asked Luis Perez-Jimenez to look at the information (that Hubberman provided). I want to thank Kenny Ortiz (Director of Department of Recreation) and his staff for the summer activities provided. Other towns are copying our movie nights. I want to thank Juan Carlos who works in Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez's office. I talked to him to ad-

dress the lights that were out at the train station. They are now fixed. Some others were out. I called again and they were fixed. Maybe there is something else going on. We pay high taxes." He also mentioned on Rector Street they need to patch to fix or patch the holes there."

Councilwoman Milady Tejada stated, "We want to lift up the town." She thanked the Recreation Department and congratulated the cooperation between the Board of Education and the Council. She also mentioned that she has received a lot of pictures of dirty streets from the residents.

Council President Bill Petrick said, "We thank those coming to the Council Meetings and those watching in TV land." He thanked Hubberman for her presentation. He then told Councilman Irizarry that the Rent Leveling Board isn't responsible for landlord's raising the rent. "That is not a function of the Rent Leveling Board. Owners of rental properties can register at the Clerk's Office."

Duck the Dog Days Down at the Dowdell!

Press Release 7/15/19

SOUTH AMBOY — As the days grow longer and summer vacation dwindles ever shorter, the Dowdell Library remains busy as ever. You know the drill: books, events, technology, climate control, all of it free, all of it fun! Here's what's happening in August!

Let's start at the finish line: don't miss the Dowdell's End of Summer Party, running from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Monday, August 26! Wave goodbye to the season with prizes, refreshments, and live music from The Paul Nagy Project!

Now back to your regularly scheduled programming... On Maker Mondays, young visitors will have the opportunity to explore a number of novel technologies including the Finch Robot, Raspberry Pi Retro Gaming Emulator, Makey Makey, and more! Crafty Tuesdays will feature analog make-it-yourself activities; projects include MIY Telescopes, MIY Space Slime, MIY Jelly Bean Buildings, and MIY Pom Pom Roller Coasters. On Wednesdays, Sadie's Studio in 3-D pairs Toddler STEAM Tales, a tech-themed storytime, and 3-D Printer Magic, a program blending expensive machines and cheap plastic. Both events run from 1pm to 2pm every week.

You don't want to miss Out of This Universe Thursdays, which offer another dose of Toddler STEAM Tales alongside unique events like a Cosplay Contest, Universe Party, and Rubik's Cube Challenge! Finally, Fridays are Club Days! Options include Anime Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, and Videogaming Club. Meetings are planned for every Fri-

day and will run on a drop-in basis from 1pm to 4pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information.

The Dowdell is also offering a unique set of separate events for its teen and tween patrons. T(w)een Books and Bites, the Dowdell's bring-your-own-read book club, will meet on Monday, August 12 from 2:30pm to 4pm. Raspberry Pi Retro Gaming sessions are scheduled for Monday, August 5 and Monday, August 19 from 2:30pm to 4pm. Screenslayers, a new movie hate-watching club, runs from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on Tuesdays including August 6 and 27. Two Animation Workshops are penciled in for Tuesday, August 13 and Tuesday, August 20 from 3pm to 4:30pm. Each Wednesday, t(w)een patrons will have the opportunity to design and print their own 3-D objects during 3-D Printer Magic with Tinkercad, running from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Major Thursday offerings include Board Game Bonanza and Rubik's Cube Challenge on August 1 from 1pm to 4pm; MIY Sundaes from 3pm to 4pm on August 8; a Universe Party from 2pm to 4pm on August 15; a Cosplay Contest from 2pm to 4pm on August 22; and a Fan Filking Event from 2pm to 4pm on August 29.

And what about adults? No worries—the Dowdell's got plenty planned! Looking to expand your mind? The Dowdell's Yoga Series is chugging along with Yoga for Beginners on Tuesday, August 27 from 6:30pm to 7:15pm. Interested in 3-D printing? Try EZ 3-D Printer for Adults on Thursday, August 8 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and take home a new

spoon holder! Looking for a healthy, flavorful, and easy-to-make new nosh? Learn to make a Noodle Veggie Salad on Tuesday, August 13 and Tuesday, August 20 from 12pm to 1pm. Finally, make a little music at P.L.A.Y. After Dark, running from 6:30pm to 8pm on Monday, August 19. Bring your own instrument (whatever it may be) and jam along with your community! Curious what else is going on at your local library? (We can never fit everything here!) Stop by in-person or visit our website to sign up for our newsletter and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 8pm; and Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 5pm.



Voices of The Holocaust

Artists Of Terezin: An Evening of Remembrance at the Dowdell Library

Press Release 7/15/19

SOUTH AMBOY — On Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30pm, the Dowdell Library is honored to host the Artistic Remembrance Project's "Voices of the Holocaust—Artists of Terezin," a live music, poetry reading, and discussion presented by Collegium Musicum. The program includes an exhibition dedicated to the children's opera Brundibar, staged at the Theresienstadt (Terezin) Concentration Camp in 1944; the exhibit was originally prepared for and exposed at Berkeley University as part of their Culture Against Destruction Project. It has been provided to Collegium Music to be used as part of "Voices of the Holocaust—Artists of Terezin" Remembrance Project by Elena Makarova Initiatives Group, Haifa, Israel.

According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), Theresienstadt operated from November 24, 1941 to May 9, 1945. During this time, it served as a settlement, assembly camp, and concentration camp. "In its function as a tool of deception," the USHMM states, "Theresienstadt was unique . . . [because] the Nazis used the Theresienstadt ghetto to hide the nature" of mass deportations. Though Nazi propaganda depicted the camp as a resettlement community with a lively cosmopolitan vibe, "the ghetto was in reality a collection center for deportations to ghettos and killing centers in Nazi-occupied eastern Europe."

More from the USHMM: "Despite the terrible living conditions and the constant threat of deportation, Theresienstadt had a highly developed cultural

life. Outstanding Jewish artists, mainly from Czechoslovakia, Austria, and Germany, created drawings and paintings, some of them clandestine depictions of the ghetto's harsh reality. Writers, professors, musicians, and actors gave lectures, concerts, and theater performances. The ghetto maintained a lending library of 60,000 volumes.

"Fifteen thousand children passed through Theresienstadt. Although forbidden to do so, they attended school. They painted pictures, wrote poetry, and otherwise tried to maintain a vestige of normalcy. Approximately 90 percent of these children perished in killing centers."

You can learn more about Theresienstadt at the Voices of the Holocaust—Artists of Terezin program, through the Dowdell Library, and online, including the valuable information available via the USHMM at <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/theresienstadt>.

Curious what else is going on at your local library? (We can never fit everything here!) Stop by in-person or visit our website to sign up for our newsletter and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

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Fireworks Celebration, Perth Amboy 7/3/19 *Photos by Paul W. Wang, Katherine Massopust



Katherine and Carolyn by the sponsor banner



Councilwoman Zusette Dato at Raritan Bay Yacht Club



WCTC's Bert Baron (R)



Sergio Diaz



Staff of WCTC with Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz



Irving Lozada with family



Vendors on Sadowski Parkway



Perth Amboy Marina



Fireworks over Raritan Bay



Line for Ice Cream at Bayside Creamery after the Fireworks

Fireworks Celebration, South Amboy 7/3/19 *Photos by Eric Salvary



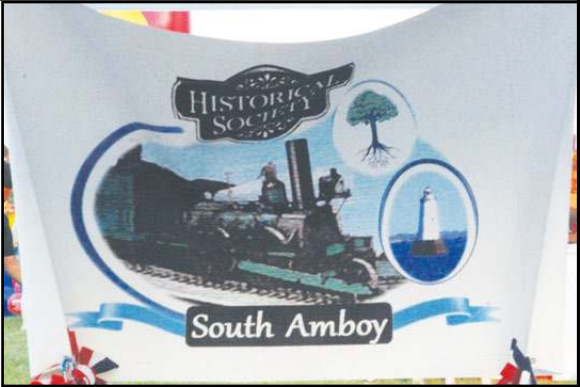
Fun for all ages



Ferris Wheel



Singer



A throw blanket from the South Amboy Historical Society



Many hats for sale



Many vendors were selling food



Tasty shishkabob



Enjoying the atmosphere



Waiting for the fireworks to begin



A fun evening for all

Fourth of July Annual Ringing of the Liberty Bell, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy 7/4/19 *Photos by Katherine Massopust



Re-enactors



Maritza Rodriguez



Chris Dyke, Kerry Dyke, Emma the History Dog



Invocation by Pastor Alvin Santiago, Perth Amboy Christian Center (R) Master of Ceremonies Maritza Rodriguez (L)



Firefighter Javier Cruz sings the National Anthem



John K. Dyke gives some remarks on Perth Amboy



George Washington gives some remarks



Congressman Frank Pallone



City Historian Anton Massopust



Yolanda Flores



Carole Dortch-Wright Cathedral International



Councilman Fernando Irizarry



Dorothy Carty-Daniel



Group Photo of all the participants

PERTH AMBOY - The Annual Ringing of the Liberty Bell took place on July 4, 2019 at City Hall Circle. Some participants and re-enactors marched from the Proprietary House to City Hall Circle. Firefighter Javier Cruz sang the National Anthem, and he led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Dyke gave some remarks on Perth Amboy. The Declaration of Independence was read by Congressman Frank Pallone, City Historian Anton Massopust, City Resident Yolanda Flores, Min. Carole Dortch-Wright, Cathedral International, and Councilman Fernando Irizarry. Dorothy Carty-Daniel sang the New Colossus. Mayor Wilda Diaz rang the Liberty Bell at 2 p.m.

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Councilman Thomas Reilly stated, “Great job with the fireworks.” He then asked about municipal court appearances being mandatory for first time offences, especially minor ones. Councilman Brian McLaughlin answered, “I was told by residents, yes they have to appear.” B.A. Skarzynski stated, “We want to make possible they don’t have to do it.” Council President Mickey Gross stated, “First time you get a warning, then the second time, they send you a ticket and you have to appear.” Reilly stated, “Something like not putting a lid on garbage cans – you shouldn’t have to go to court.” Skarzynski stated, “You are talking about a warning versus

a summons.” Reilly then added, “I’ve known people who had to shut down their business or take a day off from work (to go to court).” Skarzynski said, “There is a balance to be gotten. Will a simple knock on a door or is it a grievance that needs a summons? Right now, it’s 60% warnings and 40% summons.” Mayo Fred Henry stated, “Congratulations on the Fireworks. Everyone including the Police, Fire, First Aid – everyone – it was the best fireworks show.” The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. The open meeting followed. All the resolutions passed. Thomas Reilly voted no to Resolution #16-2019. All other resolutions were passed unanimously.



Cruise Nights on Broadway

SOUTH AMBOY - Come join us for fun, music, prizes, 50/50's, great people and their cars! All Cars are Welcome! The third Friday of every month from May to September (7/19, 8/16, 9/20) from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Parking on Broadway. May, July, and September parking from Augusta Street to First Street. June and August parking from Augusta Street to Henry Street. Bring the Family! For additional information please contact: MTOTH1@OPTONLINE.NET or 908-930-3497. Sponsored by the City of South Amboy.

Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE - Tuesdays May 14th thru Oct. 1st 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.

Bus Trip Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip just to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see “I Do, I Do” Wednesday, 8/14th. 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.

Bird Walk

AVENEL - Bird Walk: July 27th at 8 a.m. (rain date July 28th) Come to the Oros Wildlife Preserve on Omar Avenue, Avenel for a guided bird walk to see (and hear) birds in a variety of habitats. The preserve is a birding hot spot, with 179 species reported on ebird.com. Birders of all levels are welcome and encouraged to attend! Binoculars will be provided.

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.

Retirements, New Hiree’s and the Circle of Life

6/20/19 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – At the beginning of the 6/20/19 BOE Meeting, Flynn School students gave a performance from their play “The Lion King” with two musical numbers: “The Circle of Life” and “Hakuna Matata”.

Student Representatives Kevin Chavez and Jadelyn Cardenales gave their report stating that Perth Amboy High School was given the award of National School of Character. They highlighted a successful Senior Prom, and how students walked down the Red Carpet. “It looked really good. We had fun. The food was really, really good. It’s the last time we’ll all be together. We’re entering the real world,” stated Student Representative Kevin Chavez. Both students were presented with a gift from Superintendent Dr. David Roman and the Board.

Dr. David Roman emphasized that he was proud that the district’s graduation rate went up from 59% to 80.1% since the last 5 years that he has been Superintendent in the district.

The Board changed its format for this meeting, allowing public comments on items other than what was directly on the agenda. There were a series of students who came up to express their dissatisfaction with the turnover rate of teachers and staff. They spoke about “Amboy Students Fight for a Better Future,” a petition going around demanding students present when teachers are hired or fired.

One student came up to speak, “The flaws of the school has directly affected our education. Over 90 teachers are resigning. Mr. Marshall has been honored as Teacher of the Year. He is leaving. We will lose effective school administrators. This is a widespread issue. Our situation is being affected by the treatment of teachers. We have no Italian Teacher. The students are learning on Rosetta Stone. Special Education is barebones. We need to work on teachers here in this building. It’s a struggle for all to keep teachers her. Work to resolve issues is very important here.”

Another student came up to speak, “How is our education

put first when we went through 3 principals in the last 5 years? Micromanaging became the norm. While we appreciate the beautification of our school, we want transparency and informing us why teachers are leaving. Who knows best but our students?”

Student Anthony Rosario stated, “Distrust a whole issue between the supervisory staff and students. Construction never seems to be finished. There are old broken doors, cracked walls and distraction took place during exams. Many teachers left especially teachers in fine arts. The fine arts are getting awards. This school is not prepared.”

Another student came up, “I came to the United States 3 years ago. I have 1 year left in the ESL program. It is because of these teachers I am here tonight as President of the National Honor Society. Ask students – do you want to leave a legacy in the High School? Teachers are leaving us with substitute teachers.

After the first public portion was closed, Board Attorney Isabel Machado stated, “Coming to speak of the Board of Education Meeting, I see a legal career in all of your careers. However, issues that are personnel related, we are not legally to allowed to have discussion with you (the students). You have available the Student Advisory Council. We’re all really proud of the young adults you became.”

Board Member Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe stated, “I started in those chairs. We’re here. Our emails and phone numbers as well are available.”

Superintendent Dr. David Roman stated, “We are trying to be as upfront for a multitude of reasons. The Administration can say things to you from a different perspective. Some are complicated decisions beyond my control.”

There were 2 more presentations, both given by Dr. Vivian Rodriguez. The first was an update on the Rose M. Lopez School. It was emphasized that the Lopez School will have a Dual Language Program, the only such one in New Jersey. The school is scheduled to be

open this September, but the district still doesn’t have the keys to the building, yet.

The second presentation was on the 9th Grade Freshman Academy. “It is opening this September. Teams will form a small social support structure. There will be a 1:1 ratio of laptops per student. Every student will be given a laptop.” Rodriguez stated, then added, “This leads to students who are college and career ready.”

Dr. Roman added, “All students in this community will have the ability to compete.”

The Board went into closed session at 6:40 p.m. and resumed at 9:00 p.m.

Board President Puccio gave the Board President’s report. There was a moment of silence for those teachers, staff, and their loved ones who passed away.

During the Superintendent’s report, it was noted by Dr. David Roman that the Board of Education had come to a tentative contract agreement with the AFT. He thanked everyone involved in that process. Dr. Roman stated, “The Board of Education has done so much for the common goals.” Dr. Roman then stated, “This is the last meeting for Richard Chromey (Assistant Superintendent).”

Chromey was given a standing ovation by those in attendance.

Dr. Roman then announced that Dr. Vivian Rodriguez will be retiring at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. “She (Rodriguez) will be Acting Principal in name until we find a Principal (for PAHS),” stated Dr. Roman.

Board President Ken Puccio stated, “Dr. Rodriguez, you and I are the only two left (and Board Attorney Isabel Machado).”

Board Member Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe stated, “You are one of the few I could tell really care about the students. The fact that your retirement is a year from now shows you care.”

After the Board voted on the retirement, termination, and hiring of employees and supervisors. Some of the Board made remarks, especially referring



PERTH AMBOY - Flynn School Students perform Circle of Life (Top) and Hakuna Matata (Bottom) at the 6/20/19 BOE Meeting.
**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - Student Representatives Kevin Chavez and Jadelyn Cardenales each receive a gift from the Board and Superintendent at the 6/20/19 Meeting.
**Photo by Katherine Massopust*

to the Special Education Department. Board Member Tashi Vasquez stated, “Every single decision is not easy. I sat in the interviews. Out of 9 hiree’s, 7 are from our district. We want you to hear that.”

Dr. David Roman added, “I assure you everyone earned these positions.”

Board Member Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe explained why she abstained on a few of the item numbers, “I’ve been active for the last 7 years. I’ve seen how this district failed our special education students. I’m looking at what I can about this.”

Board Member Lissette Lebron stated, “I went with Ms. Vasquez to this interview. If I could vote “Yes” I would. (She abstained due to conflict of interest). I want to thank everyone who worked together on these interviews.”

Dr. David Roman said, “These individuals earned this position. Sometimes we say, “No”.

During the second public portion, some more PAHS students came up to speak. One PAHS student stated, “I started the petition. We have 1007 signatures and counting. We need students

on board to get somewhere. Our students deserve change.”

PAHS Student Victoria Dunnyak stated, “We want to help create changes in the district.”

After the second public portion was closed, Board President Ken Puccio stated, “This is Rich’s (Chromey) last meeting. Thank you. You were the perfect fit. You were the right guy to compliment Dr. Vivian Rodriguez. I want to thank you for coming to Perth Amboy and ending your career.”

Board Member Randy Convery said, “I wish Mr. Chromey a happy retirement.”

Dr. Richard Chromey made some remarks, “The growth and change we made is by having a hard conversation and raising tough questions. It takes a lot to move a big ship. That’s how I saw it. That’s with the right crew. If there’s any doubt, we have the right captain.”

Board Member Lissette Lebron said, “We’re gearing up for graduation. I want the students to have continuous success.”

The Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. Board Member Dr. Danielle Brown was not present.

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.

Free Training in Narcan Nasal Spray Kits

SOUTH AMBOY - Learn how to use Narcan in case of overdose. A free training session will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at the South Amboy Senior Center, 108 South Stevens Ave., at 6 p.m.

Training is open to anyone who is at risk of an opioid overdose or their family and friends. All participants will receive a Narcan® Kit (naloxone), and education on how to administer Narcan® (naloxone) to reverse a heroin/opioid overdose.

Limited to the first 30 participants on a “first come, first served” basis.

The 10th Annual JEMMS BOWL-a-THON

HOPELAWN – The 10th Annual JEMMS BOWL-a-THON will be on Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Majestic Lanes, 525 U.S. 9, Hopelawn, NJ. Featuring live music by the Powertones! Only \$10pp. Includes 3 games of bowling & shoe rental. Trophies given out to the highest & lowest bowler scores.

Have some fun doing what Jennifer loves to do – BOWL! This year all proceeds will go to the JEMMS/Family League Scholarship Fund. Join us in supporting a great cause! Sponsored by Majestic Lanes in loving memory of Jennifer Metzger.



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, Aug. 1, 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.



Thanksgiving in July Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - Thanksgiving in July Dinner, South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy. 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.

It's a Wrap! Saris & Textiles of India

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Arts and the City of South Amboy in collaboration with Middlesex County Division of Arts & History Services will be presenting an exhibition on Indian Textiles at the South Amboy Arts Gallery located at 141 North Broadway from Sunday, July 14th to Thursday, August 8th.

This exhibition, designed by Isha Vyas and curated by Richa Puri, will be opening on Sunday, July 14th at 1 p.m. and will focus on traditional Indian clothing and fabric decoration. The curators will be available to discuss the regional clothing styles and fabrics, along with a demonstration on how to drape a sari. All are welcome to attend FREE OF CHARGE.

Come join the festive colors and information of cloth and season! Any questions or information regarding private showings please call 732-525-5932 or email southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com

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

PERTH AMBOY - A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Wed. July 24, 2019. Cost \$35 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church (St. John Paul II) parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:30 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

Perth Amboy NAACP Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Unit of the NAACP meets Monday Aug. 19, 2019 at the Jankowski Senior Center, 1 Olive Street Perth Amboy NJ at 7 p.m. sharp. All are welcome. Reverend Donna Stewart President.

Free Citizenship Exam Preparation Classes

FORDS - Join us for free citizenship exam preparation classes offered by the JVS (Jewish Vocational Service) at our Fords Branch Library. The class will be held on Saturdays, from September 14 – November 16, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

To register please contact Inna Kramers at 862-704-2283.

There is no cost to attend—please bring your Green Card to enroll. The enrollment session will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

The Fords Branch Library is located at 211 Ford Avenue, Fords, NJ 08863. For more information about JVS please see <https://jvsnj.org/>

Tea Rooms & Taverns

WOODBIDGE - Lecture: Tea Rooms & Taverns August 20, 2019 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Over the years, women have sipped tea and men have frequented taverns for a beer or two. Learn about the development of tearooms, taverns, hotels, restaurants and other social establishments in New Jersey especially in Middlesex County and Woodbridge Township. Presented by Tea & Food Historian Judith Krall-Russo. FREE admission (with suggested donation). Limited Seating. Reservations Essential. Call 732-634-0413 About the "History Alive: New Jersey & Beyond" Arts Series This series coincides with Woodbridge Township's sesquicentennial; 350th Anniversary celebration. The series is sponsored by The Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission with the support of Mayor John McCormac. This program is made possible in part by funds from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders/Office of Culture & Heritage and the NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

CASA of Middlesex County Information Session

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

Join our next information session on Thursday, July 25th 6 p.m. -7 p.m. and learn what it takes to be an advocate and change a child's life forever.

RSVP to Nora Siklosi Szabo, at nora@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org

Where: CASA of Middlesex County office, 77 Church Street, New Brunswick

When: Thursday, July 25th 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Volunteers Needed to Help Children in Foster Care

Press Release 5/30/19

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County is seeking volunteers to advocate for children in foster care. On any given night, about 250 children from Middlesex County are sleeping in foster homes or other out-of-home placements due to abuse or neglect. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are working to serve more of these children each year.

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 visit our website, casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/volunteer.

CASA of Middlesex County is non-profit dedicated to standing up for the needs of children living in foster care, advocating for these children through the hard work of trained volunteers who are assigned to a child or sibling group.

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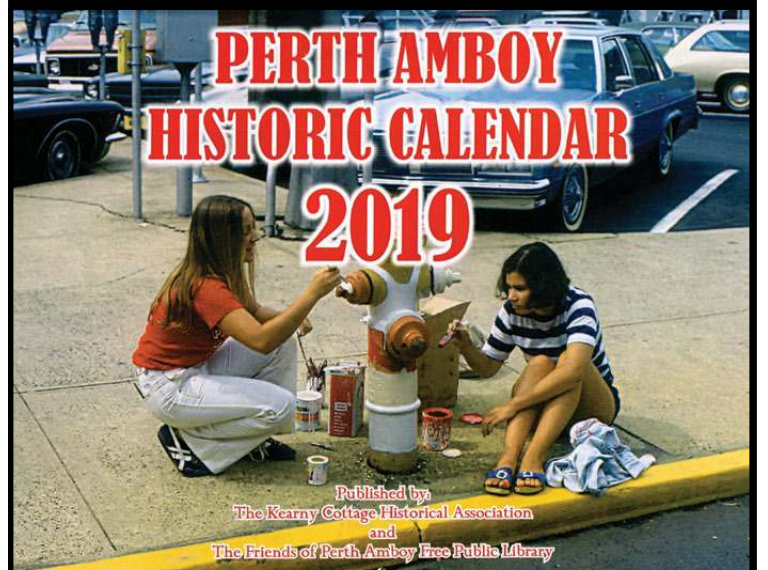
PAHS Class of 1979, 1980 & 1981 Reunion

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@ve-rizon.net or call 732-409-2418 to purchase tickets or for hotel accommodation info. The deadline to purchase tickets in Monday, July 22nd.

*Class of 1979, 1980 & 1981
Class Reunion Team*



2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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

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 A new Red Army offensive in northern Ukraine opens on July 14, 1944, with massive support from the Soviet Air Force and gains up to 10 miles, recapturing Pinsk, Belorussia. The U.S. Navy’s Seventh Fleet Task Force 74, commanded by Rear Adm. Victor Crutchley, bombards Aitape, Papua-New Guinea. After a week of bitter house-to-house fighting, the Polish Home Army (*Armia Krajowa*), joined at various times by up to 100,000 Soviet troops, clears the Germans from Vilnius, Lithuania. As the fighting ends, the Soviets demand that the Poles abandon the city, arresting their officers and interning their soldiers. Around 18,000 Polish soldiers, partisans and civilian volunteers attempt to escape into woods west of Vilnius but are hunted down by the Soviets.

The Soviet Red Army occupies Vilnius, Lithuania, on July 15. Of the Poles captured west of the city, a majority are forcibly enlisted in the Soviet Red Army, while the rest are sent as prisoners to a slave-labor camp at Kaluga, Russia. Two armies from the Crimea join the Soviet Baltic Front so that it can continue its offensive against German Army Group North. Russian tank penetrations are only 25 miles from Lviv, in western Ukraine. Greenwich Observatory in the United Kingdom is damaged by a German V-1 flying bomb. In Italy, the U.S. Fifth Army advances toward Livorno.

The British Eighth Army captures Arezzo, Italy, on July 16 and reaches the Arno river. In northern Ukraine, Marshal Ivan Konev’s 1st Ukrainian Front traps 45,000 troops of the German XIII *Korps* in a pocket near the town of Brody. The first 5,000 soldiers of the Brazilian Expeditionary Force arrive in Italy to join the Allies. Brazil is the only South American country to supply troops during the conflict. (The Brazilian Navy and Air Force have been involved in the war since 1942 and April 1944, respectively.)

German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel is seriously injured on July 17 when his car is strafed from the air by a Spitfire of the Royal Canadian Air Force near Livarot, France. Field Marshal Günther von Kluge is given temporary command of Rommel’s Army Group B. In the U.S., two ammunition ships explode at Port Chicago, California, killing 320 sailors and other military personnel and injuring 390 in what is the worst stateside disaster of the war. Most of the dead sailors are African Americans who had received no training in ammunition handling. Many of the survivors, despite orders to the contrary, refuse to load any more ships until they receive training and proper safety procedures are put in place. The so-called “Port Chicago Mutiny” results in numerous arrests, courts martial and imprisonments, but publicity surrounding the event contributes towards the Navy ending racially segregated assignments, albeit two years later. The Germans state they will hold the Baltic States “at all costs,” as the Red Army approaches the Latvian border.

Saint-Lô, France, is taken by the Allies on July 18, and the breakout from the “hedgerow country” of Normandy begins. The Soviet 1st Belorussian Front — with six armies and 1,600 aircraft — attacks towards Lublin, Poland. In Japan, in the face of mounting Japanese military defeats, Gen. Hideki Tojo resigns as chief minister of the Japanese government.

The U.S. Fifth Army takes the port city of Livorno, Italy, on July 19. The Soviets claim their forces have crossed into Latvia. In Chicago, the Democratic National Convention once again nominates Franklin D. Roosevelt as its presidential candidate, and names Missouri Senator Harry S Truman as his running-mate.

In Germany, “The July 20 Plot” fails. It is an attempt by members of the German High Command to assassinate Adolf Hitler by detonating a bomb planted in a briefcase in the conference room at his “Wolf’s Lair” in Rastenburg, East Prussia. The device explodes, demolishing the room, killing one person and injuring 20 others (three of whom die later). Der Führer, however, survives with only a perforated eardrum, an injured arm, and singed and torn trousers. The officer who planted the bomb, Lt. Col. Claus Graf von Stauffenberg, is arrested and shot by day’s end.

On July 21, 1944, at 1 a.m., Adolf Hitler gives a speech over German radio to prove that he is still alive after the attempt on his life. The invasion of Japanese-held Guam, in the Mariana Islands, begins. Landings are made by the 3rd Marine Division, the U.S. Army’s 77th Infantry Division and the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade — some 48,200 troops. Some of the German defenders of the Brody Pocket in northern Ukraine reach German lines. Field Marshal Günther von Kluge warns Hitler of the impending collapse of the front in Normandy. After months of conflicts with Hitler, Col. Gen. Kurt Zeitzler resigns as Chief of Staff of the Army, complaining of health problems. He is replaced by Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian.

In Tokyo on July 22, Kuniaki Koiso replaces Hideki Tojo as prime minister of Japan. The Soviet advance into the Baltic States continues with the capture of Panevėžys, Lithuania. The Brody Pocket in Ukraine is eliminated by the Red Army, which takes 17,000 German prisoners.

The U.S. 34th Infantry Division takes Pisa, Italy, on July 23. In Lublin, Poland, heavy street fighting occurs between Soviet and German forces. Reichsführer-SS Heinrich Himmler launches an investigation to identify the conspirators in the failed July 20 Plot. Reprisals follow against the plotters — including Field Marshals Rommel and von Kluge, who knew of the plan but were not participants — and their families. Executions related to the attempt on der Führer’s life will continue until Germany surrenders. Col. Gen. Ferdinand Schörner replaces Col. Gen. Johannes Friessner as commander of German Army Group North.

The 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions make landings on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands, on July 24. The U.S. Army’s 77th Infantry Division is held in reserve. The Germans begin evacuating Lviv, Ukraine. In Poland, Soviet troops discover the Majdanek concentration camp, on the outskirts of Lublin. The Red Army’s advance has been so rapid that SS troops manning the camp evacuate before destroying all the evidence of what transpired there. The Soviets find hundreds of unburied bodies and seven gas chambers. Although a thousand inmates had been marched off to Auschwitz, thousands of prisoners — mostly POWs —remain and are liberated by the Red Army. The Soviets invite reporters into the camp, and, for the first time, the world learns the extent of Nazi atrocities. It is estimated that at least 60,000 Jews and 19,000 others — Poles, Soviet citizens, Romani (gypsies) — were murdered at Majdanek.

The British Royal Navy’s Eastern Fleet on July 25 pounds the airfields and ports of Sabang, on Sumatra, in the Dutch East Indies. In Europe, 2,500 USAAF aircraft drop 4,150 tons of bombs on German defenses near Saint-Lô, France. Unfortunately, some land on American positions, killing 601 soldiers, including Lt. Gen. Lesley McNair, to date the highest-ranking U.S. military officer killed during the war. Narva, Estonia, is evacuated by the Germans, who take up a position to the west. Soviet forces cut the road between Daugavpils and Riga, in Latvia. The Soviet Second Tank Army reaches the Vistula, 40 miles west of Lublin, Poland. Lviv, Ukraine, is surrounded, and Soviet forces converge on Brest-Litovsk, on the Polish-Belorussian border.

Narva, Estonia, is captured by the Red Army on June 26. President Roosevelt arrives in Hawaii to confer with Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Adm. Chester Nimitz on Pacific strategy. MacArthur proposes to liberate the Philippines instead of bypassing them, as desired by the Navy and Nimitz, who feel Formosa should be the next target. Roosevelt listens to both sides, then authorizes MacArthur’s plan.

The Soviets on July 27 take Lviv, Ukraine, Daugavpils, Latvia, and Białystok, Poland, and secure the vicinity of Magnuszew, in east-central Poland. The Red Army also makes gains in the Baltic States. The British Gloster Meteor jet fighter enters active service with the RAF. It will be the only Allied jet-powered aircraft of the war.

Brest-Litovsk, on the Polish-Belorussian frontier, is taken by the Soviets on July 28. The Red Army also makes crossings over the Vistula River, in Poland. At Brandis, Germany, near Leipzig, the rocket-powered Messerschmitt Me 163 Komet fighter makes its combat debut. (The Komet’s top speed: 559 miles per hour for 7.5 minutes of powered flight; rate of climb: 16,000 feet per minute.)

The RAF on July 29 conducts the last of a series of air raids on Stuttgart, Germany; it leaves 900 dead and over 100,000 homeless. The Red Army reaches the Baltic coast west of Riga, Latvia, cutting off German Army Group North in Estonia and eastern Latvia. The Germans can now be resupplied only by sea. In the Mariana Islands, American troops now occupy more than half of the island of Tinian.

On July 30, U.S. Army infantry, artillery, reconnaissance and engineer units land at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea. Their mission is to clear the area and nearby islands for construction of fighter and bomber airfields and radar stations. By the end of August, the goals are achieved.

The U.S. 30th Infantry Division reaches Saint-Lô, Normandy, France, on July 31. On the Eastern Front, the Red Army’s 3rd Belorussian Front enters Kaunas, the capital of Lithuania. Soviet units reach sections of Warsaw, Poland, that are east of the Vistula River.

Tinian, in the Mariana Islands, is declared secured by the Allies on August 1. The island will become a major U.S. bomber base. The Soviets take Kaunas, Lithuania, and cut all roads from Germany to the Baltic States. In Poland, the Second Warsaw Uprising begins, led by the 38,000-strong Armia Krajowa (Polish Home Army). The Poles make their move against the Germans expecting assistance from the approaching Soviets, who are already on the eastern bank of the Vistula River, opposite the city. Finnish President Risto Ryti resigns, with his place taken by Marshal Carl Gustav Mannerheim, commander-in-chief of Finland’s military and a politician.

Turkey breaks diplomatic and commercial relations with Germany on August 2. The Polish Home Army gains a Vistula bridgehead, 40 miles to the south of Warsaw. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill makes a statement in the House of Commons: After seven weeks of non-stop V-1 attacks (5,340 of the missiles having been launched), 4,735 people have been killed, 14,000 injured and 17,000 houses destroyed.

On August 3, U.S. Army Gen. Joseph Stilwell’s Sino-American troops, with the help of reinforcements, succeed in securing the town of Myitkyina in northeastern Burma. The 600 surviving Japanese defenders evacuate after holding out for 79 days. On Guam, the U.S. Army’s 77th Division advances up the east side of the island after Japanese defenders pull back.



MOVIE REVIEW: SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME

By: Anton Massopust III
“Your lies are over, Beck!” - Spider-Man

After the events of “Avengers: Endgame”, life in the Marvel Universe tries to get back to normal. We're in a world where the kids in New York have to start their school year over. Finally, the year is coming to an end. Spider-Man is looking forward to summer vacation. Peter Parker's (Tom Holland) plan for the summer is to admit to his longtime girlfriend, Mary Jane (Zendaya) that he likes her, and he doesn't want to save the world. Mysteriously the high school is sent on a science trip to Europe, but when giant elemental creatures attack in Europe, somebody has to gear up when a new hero arrives on the scene and everyone starts calling him Mysterio (Jake Gyllenhaal), S.H.I.E.L.D. and Spider-Man team-up along with Nick Fury in order to stop the Elementals. Mysterio says he's from another dimension where these creatures destroyed his world, but it seems Mysterio maybe not be all what he seems to be.

Spider-Man Far From Home is probably one of the best live action Spiderman movies. It even sets up for future events in the Marvel Universe. Tom Hol-



land is a great Peter Parker and Spider-Man. This is more like the Ultimate Spider-Man from the comics, where Spider-Man is younger kid learning how to be a hero and learning how to use his powers. He is also learning how to be a regular kid and a superhero. We also give some of Spider-Man's friends some stuff to do while trying to keep his secrets and fight the good fight against evil Mysterio is

one heck of a villain. The costume looks wonderful with the helmet, cape and whole ensemble. This is a fun movie with plenty of action to take everybody to. (There is some cursing) It's an adventure, and they let Spiderman grow up a little bit. Definitely stay through the ending credits with the return of an old friend in the Spider-Man universe. Go see Spiderman: Far From Home.

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Tom's Tax Tips

Get Your Life Back! Ideas to Unplug

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With endless movies, TV shows and video games available to us 24/7, it's become too easy to spend all our free time on electronic devices. If you and your family are looking for ways to unplug this summer, consider these ideas:

- **Turn off notifications.** Hey! Guess what? Bill just posted a photo of his dinner! And look at this! Minneapolis just set the world record for the largest pillow fight! Let's be honest, most alerts you get on your phone are meaningless, yet we allow them to steal our attention several times a day. Review your phone settings and turn off all non-essential notifications to keep you focused on the things that are important to you.
 - **Ration your screen time.** Limiting time in front of a screen is important for both you and your kids. Setting daily screen limits is a good way to keep your media consumption under control and allow for guilt-free time when you just want to scroll through social media or watch a movie.
 - **Make a summer reading goal.** Set a goal (with prizes at the end!) for yourself and your children to read a certain number of books before Labor Day. According to the Chicago Tribune, because reading is an active activity (not passive, like watching TV), "it reduces stress, promotes comprehension and imagination, alleviates depression, helps you sleep, and may contribute to preventing Alzheimer's."
 - **Schedule phone-free activities.** Plan a get-together like a picnic or BBQ, but with a catch - phones need to be checked at the door. That way you and your guests can focus on each other without the constant distraction of a phone. If some of the guests don't know each other, even better! They might leave the party with a few new friends.
 - **Start a new outdoor hobby.** Getting outside is a great way to separate yourself from your electronics. By finding an outdoor hobby that interests you, like hiking, gardening or camping, you'll have an activity that takes your attention away from your phone and provides added benefits, like exercise and vitamin D.
- By getting your electronic habits to a manageable level, you'll free up more time and energy to live this summer to the fullest.**

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Thank you, St. Jude
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Novena to St. Rita

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(Never known to fail)
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Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands *(3 times)*.
(Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.)
A.L.S.



Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 19

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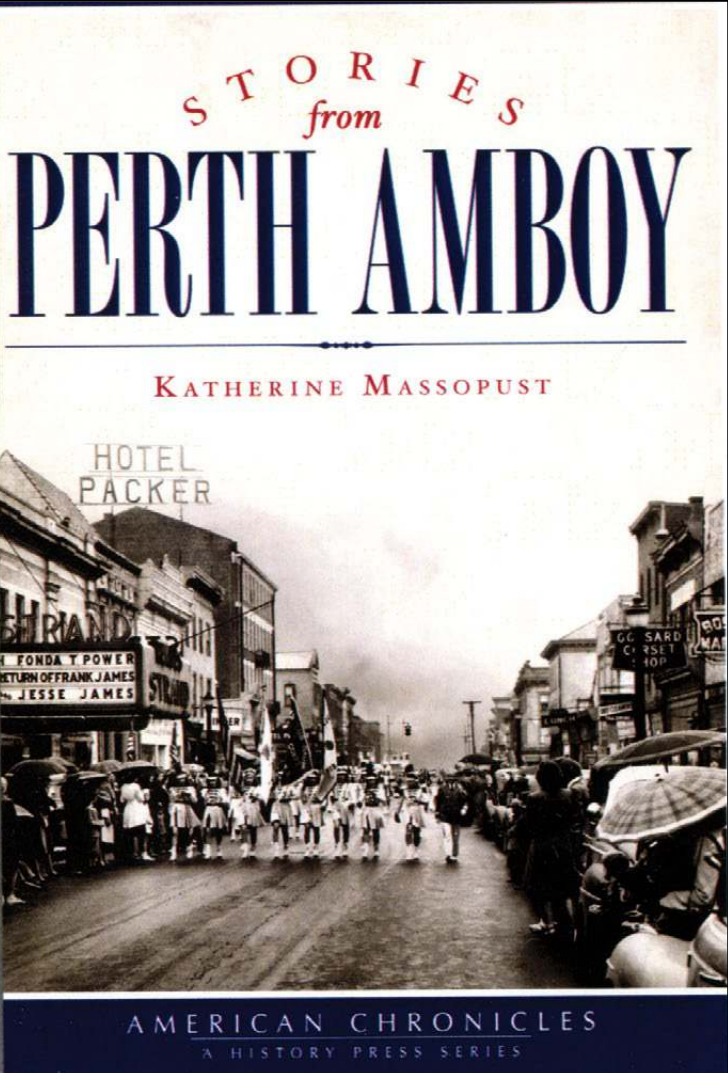
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Press Release 7/15/19
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Pauline Perlman’s handcrafted dolls have been displayed at more than fifteen libraries around the state of New Jersey. Perlman began making the dolls about four years ago when she joined the Rahway Senior Center, where she attended sessions to learn about doll design. Crafted from media including paint, glue, wood, spools, wool, fabrics, ornaments, and even human hair, her work combines two key materials: recycled goods and imagination. “My ultimate wish is for them to find a home in the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., for the remainder of their years,” says Perlman. “Children are very interested in them as well as adults.”
Danielle Wilkinson is an artist currently creating and teaching workshops in drawing, photography, spirituality and yoga. She earned her BFA from Ramapo College of NJ and her NJ Art & Education Certification from St. Peter’s College; she taught art at David Brearley Middle and Kenilworth High School for fourteen years. Her Nature Photography Mandalas are created from digital photographs capturing fractal patterns in the natural world. “My artwork is meant to evoke inner growth, awareness, and peace,” Wilkinson says. “Each mandala has a way of drawing the viewer into the present moment. Photography is about capturing the moment. Meditation is about being in the moment. Spirituality is about being grateful for the moment. This is the essence behind my Nature Photography Mandala Creations.”
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- Science rooms
- Narrow country byway
- Shorten (a skirt)
- All tied up, as a score
- Worshiped statue
- Acting Lupino
- Calendar info
- Cruel Roman of yore
- "Tiny" Dickens character
- Vision organs
- Starchy dish
- Unthawed
- Morning moisture
- Black bird
- Commanded
- Time in history
- Winged pest
- Brewery product
- Postponed
- Touch or sight
- Family member
- More extensive
- Hurl
- Expansive
- Weeding tool
- Requirement
- Not doing much

- "____ Baba and the Forty Thieves"
- Sinful
- Invasion
- Half of twenty
- Valley
- Concludes

DOWN

- Was in the forefront
- Film's Gardner
- Lay odds on
- Flu symptom
- Cool fabric
- Fruity beverages
- Negative conjunction
- Got married secretly

- Goals for batters
- Prepare (copy) for the printer
- Baby's first word, often
- Money of Tokyo
- Reverent fear
- Mr. Flintstone
- Steak order
- Football shape
- Wipe (dishes)
- Aged
- Pressed (the doorbell)
- Otherwise
- Fawn or doe
- Gave a snack to
- Major fuss
- Gaped sleepily
- Sailor's distress signal

- Unabridged
- Soup-serving tool
- The one yonder
- Swiss cheese feature
- Horse's steering wheel?
- Bride's face covering
- A Gabor sister
- Funnyman Aykroyd
- Flip one's _____, go nuts
- Sullivan and Asner

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