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## Questions Regarding Safety Issues at New Seaman Street School, Arguments Continue Over Kushner Properties, and Awarding Bid Contracts *8/12/19 Caucus & Council Meetings*

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – There was a discussion involving Ordinance No. 3 – Entitled “VEHICLES & TRAFFIC” regarding:

- Parking Prohibited- South Side of Seaman Avenue 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

- Seaman Avenue – Easterly Direction – one way between Augustine Place and Ogden Place.

Business Administrator Frederick Carr explained that the School Administration requested this and there will be 4 police officers assigned to the site. “They will be there until the traffic lights are installed. The traffic (volume) will be high and there’s hardly any parking.”

During the public portion, former Council President Ken Balut was agitated when he said, “You’re going to put 4 police officers on Seaman Street.”

Carr explained, “The Board of Education will be paying for their salaries.”

Balut replied back, “It’s still taxpayer’s dollars. It’s ridiculous how we are losing officers.”

There was a continuing discussion regarding Rector Street and the Kushner Properties.

Resident and Businessman David Caba asked about the status of Rector Street Road Repairs.

City Engineer Jefferey Rauch came up to respond, “We are having preconstruction meetings with Z- Brothers Construction Company. We are looking to repair Rector Street between Washington to Smith Street with the exception of Commerce Street.”

Council President William Petrick then spoke up, “We should put on their (Kushner’s) tax bill the part of Rector Street that is their property that we fixed. If you have the grinder, then you should be able to do the whole street. If we can charge a senior citizen to fix their sewer lines, then we can back charge Kushner.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke up and said, “The City should go after Kushner’s performance bond.”

Petrick then reiterated that the

whole street (Rector) should be done.

Irizarry spoke again, “I would have said a long time ago to take the performance bond money (from Kushner) if I knew it was legal.”

Resident and businessman David Caba came up to speak, “Kushner took a lot of pride when he talked about closing on properties that he developed in other towns. I’ve done closings at the Landings which are at a loss. Do you think I would take a millionaire client to Rector Street? They might buy a lot of the units there for about \$130,000 each and resell them for maybe around \$200,000. They were originally \$400,000 to \$600,000. Compare the values of the Jersey City real estate market which is high compared to Perth Amboy which is lower.”

A resident from Market Street named Jeanette Perry came up to speak. She asked if the Landings area was exempted when it came to road repaving. “We get snow removal. If we had that service, then the road should be repaved as well. It’s a nuisance to look at the open field.” Perry also mentioned that the part of Rector Street that she had to travel is so bad that she feels she

may have to push her car from out of holes.”

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak about the DCA (Department of Community Affairs). “The Mayor should sue the DCA because of their decision regarding the Mayor’s budget.” (According to the Faulkner Act, it only takes 3 members to change the Mayor’s budget. They had the votes, but the DCA did not honor the Council’s request.) Silber then mentioned Ms. Perry’s comments made about the portion of Rector Street that is in awful shape. “I would also add that Rector Street between Fayette and Smith is coming apart. Ms. Perry made a good point about snow removal. If the City takes care of that portion (belonging to Kushner), then the City should also take care of the paving. Maybe the Mayor prefers suing the Council instead of Kushner because he (Kushner) may have more expensive lawyers.” Silber continued to talk about a staff member who works for Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. “That person stepped down to work on her (AOC) reelection campaign. Our Public Relations officer and Chief of Staff should

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## South Amboy Approves Increase In Sewer User Charges Amended Ordinance Increases Charge By 30% By 2021 *8/5/19 Business & Council Meeting*

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy city council voted on and approve Ordinance No. 16-2019 on Wednesday, which will increase sewer use charges for residential units from \$33.34 per 1,000 cubic feet in 2019 to \$44.24 by 2021.

The ordinance also states that multifamily (over two dwelling units) and hotels will pay \$74.96 per 1,000 cubic feet of water usage, and commercial buildings will pay \$82.84 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The current sewer rates haven’t been raised in 11 years. According to Ordinance No. 30-2008, the residential charges were \$27.89 for the first 1,000 cubic feet and \$34.08 per unit for every 1,000 cubic feet of water thereafter.

The vote passed 4-1, with Councilman Tom Reilly the only vote of no. Reilly explained in his public comments that he didn’t believe this new ordinance was fair to residents.

South Amboy is not the only town in New Jersey raising their sewer user charges. Residents in Highland Park and Verona will both have at least a 10 percent increase in their charges this year.

Back in July, Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski mentioned that the city was “getting hit with pretty substantial repair bills” and that the sewers needed to be upgraded. The city chose to go with an incremental increase over two years rather than immediately go to the increase of \$44.24 per year

The council meeting began with a moment of silence for the victims of the mass shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. Mayor Fred Henry urged the U.S. Government to step up and find a solution to end gun violence in our country.

“I’ve mentioned it once before a couple years ago I believe, and again pleading to Congress, the United States, and the President of the United States with these mass killings to finally come up



Acting Municipal Clerk  
Laura Kemble-Kalantsis

with some kind of sensible gun laws,” Henry said. “There has to be something done, we can’t just be blaming video games, other countries have video games with their kids, they have other things going on, but they don’t have the mass killings that we seem to have ever so often in the United States.”

“I think it’s about time somebody that is responsible take up the challenge of trying to do something, just to make our country safer,” he added.

Wednesday’s meeting was the last council meeting for Acting Municipal Clerk Laura Kemble. The city council conducted their final interview with the new Municipal Clerk during a closed session at the 6:00 p.m. business meeting, and passed a resolution making the hiring official at the regular 7:00 p.m. council meeting.

“Laura you’ve been with us a long time, you’ll always be part of the South Amboy family and I think I can speak on behalf of the whole council, we all love you and think you did a great job,” Council President Mickey Gross said.

All council members were in attendance for both the business meeting and regular council meeting. The next city council meeting will be held on September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

## Accident in Front of City Hall



PERTH AMBOY - Accident in front of City Hall 8/7/19

*\*Photo Submitted*

South Amboy City Council Business Meeting 9/4/19 - 6 p.m.; Perth Amboy City Council Caucus 9/9/19 - 4:30 p.m.; Regular 9/9/19 - 7 p.m.





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## 8/12/19 Caucus & Council Meetings

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step down at election time (if they will be working on campaigns)."

Resident Susan Batista came up to speak regarding an update on the lawsuit she has against some of the administrators and employees (past and present) in the City. "People who are involved in lawsuits (defendants) have different interests. The law firm of DeCotiis (representing the City of Perth Amboy) made it seem like it was a package deal. Some of the people (named in the lawsuit) are no longer City Employees. They should be paying for their defense out of their own pockets. Each side in the case had to exchange discoverable evidence. There was a chain of custody that had to be signed off. You have no witnesses. I'm suing for pain and suffering."

Resident Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe came up to speak, "The City needs to advise the residents of any new traffic patterns regarding the area around the new Seaman Avenue School (Rose Lopez School). She also mentioned that she lives in the King Plaza apartments, "That building has 6-digit water meters. The water meters can only read 4-digits."

Business Administrator Frederick Carr responded, "We are getting into the King Plaza building to change their meters."

Luis Perez Jimenez Director of Operations at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates (Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) stated that the new meters will be able to read 6-digit numbers.

Other discussions at the Caucus Meeting included R-343-8/19 – A professional services contract with SOR Consulting Engineers for a sub-surface investigation in connection with the relocation of a concrete pad in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.

B.A. Carr explained, "Public Works drilled 70 feet. They found a poor sub-surface and conditions called for them to put pilings in it. This is just to find a solid place to put the pad."

There was also a question involving sewers separations and mains. R-346-8/19 was about sewer separation and the area bounded by James Street, State Street, Parker Street, the Outerbridge Crossing to Maurer Road.

Perez Jimenez stated, "This would be to eliminate some of the overflow."

Jimenez also fielded any questions regarding R-347-8/19 – A contract with Oswald Enterprises for the TV inspection of various collapsed sewer mains in an amount not to exceed \$24,425.

"We are in the process of purchasing cameras to look at these problems," stated Jimenez.

There was a question regarding R-324-8/19 which was part of the closed session. Item No. 3 pending litigation - Mayor vs. Council.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski asked, "Who is the defendant and who is the plaintiff?"

Council President William Petrick responded, "We are the defendants and the Mayor is the plaintiff."

Law Director Peter King spoke up and said, "Lawyers for the Council can be taken from the list of approved lawyers from the City."

There was a question about Communication No. 14 – Maraziti, LLP submitted a copy of a letter submitted to the Local Finance Board on behalf of the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency requesting that the hearing on the dissolution of PARA be adjourned to September 11, 2019.

Sierakowski questioned, "Why the delay?"

Law Director Peter King responded, "This was necessary to make sure all the people necessary could be at that meeting."

Sierakowski then mentioned Communication No. 2 – Mayor Wilda Diaz notifying Roman McKeon of his permanent appointment to the rank of Police Chief retroactive to May 13, 2019. Sierakowski stated that Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano is appealing the Mayor's decision.

There was a question regarding R-352-8/19 – A contract with Suburban Consulting Engineering for a survey design bid phase and construction administration services related to the 4 gate locations within the public safety complex in an amount not to exceed \$17,300.

Resident Ken Balut stated, "That's already been designed."

Council President Petrick responded, "The gate on Augustine Place was too far forward."

Balut continued, "We have all this money for designing, but we can't afford our police officers. Why don't you ask our Deputy Chief about the number of officers who left our police force?"

The Caucus Meeting was over at 6:50 p.m. so the Council could go into closed session. The Regular Council Meeting followed and began at 7:20 p.m.

During the first public comments on agenda items only, Resident Ken Balut came up to speak first and referenced Communication No. 13. An anonymous letter regarding the continuing behavior of residents at 490, 491, 492 and 494 Neville Street. He stated, "I heard that Bernie Sanders is coming to Neville Street. Will the streets be repainted?" He then referenced R-352-8/19 (gates in public safety complex). We should have the Rutgers Students do this instead of us paying all of this money. It's so crowded in town now that there's no place to move. Even with PILOTS our taxes went up. You should dissolve the PARA. They are the problems. I heard they are in discussions with Kushner. Kushner bragged about his properties which are garbage. We keep getting scammed. All of a sudden, there is bond money. The com-

plete design is a disaster."

Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak about R-332-8/19 – Setting forth an interpretive statement for inclusion on the November 5, 2019 General Election Ballot regarding the holding of a runoff election.

He asked, "What is the deadline to pass the resolution?"

Law Director Peter King responded, "The resolution would be to send it to the County Clerk to put on the ballot."

Council President William Petrick spoke up and stated, "This is to let the County Clerk know that we agreed with the language of the resolution."

Sierakowski then wanted more details regarding R-324-8/19 – The litigation of the Mayor vs. Council. Petrick responded, "The Mayor wanted to increase the taxes and we disagreed. The taxpayers will bear the cost (of the lawsuit)."

Resident Alan Silber came up in reference to R-357-8/19 – Extension of a contract with B&W Construction company of New Jersey for emergency repairs to the collection system in the amount of \$275,178.18 to pay for the emergency repairs on the brick sewer main on Gordon Street and to line the brick sewer main from a manhole on Water Street to a manhole on Front Street for a total contract amount of \$825,178.18.

Silber asked, "Didn't they already have a contract with the City for emergency work?"

Carr explained, "The second repair work will exceed the contract amount and we did not have to go out for bid."

Silber disputed the no-bid. "This is a lot of money not to go out for bid." He asked the Council to consider that before they vote on this resolution.

Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman came up and also questioned R-357. She told the Council, "In 2012, there was a consent order involving the sewer infrastructure. That consent order said there will be a completion date of 2016. The Council should refer back to that resolution. When it comes to the infrastructure, all of those contracts should go out for bids. On that consent order, it was for all the streets and sewers." She then referenced R-324. "The Council and Mayor can't see eye-to-eye. The Council is a legislative body. The lawsuit will enrich certain departments. We are a litigious city rather than working things out. Our problems are with the water, sewers, and police. There is \$200 million underfunded in our pension plan."

There was a discussion involving Ordinance No. 5 – Garbage, Rubbish, Refuse. Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton wanted more details.

Council President Petrick responded, "This is changes so that commercial business owners will have to get their own private haulers, or they can pay

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Press Release 8/19

PERTH AMBOY – Known as “America’s Swim Instructor,” more than a million children and teens learn to swim every year at the Y. Once completing swim lessons, many kids enjoy the water recreationally for the rest of their lives. For those who want to take their swimming to an even higher level, the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA offers three competitive swim teams.

Competitive swim at the Y includes the Tsunami Swim Team, the Perth Amboy Piranha’s Special Olympics Swim Team and the RBAY Masters’ Teams. Programs vary in size but typically include swimmers from age 6 to 18. Masters programs begin at age 19 and have no age limit.

“YMCA competitive swimming and diving teams are the natural progression from Safety Around Water and Y Swim Lessons, encouraging children and teens to continue their love of swimming while providing an ideal environment for cognitive, physical and social-emotional

development,” said, Steve Jobin, CEO, RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA. “Through competitive aquatics programs, participants experience achievement, feel a sense of belonging and build supportive relationships.”

The Tsunami Swim Team is holding open tryouts on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH and WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for anyone interested in becoming a part of the team.

Nationally, the Y is a leader in competitive swim and has been for more than 100 years when the first national YMCA swimming records were filed in 1907. Today, over 60,000 athletes, 2,100 registered coaches and 5,100 trained officials are part of competitive swimming and diving at the Y. Additionally, 1,200 Ys have a competitive aquatics programs and more than 250 YMCAs have a Masters Swim Program

Each year, swimming and diving culminates in four national events. Including the 2019

YMCA Short Course National Championship, 2019 YMCA National Diving Championship, 2019 YMCA Masters National Meet and the 2019 YMCA Long Course National Championship.

To get involved in competitive swim, contact Coach Darian Russell, drussell@rbaymca.org.

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## Sleep. Eat. Library. Repeat.

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — It’s finally September, and school is back in session! Not sure what to do at the end of the day? Perhaps you’re super-intending to visit the Dowdell Library, a world-class facility with all its facilities intact. Don’t fall behind this autumn: find a group of friends that cliques, let no setback lesson your enthusiasm, and take full advantage of the extracurricular opportunities at your local library!

First off, a few announcements... September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month! Each time you check out an item, you’ll receive a raffle entry form. Entries are limited to one per person per day; one winner will be randomly selected at the end of the month. Good luck!

After Labor Day, the Dowdell returns to Fall Hours and will be open 10am to 8pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 10am to 5pm Wednesdays and Fridays; and 12pm to 4pm on Saturdays.

Sadie’s Study Hour runs from 2:30pm to 3:30pm every school day from Monday to Thursday and 2:30pm to 3pm on Fridays! Take advantage of free Wi-Fi and fast ethernet, computer-based and wireless printing, a quiet workspace, and knowledgeable librarians for every assignment.

The first day of school—September 5—will conclude with Welcome Back Icebreakers from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at the Dowdell. Students are strongly encouraged to return the day after, Friday, September 6, for a Party Game Party from 3pm to 4:30pm.

Finally, from September 23 to September 30, kids, tweens, and teens can enter the library’s Banned Book Week Emoji Contest! Decode the emoji message to discover the title of a famous banned book. All entrants will be entered in a drawing at the end of the week.

On to the usual fare! Toddler STEAM Tales run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1pm to 2pm. Swing by for a tech- or arts-related storytime and activity!

Bring your little scientist to Eggsperimental Tuesdays, where they’ll discover a new egg-based experiment every week between 1pm and 2pm! Stop back later that day to participate in All-Ages Origami from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, where you’ll make a different shape every week.

As always, Wednesdays are for 3-D Printer Magic, where expensive machines meet cheap plastic. Receive a pre-printed object or design your own in Sadie’s Studio between 3:30pm and 4:30pm.

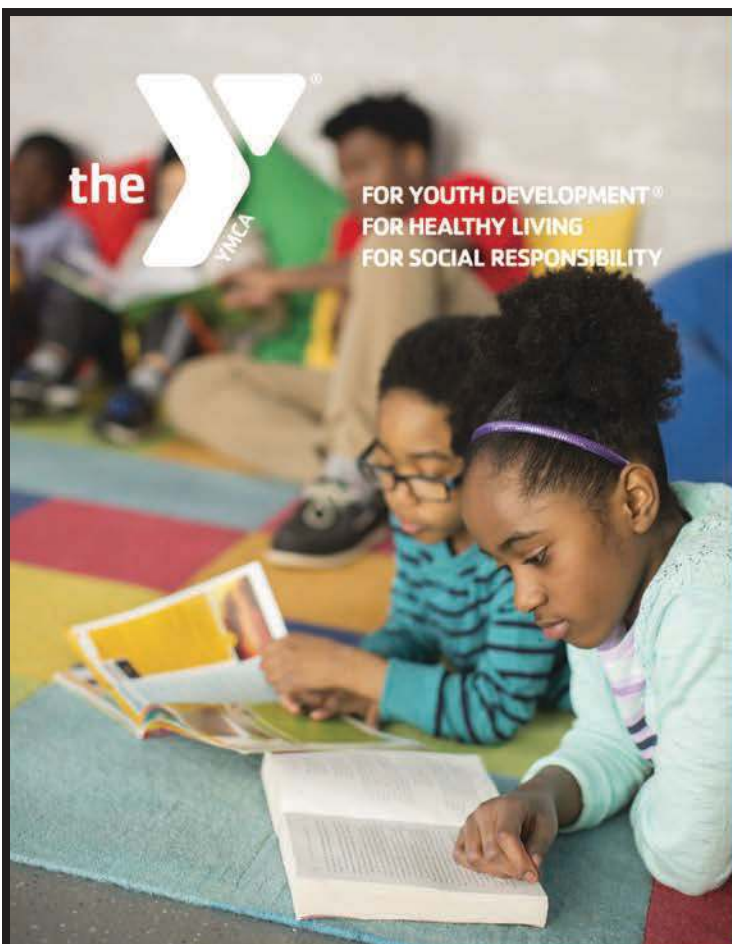
Big ticket events are scheduled for every Thursday in September. September 12 is Throwback Thursday, with Playground Games and late oughties music from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. September 19 is Throwback Thursday II: Electric Boogaloo, with Retro Gaming from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Last but not least, September 26 is MIY Pancake Palooza from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Each of these activities is followed by 3-D Pens from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Fridays are Club Days! Options include Anime Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, and Videogaming Club. Meetings are planned for every Friday and will run on a drop-in basis from 3pm to 4:30pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information.

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 Thursday, September 19 from 6pm to 7:30pm and Meditation for Beginners on Tuesday, September 24 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Have a tech question? Bring your device to the Digital Café, available Monday through Friday from 12pm to 2pm and Thursdays from 6pm to 7:30pm. Additionally, this month’s Adult Tech Corner will focus on couponing websites and smartphone apps every Thursday from 6pm to 7:30pm. Be sure to check out new art exhibits from Joshua Lisojo and Laura Adomunas while you’re here!

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](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto: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.



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Voice of Reason  
A Division That Needs to be Healed

Turmoil in the world is nothing new. When I was 13 years old, I remember the Hostage Crisis in Iran where 52 American diplomats and citizens were held hostage for 444 days from November 1979 to January 20, 1981. This was after the Shah of Iran was overthrown in the Iranian Revolution in 1979 and Ayatollah Khomeini became the new leader of Iran.

Back in the 1980's, the Olympics were political. On February 22, 1980 there was the Miracle on Ice, when the College athletes that made up the U.S. Hockey Team defeated the professional athletes of the Soviet Union in an upset that rocked the world. The United States went on to defeat Finland to win the Gold Medal in Hockey. It was that spark, that feeling that the United States defeated the Soviet Union that caused a surge of patriotism. It helped Americans begin to feel proud of their country once again.

During this time, Germany was divided into East and West Germany. The Cold War continued. The Soviet Union was still strong under Mikhail Gorbachev whose glasnost policies were making a last-ditch effort to save communism.

I remember the last days of when Jimmy Carter was President of the United States. Although President Carter is a gentle, moral man, many critics considered him to be a poor President. To slap Carter in the face, the hostages in Iran were released the day Ronald Reagan took office as President.

When Reagan became President, he had a different approach to government. As a former actor, he knew how to present himself to the public. Most of all, the Soviet Government was terrified of Ronald Reagan and Reagan knew it. People admired Reagan because he wasn't afraid. He never backed down. He challenged the Soviet Premier when he said, "General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization: Come here to the gate! Mr. Gorbachev open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev tear down this wall!" in his famous speech in Berlin on June 12, 1987. (Source: www.deseret-

news.com Michael D. Groote, 2/7/11)

Because of Reagan's policies, eventually the Soviet Union collapsed. The Cold War ended. The Berlin wall, the physical symbol of communism was eventually torn down in November 1989. The grip the Soviet Union had in the world crumbled, and their nuclear missiles were left to rot in their silos.

Ronald Reagan was proud to be an American; subsequently, he inspired the people in the United States to feel proud to be an American as well and there was a resurgence in patriotism. The economy improved. The country was a happier place. In fact, Reagan was such a popular President, when he ran for reelection in 1984, the only state to vote for his opponent, Walter Mondale was Mondale's home state of Minnesota and The District of Columbia (which always votes for the Democratic candidate).

A lot of people voted for Donald Trump because they wanted to have another Ronald Reagan in office. They wanted someone who would stand up to terrorists and to help improve the economy – to put America first and speak up for the little guy who is struggling. However, many people do not care for the way Trump presents himself, especially on social media.

Our country is now more divided than ever, and hate is spreading from both sides of the equation. Whatever rift that began in the country under President Obama seems to have escalated under Trump, and is getting worse and worse. Social Media doesn't help much. Never before in my life I have ever seen a President hated as much as Donald Trump. Whether it be posts on Facebook, podcasts, or newspaper stories, there are numerous politicians, celebrities, etc. who hate Trump.

It's not popular to be patriotic. It's popular to criticize and/or hate Donald Trump and along with him - America. It's popular to criticize people for things they said or did 20 years ago (in some cases over 100 years ago). It's popular to scream, yell, protest, and yes – spread hatred. It seems like many elected officials are more concerned with

grandstanding than doing what is right for our country.

Countless celebrities have voiced their opinion on politics on both sides. Even athletes get into the picture. Look at the Woman's Soccer Team and their World Cup Victory. Co-Captain Megan Rapinoe spouted that she would not go to the White House with Trump in office. While I agree with Rapinoe that women should be paid the same as men when doing the same job, I don't think it's right to disrespect the flag and your country (e.g. kneeling during the national anthem). She should show some dignity for the country she is representing. Young girls are looking up to Rapinoe, and she should be aware of that.

The illegal immigration problem is nothing new. People have been crossing the border illegally for a long time. There should be a bipartisan committee to make some sort of effort to solve these problems instead of having shouting matches or endless social media posts for both sides. Elected officials should realize that it's time to put their constituents first, stop the madness, and work together for the good of the country as they were elected to do.

It's as if some evil mastermind and their followers are manipulating hatred on both sides to further divide the country – trying to create a second civil war and destroy America. The sad part is some of these officials from highest to lowest are falling for it hook, line, and sinker. It's the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. By now, we should be beyond pettiness, hatred, racism, misogyny, cruelty, greed, and so forth.

November 4, 1991: Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush and Charlton Heston were present when Reagan spoke these words at the dedication of his Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. It is also inscribed on his tomb. The full quote in context was: "In my eighty years, I prefer to call that the forty-first anniversary of my thirty ninth birthday, I've seen what men can do for each other and do to each other, I've seen war and peace, feast and famine, depression and prosperity, sickness and health. I've seen the depth of suffering and the peaks of triumph and I know in my heart that man is good, that what is right will always eventually triumph and that there is purpose and worth to each and every life." (Source: www.deseretnews.com Michael D. Groote, 2/7/11)

How are we going to stop this madness? Stop the shouting matches. Stop the hatred. Start communicating. Listen to the voice of reason. Give one kind act at a time, and so on... **K.M.**

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Mass Shooting Today

There were no mass shootings until after World War II, and few before the 1968 Gun Control Act. They seem to have increased in the 1980's. Did the 1968 Gun Control Act have unforeseen consequences?

The book 'Newtown' explained how armed guards prevented an attack on the high school. Should school personnel provide armed protection? Do "Gun Free Zones" attract shooters?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Legal Thievery

Real heroes are motivated by selflessness – not selfishness! Right now, many are calling those who were victims of their own greed heroes when nothing could be further from the truth. Those who worked solely to make overtime to pad their pensions and then retired are not worthy of the same sympathy as those who gave of their time and effort freely and voluntarily.

Staying in the same river but taking a different tributary; though it's not likely to happen it's about time that public pen-

sions were based only on one's base salary so that the legal thievery so many enjoy is put to an end! Those of us who know (wink!) know of the chicanery that goes on to increase public pensions, the tricks of the trade shouldn't be tricking anyone. I dream of the day when our gutless politicians we elect stand up to the unions and stop being so liberal in doling out our money. Not all taxpayers are morons, some of us realize when we're being fleeced!

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Rusznak

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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.

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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.

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

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Historic Surveyor  
General's Office

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

Free tours are available Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Clubs, classrooms & groups are welcome. Come & view this newly restored building!

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

THURS. Aug. 22 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

THURS. Aug. 29 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.  
Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave.

MON. Sept. 9 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

• City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

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WED. Sept. 4 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.  
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WED. Sept. 18 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
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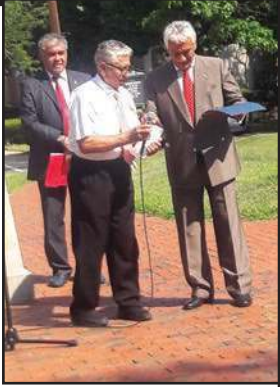
XTreme Jeep Show, Sadowski Pkwy, Perth Amboy 7/20/19

\*Photos by James Erwin



Information Submitted by Perth Amboy BID  
PERTH AMBOY - Photo #1: Trophies that were presented to the most awesome Jeeps at the show.; Photo #2: For first time, Jeeps were parked on the beach during the Xtreme Jeep Show. While show was held during record-breaking heat wave, Jeep owners and visitors enjoyed the cooling Raritan Bay breezes.; Photo#3: More than 400 Jeeps rolled into Perth Amboy. Most of the Jeeps were parked along Sadowski Parkway and some all-wheel drive vehicles were parked on the lawn. Photo #4: Xtreme Jeep Show featured the most tricked-out, over-the-top and gear-loaded Jeeps including all models and vintages. Jeep doing a “go anywhere, do anything” maneuver.; Photo#5: Benito Lopez, president of the Perth Amboy Jeep Club, presented Jeanette Rios with a plaque of appreciation for creating, organizing and promoting the city’s successful Xtreme Jeep Show for three years in a row. This is the largest Jeep on the East Coast.; Photo #6: Mayor Wilda Diaz with members of the Perth Amboy Jeep Club, which the largest organization of its kind in New Jersey. The club has more than 35 members and they displayed 40 Jeeps at the show.; Photo#7: A Jeep owner; Photo#8: Each of the Jeep owners who received awards and King of King trophy, for the most outrageous vehicle in the Xtreme Jeep Show.

Peruvian Flag Raising, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy 7/20/19  
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## Questions Regarding Safety Issues at New Seaman Street School, Arguments Continue Over Kushner Properties, and Awarding Bid Contracts 8/12/19 Caucus & Council Meetings

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the City the cost for pickups.”

When it came time to vote on the resolutions, Councilwoman Milady Tejeda asked to pull R-357 (extending contract with B&W construction regarding repairs on Front & Gordon Streets) out to be voted on separately. She asked, “What are the consequences if we hold off on this?”

Carr answered, “The contract that B&W had with the City exceeded the emergency funds.”

Law Director King spoke up, “We’ve had prior work done by B&W.”

Carr spoke up again, “The \$210,000 was for emergency cost for the Gordon Street sink-hole. The lining that was mentioned in the resolution was to prevent another emergency. Luis Perez Jimenez agreed with me. This is a specialized repair that B&W has expertise in.”

When it came to vote on the resolutions, R-325 thru R-356 and R-358 thru R-367 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilwoman Milady Tejeda. For Resolution R-357, it was moved by Councilman Irizarry and seconded by Councilwoman Tejeda.

During the public portion, Vince Mackiel came up to

speak. “I remember when the Planning Board approved the Greek Orthodox plans for their property on Wisteria Street. I am concerned about the movements of large trucks will be a danger to the roads. The vehicles are exiting through High Street. There is waterflow under the roadway. Make sure people are protected, especially those using the waterfront.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up next referencing Communication No. 12 – regarding Frederick C. Carr, Business Administrator submitted a copy of the notice involving Perth Amboy’s drinking water. “We did not get a copy of this letter.”

Carr explained “The letter will be going out this week.”

Hubberman continued speaking, “We have impending sewer issues. What funds have been applied to the debt? I had an OPRA Request, but I had to put the dates and the contract numbers that I wanted on the request. Don’t politicize our water concerns. Our Business Administrator went to a paper to politicize our water problems. I don’t think it’s appropriate or appreciated. I submitted applications to be put on the Zoning, Tenants, and Planning Boards.”

Council President Bill Petrick responded to Hubberman’s question about status of her applications for these boards.

“Once a vacancy is filled, old applications are not kept. (So, you have to reapply).”

Maria Vera from 81 Madison Avenue came up to complain about the Dominican Festival and questioned, “Where do they get the money to pay for 25 artists to perform? How does this benefit the City? It’s not a festival – it’s a concert! It took them until 1 a.m. to clean up, and the police left the area at 11:30 p.m. People who attended came with backpacks, coolers, (folding) chairs. We (neighborhood residents) couldn’t find parking. They can’t make it small – then don’t do it.”

After Vera spoke, the President of the United Dominicans of Perth Amboy and one of the Organizers of the Dominican Festival, Fermin DeJesus came up to speak, “I’ve helped run the festival for 14 years. I also work at Comcast. I’ve asked people to give us feedback on the festival. Only 2% of people I’ve talked to complained. We have big companies and clubs as sponsors (that donate money). People come and see how beautiful the waterfront is. We pay Public Works as well as the police for security. We are more than willing to listen to everyone’s concerns. We take these concerns to our meetings. Some of those concerns that people have complained about have dealt with

loud music and a lot of traffic.”

Councilman Irizarry spoke up and asked, “Do you have someone to measure the sound?”

DeJesus answered, “I will have to talk to the stage guy about this. It’s hard to know about everything going on.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up, “I heard there’s a rumor going around that there’s a lack of parking in the new Seamen Street School. The City has land they can sell to the Board of Education that is close to the building for parking. It’s a safety concern to have a school there.”

Law Director King responded, “It would have to be a 2:1 land swap. It’s a Greenacres property, and the State is a 3rd party.”

Business Administrator Carr spoke up and stated, “The property is contaminated, which would be good reason to cap it.”

A resident from Andrews Drive in Perth Amboy came up to speak about the Heat Bar on Convery Boulevard. She stated, “There are a lot of problems with people urinating outside the building, loud noises, fights, and people crossing Convery Boulevard where it’s not safe. The bar has no windows at all.”

A resident from Smith Street then came up to speak also questioned, “Why can’t the Dominican Festival be moved to Rudyk Park?” She also stated,

“I attended the Puerto Rican Festival at Rudyk Park and we were frisked. When I attended the Dominican Festival, no one was frisked.”

Resident and former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton came up to speak. She questioned why the Local Finance Board was moved to 9/11/19. She stated, “When I was on the Council, I had emails, letters, and voice-mails concerning dissolving PARA. I was getting information up until just before I left the Council. I have photos taken at a political fundraiser with one of the members who is on the Local Finance Board.” Nanton also wondered, “How come bottled water is sent to City Hall (if our water is safe to drink)?”

A Council Member remarked, “The water fountain on this floor here is filtered water. The water on the main floor of City Hall is bottled water.”

Mayor Diaz came up to speak and was happy to report that Home Depot will be taking over two warehouses at the old Gerdau Ameristeel site. These projects are through the PARA Agencies. Our unemployment rate has dropped. I want to thank Business Administrator Frederick Carr for sending out the letters about our water. I respect everyone’s opinion. We are

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complying with all of the DEP requests." She then addressed the resident who stated they were frisked at the Puerto Rican Festival. "Because of the Outerbridge Crossing, which is part of Homeland Security, extra precautions have to be taken. This is for safety purposes, especially because of what recently happened in Ohio and Texas."

During the Council comments, Councilman Irizarry asked to get the police reports on all festivals. "The police should be working with the Public Information Officer on these reports." Irizarry continued, "We have focused too much on foreign threats. We need to focus more on domestic terrorist groups. We need to carry out mass shooting drills. I want to congratulate the Dominican Community on their festival."

Councilwoman Milady Tejada (who is a Dominican Festival Committee Member) made her

comments, "We tried to accommodate those who had trouble with the festival in the past. This is a City of different communities and we try to tolerate and communicate with others. I have lived here longer than I did in my country. I also want to congratulate the Board of Education and Schools for being recognized by the State. We are seeing the fruits of what was done by those that were in the Board of Education prior."

Irizarry then spoke again, "I meant to ask about the mobile bathrooms on the waterfront."

Carr said, "They still are located in their original locations. Before we can take any further action, we have to get the money from the State."

Council President Bill Petrick stated, "We are here to hear you voice your opinions." He thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilmen Joel Pabon and Helmin Caba were both absent from both meetings (excused).

## South Amboy ArtFest

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Arts Alliance and The City of South Amboy will be hosting ARTSFEST on September 22nd on Broadway with a Rain Date of September 29th. Food and Craft Vendors, Entertainment, Dancing and Art Exhibit at the Broadway Gallery as well as kids activities will be featured. Save the Date! Vendors and Artists of all Media should contact the Arts Alliance at 732-754-7913 or email southamboyart-salliance@gmail.com for additional information.

## 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.

## Meet The Lizard Guys

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are happy once again to host The Lizard Guys on Saturday, September 28th at 1 pm in the Children's Room of the Perth Amboy Public Library located at 196 Jefferson St.

The Lizard Guys, now a division of Juniors' Venture, Inc., are a New Jersey based educational entertainment group that provides live animal presentations with lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs and various bugs. Find out more about them by visiting their website at <http://www.thelizardguys.com>

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For information, contact the Friends at (201) 381-1903, e-mail at [friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com), find us on Facebook on visit us on-line at [www.folperthamboy.com](http://www.folperthamboy.com)

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## Book Sale

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

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

## 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, Sept. 5, 2019. Bus leaves 12 Noon. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy. (New Location) Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.



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

PERTH AMBOY - A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on. Wed. Aug. 28, 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.

## A.C. Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip just to Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019. Cost is \$30 and \$25 back in play \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. For any questions - please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

## Tip a Pint

SOUTH AMBOY - The Friends of South Amboy will be hosting a tip a pint at Murphy's Shamrock located at 147 S. Pine Ave., South Amboy, on Thursday night, September 26, 2019 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Beer, wine, soda and food. \$20 pp. All proceeds will go to Pat Leonard and his family. For tickets please call Dave Kales at 848-565-0140.

## 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.



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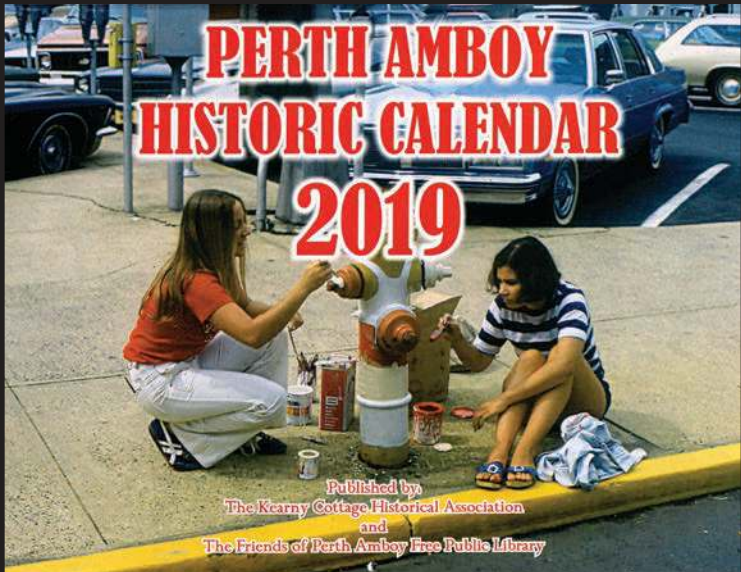
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## 2019 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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.

## Miniseries Review: Infinity Train

By: Anton Massopust III  
“I’m stuck on a train - a really big train! What’s in the next train car?” - Tulip

The miniseries “Infinity Train” just concluded on Cartoon Network. It’s probably the best animated series I’ve seen in a long time. For those of you who are not in the know, “Infinity Train” is an animated miniseries about a young girl named Tulip Olsen (Ashley Johnson). The series was created by Owen Dennis. Tulip has problems with her parents who are divorced. Because of a scheduling conflict, she was supposed to go to video design camp, but can’t. She tries to go on her own and ends up on a large mystical train that seems to go on forever. Each boxcar contains a different world. Along the way she meets two brave companions: a little robot which is half happy and half depressed One-One and a talking Corgi, Atticus (Ernie Hudson). As Tulip goes on this journey, and on her hand is a mysterious green glowing number which changes every time she learns a little more about herself. Her quest is to find the engineer and look for a way to get off this train and find her way home. Each car is filled with adventure and real danger. You never know what will happen when the next door opens.



Of course, every great story has a great group of villains. There’s “The Cat” (Kate Mulgrew) who seems to have her own agenda. She’ll help you, but for a trade. Then, there’s the Conductor, and a mysterious shadowy figure who seems to be controlling everything, and a giant white-faced multiarmed robot who does the Conductor’s building called “The Steward”.

“Infinity Train” is wonderful. Each world is unique with its own style. What really sells the show is the characters. Tulip is her own resourceful hero. I like the way the concept of divorce is handled. It doesn’t go for the usual stereotypical tropes. What’s compelling and wonderful are the characters. They pull no punches and give us a hard look at real life and that you have to live in the world you’ve

been given. Can an animated series such as this make you feel great about the characters? Heck yes! You can’t wait to see what happens. All through this miniseries I couldn’t wait to hear what happens next.

Creator Owen Dennis stated he was inspired by “Doctor Who” to make this series. Originally the series was a pilot put online. Many fans voted for it to be made into a regular series. Cartoon Network obliged and showed us the first episode of a while ago. The miniseries just concluded. In the conclusion, we will see more of Infinity Train in the near future.

This show is for kids, but parents and kids can enjoy the show together. Hop onboard for “Infinity Train!” Check out Cartoon Network and On Demand for episodes.

## Tom's Tax Tips

### Basic Customer Retention Questions You Need to Answer

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

Your business's ability to retain customers is one of the most important components to sustain growth and profitability. Here are the three retention questions every business owner should be able to answer:

•**What percentage of your customers return each year?** The first step to understanding retention is to know your customer retention rate. First, take your total customers from the end of a period and subtract the total customers you added during the period. Then, take that number and divide it by the total customers from the start of the same period. The result is your retention rate for that period. That rate by itself doesn't tell you much, so you need to compare it to the same time period last month and for prior years. A rising rate means you are on the right track; a shrinking rate means you need to make changes. According to the Harvard Business Review, a 5 percent increase in your retention rate increases profits by 25-95 percent! **Example:** Cut'em Nail Salon starts the year with 700 active clients. They add 300 new customers during the year, and their active client base is 800 at the end of the year. On the surface things look good, right? This increase of 100 clients is over 14 percent! But when you calculate the retention rate, it is 71.4 percent (800 clients minus 300 new clients means 500 of last year's clients still use Cut'em. 500 divided by 700 equals 71.4 percent). But Cut'em doesn't know if this is good or bad news, as it only makes sense when comparing it to the last few years' retention performance.

•**What percentage of your revenue comes from returning clients?** Core customers almost always contribute the most to your profitability. But how much? To figure out your returning customer revenue percentage, start with a list of revenue by customer for the last 12 months. Identify the returning customers and add up revenue attributed to them. Divide that number by your total revenue. Use this information to balance your spending between new customer acquisition and retaining your core customers. If you are like most businesses, you will realize there is tremendous value in spending more time and effort on retention, even when your business is full! **Part 2 Cut'em Nail Salon Example:** Assume the nail salon's total revenue is \$1 million and the revenue from the 500 returning clients is \$900,000. In this case, the core customers represent 90 percent of the revenue but only 62.5 percent (500 divided by 800) of the customers!

•**Do you know who your most valuable customers are?** Now identify which customers spend the most and buy the most often. Odds are, many of your top customers have similar characteristics. In the end, your goal should be to keep these customers happy and get more just like them! **Part 3 Cut'em Nail Salon Example:** In the example above, the average revenue per client is \$1,250 per client or over \$100 per month (\$1 million divided by 800 clients). If the top 20 clients represent \$100,000 in revenue or \$5,000 per client, you can quickly see how important they are!

Don't make the mistake of assuming business success comes from constantly adding new customers. Most sustained growth and profitability comes from first understanding marketing activities targeted to keep your current customers. The best place to start is to calculate and understand your base retention numbers.

Best regards,  
Thomas M. Ploskonka, CPA



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.

The Red Army reaches the Polish-East Prussian border on August 18, 1944. Summoned from France to Berlin to meet with Hitler, German Field Marshal Günther von Kluge — believing he has been implicated in the “July 20 Plot” to assassinate *der Führer* (he wasn’t involved, although he was aware of the plan) — commits suicide after writing to Hitler, affirming his loyalty and warning that the war in the West is lost and that Germany needs to stop fighting. Von Kluge is replaced in Normandy by Field Marshal Walter Model. In the Pacific, the Imperial Japanese Navy has a bad day. The troopship *Teia Maru*, carrying reinforcements to the Philippines, is sunk in typhoon conditions by a wolfpack of U.S. submarines (*USS Redfin*, *USS Rasher*, *USS Bluefin* and *USS Spadefish*) — 2,665 passengers and crew die. The escort carrier *Taiyo* is sunk by a torpedo from Navy sub *USS Rasher* that causes an aviation-gasoline tank to explode; the vessel sinks in 28 minutes, killing 790. Off the Philippines, the light cruiser *Natori* is sunk by the submarine *USS Hardhead*; 330 crewmen go down with the ship.

Elements of the U.S. Third Army on August 19 reach the River Seine near Mantes-Gassicourt, 30 miles west of Paris. Inspired and emboldened by the Allies’ approach to the Seine, the French Resistance in Paris begins an open rebellion against German occupation forces — 600 Germans are taken prisoner. Police in Paris side with the Resistance and seize the Prefecture of Police, raising the French tricolor flag.

On August 20, the Soviets launch an offensive into Romania with 900,000 men (96 divisions), 1,400 tanks and 1,700 aircraft. Advances up to 12 miles are reported as the plan to surround 23 German divisions (360,000 men) takes shape; five German divisions are defeated the first day. Japanese resistance on Biak Island, New Guinea, ends. The Japanese incur 4,700 killed and 220 captured. American casualties are listed at 2,550. Vichy French head of state Marshal Philippe Pétain is arrested by German troops in the town of Vichy for refusing to leave with them for an area safe from the Allied advance. By order of *der Führer*, Pétain and his staff are interned “for their safety” at Belfort, a city in northeastern France between Lyon and Strasbourg.

The German Sixth Army — fighting Soviet Marshal Rodion Malinovsky’s 2nd Ukrainian Front on the Black Sea coast — on August 21 gets separated from the Romanian Third Army. Col. Gen. Johannes Friessner orders all German units to withdraw as the Romanians not only are failing to fight but, even worse, begin changing sides. Farther north, the Germans, with naval support, open a coastal corridor 10 to 12 miles wide for Army Group North, but Hitler refuses to order evacuation of the Baltic States. In France, Allied forces advance northeastward in pursuit of the retreating German Army. In Washington, D.C., the Dumbarton Oaks Conference begins, attended by the foreign ministers of the Allied countries, to set up the framework for the United Nations and to discuss postwar international security.

As of August 22, the Japanese are in total retreat from their ill-fated invasion of India. Off Akuseki-jima, an island in the Ryuku chain that stretches from Japan to Taiwan, the darkened, unmarked, Japanese cargo-passenger freighter *Tsushima Maru* is sunk by torpedoes launched by the submarine *USS Bowfin*, killing 1,784 civilians, including 747 schoolchildren being evacuated from Okinawa. (The crew of *Bowfin* would only find out 20 years later that the Japanese vessel was transporting children.) In Japan, the government introduces a measure to draft females between the ages of 12 and 40 for war-related work.

King Michael I of Romania on August 23 stages a *coup d’etat*. He dismisses Marshal Ion Antonescu, the pro-Axis head of state, breaks with Germany, surrenders to the Soviets and joins the Allies. Henceforward, Romanian troops will fight against Axis forces. Many of the Romanian troops that were part of the German Sixth Army have already deserted or crossed over to Soviet lines. Allied troops capture the port city of Marseilles, France. The last Japanese resistance on Noemfoor Island, Papua-New Guinea, is overcome by American troops. Members of the French Resistance control most of Paris after heavy fighting.

On August 24, Romania officially declares war on Germany. The *Luftwaffe* bombs Bucharest, the Romanian capital. The French 2nd Armored Division, part of the U.S. Third Army, reaches the outskirts of Paris. Elsewhere in France, American troops capture Cannes, occupy Grenoble and take Arles, south of Avignon. In the occupied Dutch East Indies, British carrier-based planes raid Padang, in southwest Sumatra. Joseph Goebbels, Reich Minister for Propaganda, orders all theatres, music halls, drama schools and cabarets in Greater Germany to close. Artists, writers, musicians and students are to be conscripted into national service. A work week of 60 hours is mandated, and all holidays are canceled.

Paris is liberated on August 25, 1944. Gen. Charles de Gaulle and Free French troops parade down the Avenue des Champs Élysées, ignoring occasional German sniper fire, fighting in Montmartre Cemetery and bombings around the city. The German military governor of Paris, Gen. Dietrich von Choltitz, has disobeyed Hitler’s direct orders to burn the city and destroy landmarks, supplies and communications equipment. Choltitz instead surrenders everything unharmed. He justifies his action by stating that: the destruction orders have no military value; he loves and admires the French capital; and he believes that Hitler has gone insane. In the south of France, Allied troops move up from the Riviera and liberate Avignon. Finland’s government, led by Carl Mannerheim, enters secret negotiations with the Soviets on the possibility of a cease-fire. In Budapest, the German-installed Hungarian government, led by prime minister Döme Sztójay, decides that it will continue the war as an ally of Germany.

Hitler orders a withdrawal from Greece on August 26. In the Balkans, Soviet forces reach the Danube east of Galati, Romania. The thrust is southwestward toward Bucharest. Bulgaria, until now allied with Germany, withdraws from the war and declares its neutrality. The government announces that German troops within its borders are to be disarmed.

The British Eighth Army renews its offensive northward on Italy’s eastern coast on August 27. Slowed by rain and mud, the British launch an attack toward the Gothic Line at Pesaro, just north of the Foglia river. In the skies over Germany, U.S. B-17s and B-24s attack: airdromes at Anklam, Grossenbrode, Neubrandenburg and Parow; *Luftwaffe* experimental facilities at Peenemünde and Rechlin; aircraft-components factories at Lübeck, Rostock, Schwerin and Wismar; an oil-industry target at Politz; and several other targets of opportunity.

In France, elements of the U.S. First Army cross the Marne River on August 28. In the south of France, the Germans surrender at Toulon. Elements of the Soviet 2nd Ukrainian Front move over the Carpathian Mountains toward Transylvania, in Romania. In Budapest, popular pressure forces the resignation of prime minister Sztójay and a new Hungarian government takes over, led by Col.-Gen. Géza Lakatos. Lakatos declares martial law, halts the deportation of Jews and announces a willingness to negotiate with the Soviets. Of a total of 97 German V-1 rockets launched toward London, only four hit targets in the city — 88 are shot down, two hit barrage balloons and three fall short.

Encouraged by Edvard Beneš, head of the Czechoslovak government-in-exile in London, a Slovak National Uprising begins in Czechoslovakia against the pro-German government of Jozef Tiso on August 29. The Red Army captures the Romanian oilfields at Ploiești — the last source of crude oil for Germany — and enters Hungarian-occupied Transylvania. In occupied Poland, the Second Warsaw Uprising continues. The British government declares that the *Armia Krajowa* (Polish Home Army) is a responsible belligerent force and should be treated as such. In Washington, the U.S. government gives official recognition to the Polish Home Army. The Soviet government and the puppet Polish government recognized by the U.S.S.R. (not the Polish government-in-exile based in London) jointly announce that they have discovered evidence that the Germans have murdered over 1,500,000 people at the former Majdanek prison camp, located on the outskirts of Lublin, Poland. British planes bomb Königsberg, East Prussia, leaving 134,000 civilians homeless. The Bulgarian Cabinet votes to abolish all anti-Jewish legislation effective September 5, 1944.

Canadian armored forces with the British Eighth Army attack west of Pesaro, Italy, on August 30. Without supporting artillery, they are beaten back by the Germans, who destroy or badly damage 32 of the 50 tanks engaged in the attack. German troops withdraw from Bulgaria. The French Provisional Government is established by Gen. Charles de Gaulle in Paris.

American forces turn over the government of Paris to Gen. de Gaulle’s administration on August 31. French troops liberate Bordeaux, France. In Romania, the Soviet 3rd Ukrainian Front occupies Bucharest, the capital, and begins to round up members of the fascist Antonescu government. In Italy, the U.S. Fifth Army crosses the River Arno. In the Pacific, aircraft from U.S. Fast Carrier Task Force 38, under Vice Adm. John S. McCain, Sr., commence a three-day attack: on Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands; on the Bonin Islands, 50 miles to the north; and on the Visayas Archipelago, in the Philippines.



Celebrating the Sesquarcentennial at “The Old White Church” Historical Association of Woodbridge Township

WOODBIDGE - Join the Historical Association in celebrating the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woodbridge Township at the historic First Presbyterian Church with music, readings, and keynote speaker Timothy Hart, President of the League of Historic Societies. Monday, September 23, 2019 @ 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge Township. The topic Mr. Hart will address is “The Importance to Remember and Celebrate.”

The Old White Church, as the First Presbyterian Church is commonly known, was built at the center of Woodbridge across from the Kirk Green in 1675. Originally this landmark was a Meetinghouse-Church reflecting the culture of the early Puritan settlers. During the week, the building was a meeting house for public affairs and on Sunday a house of worship. However the diverse worship services changed when the congregants voted to join the Philadelphia Presbytery in 1710, becoming the third oldest Presbyterian Church in New Jersey. The historic burial ground is adjacent to the church and holds over 3000 graves, including enlisted men and officers of America’s wars.

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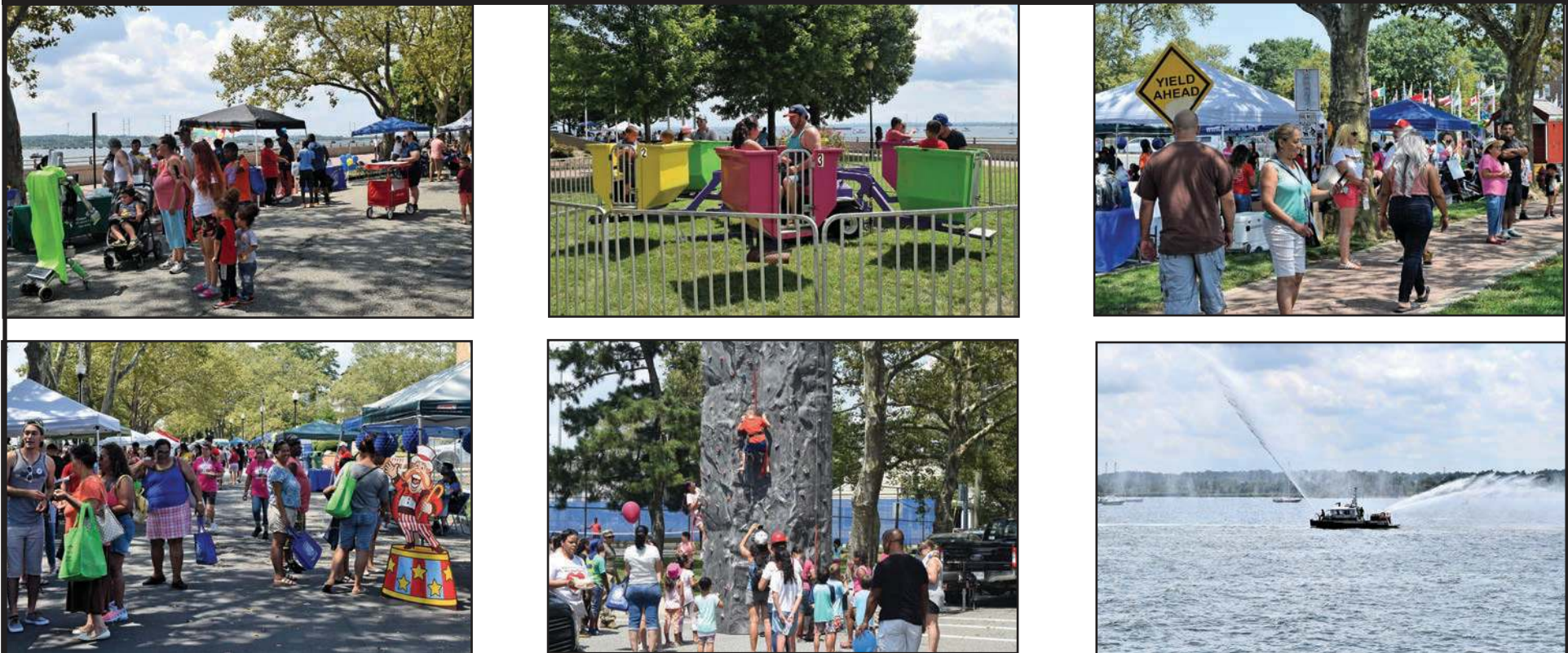
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Dear St. Joseph, head of the most perfect household, foster father of Jesus and guardian of His mother Mary, I confidently place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. I ask that, through your powerful intercession with God, you obtain for me all the help and graces that I need for my spiritual and temporal welfare and in particular, the special favor I now ask there mention or think of your home sale or any other petition, especially family needs. Good St. Joseph, I know with confidence, that your prayers on my behalf will be heard by God and that He will grant my request, if it be for His glory and my greater good. Thank you St. Joseph, for having responded to my call. Amen. *G.T.A.*

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

Prayer To St. Clare

For Employment

Prayer To St. Jude

Prayer To Blessed Mother

Prayer To Holy Spirit

Novena To St. Anthony

Prayer To Blessed Virgin

Thanksgiving Novena

Novena To St. Joseph

St. Jude Novena

Pray The Rosary

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Novena to St. Rita

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

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.  
Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.  
*Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.*

Miraculous Invocation to St. Theresa

Oh Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles. The greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.

Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4<sup>th</sup> day ask for a sign if prayer is to be answered between 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> day you will see a rose in a magazine, TV picture, or receive roses, also can get a strange scent of roses in home even if no roses present. Must promise publication. *J.M.P. 8/21*

Prayer to The Blessed Virgin

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

Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands *(3 times)*.  
*(Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.)*  
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*A.L.S.*

Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**  
TUES. Aug. 20 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
• Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.  
WED. Aug. 21 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.  
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.  
THURS. Aug. 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
MON. Aug. 26 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES. Aug. 27 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
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WED. Aug. 28 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.  
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
THURS. Aug. 29 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m. Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

- South Amboy**  
MON. Aug. 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.  
WED. Sept. 4 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
MON. Sept. 9 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes its Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

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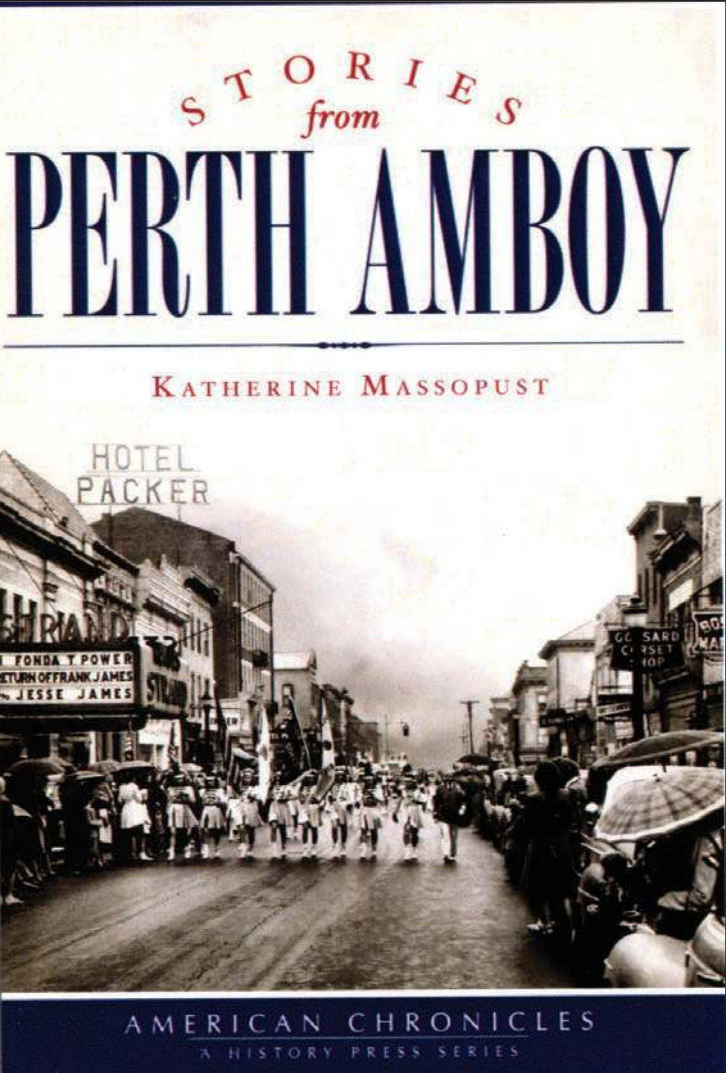
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Amboy Harmony Club – 1957 – Standing (L to R): R. Majewski, H. Wedeen, F. Schultz, B. Thullesen, T. Wasilishen, B. Poulsen, Ned Julian, J. Barto, and Manager Bob Nedwyki; Kneeling (L to R): G. Shufelt, W. Nelson, R. Horvath, J. Dietz, D. Hrehowsik, W. Stolte, R. Spector.  
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**Prayer for Puerto Rico & Victims of Recent Mass Shootings, Jankowski Community Center, Perth Amboy 8/14/19 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang**

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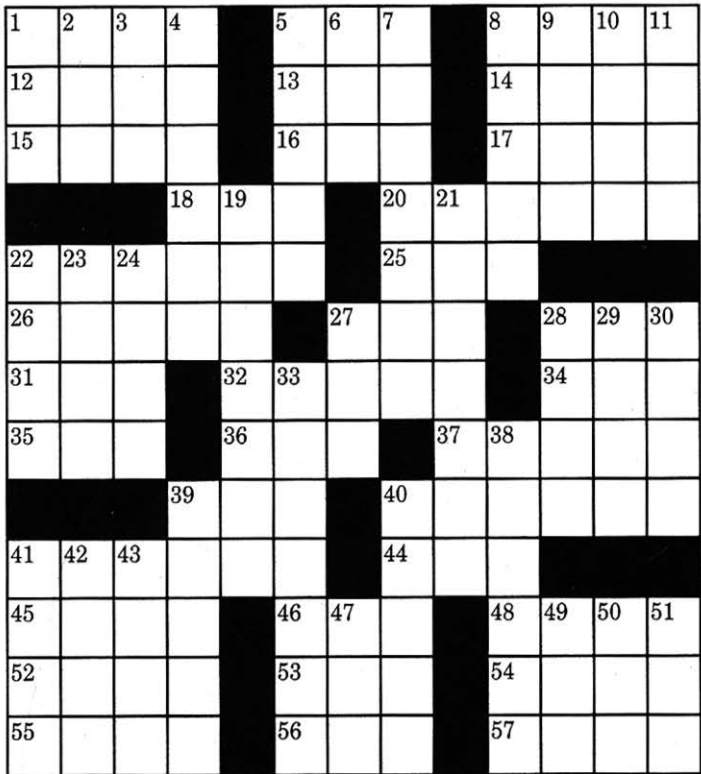
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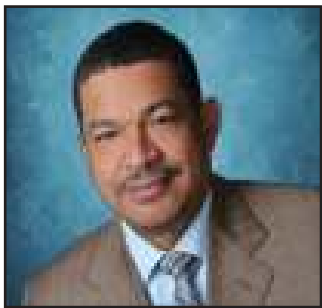
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