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## Veteran's Day - Perth Amboy 11/11/19



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South Amboy City Council Meeting Monday 11/25/19 - 7 p.m.; Perth Amboy City Council Monday 11/25/19 - Caucus - 4:30 p.m.; Regular - 7 p.m.





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## South Amboy Looking to Ban Vape Products

### 11/6/19 Business Meeting

By: Joseph L. Kuchie  
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy city council continues to look for ways to prevent vape products from being sold in town.

Vaping has become a hot-but-ton political topic over the last month, as over 1,600 different cases of vaping-related lung injuries have been recorded, with 34 of them leading to deaths.

City Attorney Francis Womack explained that the city could not just ban vape products from being sold due to state limitations. He did say, however, that certain towns in New Jersey have attempted to pass laws to limit sales as much as possible.

“We can’t ban them, we have to comport with New Jersey limitations on smoke and vape, the smoking limitations passed by the state also apply to vaping regulations,” Womack said. “We can make sure they are strictly enforced.”

“We could very easily apply the ordinance from Morristown and Westfield, what it does if you want to sell vape products... you have to come get a license from the city, specifically to be allowed to sell vape products,” he continued. “The state assembly did specifically say that towns are allowed to use stricter enforcement on it.”

Councilman Tom Reilly asked if there was a way to add Vape stores to the already existing land use laws that exist in South Amboy. Currently these laws prevent laundromats and tattoo parlors from moving into South Amboy, and Reilly asked if vape stores could be added to the list.

Womack mentioned that they could look into this idea, but it would take time to get approved and passed. The council will also be looking to add more restrictions on vape products, including preventing vape prod-

ucts from being sold within 500 feet from schools and passing ordinances that would prevent anyone under the age of 21 from entering a store that sells vape products.

The city is also looking into charging non-resident seniors to use some of South Amboy’s recreational services, including the Senior Center. Currently out-of-town residents can come to South Amboy and use certain facilities free of charge.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski recommended that the city charge non-resident seniors \$60/year to use South Amboy services, and that cost would drop down to \$50 if the seniors register in-advance. The council was open to the change.

All members of the council were in attendance for the business meeting. The next city council meeting will be held on November 25th at 7:00 p.m.

## Restoration of Town Clock Tower, Trouble with Rent Control Board & Emergency Services Take Centerstage

### 11/13/19 Caucus & Council Meetings

By: Carolyn Maxwell  
PERTH AMBOY – The first topic for discussion at the 4:30 p.m. Caucus Meeting was the adoption of Free Qualification Regulations for Perspective Bidders for Historic Preservation Work at the Clock Tower at Simpson United Methodist Church located at 331 High St.

Michael Calafati, who is a Historic Preservationist, came forward to speak regarding this item. “What needs to be done is work on the timber, plotting, structure, and enclosure repairs. Scaffolding will be needed to do this.” Calafati also mentioned that Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Danny Cleaver said that exterior repairs were done to the tower around 10 years ago.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and explained, “Let’s restore it the correct way.”

Calafati concluded his remarks by stating that the quality of wood is important and the work will be reviewed by the Historic Preservation of Trenton.”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr then commented, “State guidelines have to be followed and Mr. Calafati is working with Gary Muska to look for perspective bidders for this work.”

The next person to come up was Police Chief Roman McKeon. He gave an overview of the manpower and breakdown of how each division is understaffed. “We currently have 115 officers on the roster. 104 of them are on the street. The reason for the discrepancy between the two numbers are because there are officers on military leave, injured officers, some on light duty, and some who are about to retire. We had 2 squads with 3 units in each squad. The

squad would be 11, 11, and 10. Now it’s 9, 9, and 8, which is 2 officers down on each tour. We expect there will be minimal manpower all winter. All departments have been reduced. The detective bureau was cut in half. Special Investigations such drug enforcement is down a lot. Some departments had to be combined because of the lack of manpower. In our operations division in 2018, we had between 10 to 11 officers. That’s down to between 8 to 9. We have minimal staffing almost everyday of the week. We had \$40,000 left in our overtime account budget. There has been a lack of traffic enforcement and parking violations because we have to respond to more emergency situations. We have 3 people to do special traffic situations such as a hit and run, and officers also have to do escort services and court duty. There has been a 7% decrease in assault cases and burglaries are also down. Motor vehicle violations are down. Loud music and parking violations are up. In regards to DWI’s and careless driving, in 2017, more tickets were issued for those violations then there are now. This reflects the lack of manpower today. That translates to revenue for the city being down. In 2017, we had 135 officers; in 2018 it went down to 122. Now, presently there are 115. In the same time-frame in 2018, the detective bureau had 761 cases on file. This year, so far there have been 550 cases. We have to dedicate manpower to crimes that have a higher level of being solved due to more evidence. Home break-ins will be given more attention than car break-ins. Captain Simone from the Detective Bureau determines which cases are closed. With the holiday sea-

son coming up, they’ll be a lot of packages being stolen from people’s property. In the past, we were able to have decoy packages, which would have detectors on them. We can no longer do this. Our closure rate on cases is 37% compared to the county closures which are only 25%.A large quantity of Fentanyl by a Mexican cartel was stopped. Our guys got the job done through a confidential informant. \$361,000 of drugs were taken off the streets last year. Less drugs were taken off the street this year because of lack of staffing. There are more narcotics on the street now. The Middlesex County Drug Task Force helps us when we call them. When you lose 20% of the workforce in a department, then there’s a 20% decrease in what you can do. When it comes to our youth, and crimes committed by them, you can fix a problem with our youth by talking to them instead of arresting their way out of it. They need treatment and counseling. We’ve never had a child abducted in Perth Amboy. The DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program is now called LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs). We no longer have that program at the high school because it is believed that the youth’s behavior is already set at that age at home.”

McKeon then talked about the department’s professional standards. “56 complaints were lodged. 9 of those were internal investigations. Half of the 56 complaints were cleared by body cameras. Officers can’t register a complaint. Unfounded complaints mean they never happened. Unsustained com-

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**Check Presentation, Perth Amboy 11/13/19**  
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PERTH AMBOY - Check presentation at the 11/13/19 Council Meeting by Asm. Craig Coughlin (3<sup>rd</sup> from Right) given to St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry from the money raised from the Bowling for Hunger Fundraiser

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**Total Joint**  
**Replacement**  
**Education**  
**Session**

PERTH AMBOY- The Human Motion Institute at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is hosting a free Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, November 22, 8 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Human Motion Institute office, concourse level, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. The class will educate attendee on what to expect, before, during and after surgery. Registration required, visit [HackensackMeridianHealth.org/Events](http://HackensackMeridianHealth.org/Events)

**Bariatric**  
**Weight Loss**  
**Support Group**  
**Meeting**

OLD BRIDGE- The Institute of Weight Loss at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge, is hosting a Bariatric Weight Loss Support Group Meeting Wednesday, November 27, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Raritan Bay-Old Bridge. For individuals who have had surgery, are contemplating weight loss surgery or trying to maintain a healthy weight. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in Auxiliary Hall B, 3 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Registration required, visit [HackensackMeridianHealth.org/Events](http://HackensackMeridianHealth.org/Events)

**Weight Loss**  
**Surgery:**  
**The Facts**

PERTH AMBOY-The Center for Bariatric Surgery at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is hosting a free seminar "Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts" Thursday, November 28, 6:00 p.m., in Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy. Center for Bariatric Surgery Medical Director Karl Strom, M.D., will discuss the benefits of weight loss surgery. Registration required, visit [HackensackMeridianHealth.org/Events](http://HackensackMeridianHealth.org/Events)



LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Ties That Bind

Everyday should be a day to thank our Veterans. Throughout the year, there are months that we show our appreciation: Memorial Day in May, and even though July 4<sup>th</sup> is our nation's birthday, Veterans are also saluted. In November, is when we give Thanksgiving - not just on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, but throughout the month.

The homeless are brought into the forefront, beginning with Community Dinners that are served by the city and ending on Thanksgiving Day.

First of all, we need to thank the churches and organizations who provide food year-round for all. Being homeless is not a requirement, for there are also people who just need companionship. At the recent fundraiser to help augment funding for Pastor Berny's Center for Support, Success and Prosperity, Honoree Geri Barcheski delivered a very moving speech. She talked about the struggles that she endured, and of those who helped her.

There was another young woman who spoke who talked about being thrown into a dumpster at a young age by her mother. She talked about how Pastor Berny helped her and how she was able to regain custody of her two young children and will be soon regaining custody of her oldest child. This young woman is still going through struggles, but what keeps her focused are her children, and knowing that the Prosperity Center volunteers have her back.

We recently heard that Jon Bon Jovi's foundation is donating \$500,000 to help build 70 new homes for homeless Veterans in Washington D.C. Jon Bon Jovi also has two restaurants (Soul Kitchens): one in Red Bank and one in Toms River. There are no prices on the menu. It's pay what you can afford or you can volunteer your time.

This year, the Renovation House in Perth Amboy will be feeding Thanksgiving meals in three locations in Perth Amboy: The Jankowski Center on Olive Street (open to everyone from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and at 415



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Shine the Light Fundraiser for the Center of Support, Success & Prosperity 11/14/19 \*Photo by Katherine Massopust



Preparing a Thanksgiving meal at Olive Street 11/23/17 \*File Photo by Paul W. Wang

Fayette St. and at 333 Rector St. (only for residents who live at those locations) from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

We will also like to thank the volunteers who man the warming centers in the City of Perth Amboy who give up their time

to help those during the harsh winter season. Remember, it's not only the homeless who suffer, but those who suffer when unexpected disasters occur. Tragedies do not discriminate.

So, we take this time to thank all for what they do, and appreciate all that does either behind the scenes or in the forefront. Every deed, no matter how small is important.

At the Shine The Light Dinner last Thursday, one of the speakers said: When you hand someone who is homeless money, look in them in they eye with compassion as you do so. Let them know you appreciate them as a fellow human being. **C.M. & K.M.**

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

What? Cancel Thanksgiving!

As we know, Thanksgiving is coming and that's when we spend time enjoying dinner with family and friends and giving thanks for what we have. Now, here comes the crazy part - a news media called the Huffington Post headline said: "Cancel Thanksgiving to Save The Planet!" Yes, you're not seeing things, and I thought I've seen it all. This is PROPAGANDA

at its best from a Puppet Controlled Mainstream News Media. Who said this? A Climate Action Tracker Group is concerned about the Thanksgiving carbon footprint. (CO2) from cooking the turkey.

Thanksgiving comes once a year and cooking a nice Thanksgiving dinner is not going to destroy the earth, so eat, drink and don't worry about this PROPAGANDA!

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Firearms Lawsuit

A recent Supreme Court ruling allowed the victims of a mass shooting to sue the manufacturer of the firearm used, which was stolen by the killer. How did they justify this decision? Would a car manufacturer be responsible for any parking or speeding tickets? Nobody argued this product was defective

or didn't work as intended.

Gun Prohibitionists are not interested in saving lives only in oppressing people. The 1968 Gun Control Act was followed by escalating firearm deaths, but nobody has asked for changes in this law.

If gun safety is important why isn't it taught in schools?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Holiday Openings

I notice that FAMILY DOLLAR will be open on both Thanksgiving and Christmas which means the DOLLAR means way more than the FAMILY to them. I wonder if CEO Howard R. Levine will be working along with the rest of the top brass? Give him a call at (704) 847-6961 and find out! I urge everyone to boycott

ALL retail establishments that are open on Thanksgiving and/or Christmas! Is there really anything one needs to purchase that badly that it cannot be done beforehand or afterward? Only when folks STOP going out to shop will these greedy folks get the message (hopefully). The DOLLAR should always be secondary to the FAMILY!

Yours truly,  
Michael J. Rusznak

What do you think? Send us a response!

Statement from Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz

Press Release 11/7/19  
PERTH AMBOY - Each Election Day is an exercise in how democracy works. Voting is our voice, and it is always exciting to hear that expressed, even if the results are not what you hoped.

On Tuesday, a small number of Perth Amboy voters decided a big question for their neighbors. The public question regarding run-off elections if no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote was passed by only 1,400 out of 27,092 registered voters. That's only 5.6 percent of all registered voters in Perth Amboy.

As I am sure you know, I have been fighting the presentation of this question as it appeared on the mail-in ballot. The instructions, written only in English, did not clearly explain the ramifications of a run-off election that costs between \$80,000 to \$100,000. That's a huge sum

coming out of the pockets of Perth Amboy tax payers, money that could be better spent on improving our schools, building parks, and developing community programs that benefit all of us. Not giving that information in an easy to find format and in the language that a majority of residents speak disenfranchises voters because it bars them from making an educated decision.

I took my argument to the superior court, and although it didn't rule in my favor, I am committed to continuing the fight. I vow to pursue legislation that would mandate that important public questions be explained clearly and succinctly, so that every citizen can cast their vote with confidence. As I have said many times, my focus is the welfare of the residents of Perth Amboy. I will always work to improve the lives of those whom I am privileged to represent.

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Proprietary  
House Open

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion.

Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open.

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.

Kearny  
Cottage Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Association please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

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. Nov. 21 Special City Council Meeting (Re: PARA), 5 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.
- Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.  
PAHS, Eagle Ave.
  - Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.
- MON. Nov. 25 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.
- City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
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- MON. Nov. 25 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
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Perth Amboy Girls Work On J&J STEM Project With Data Feeding NASA Program

Press Release  
NEW JERSEY - Girl Scouts of the USA and Johnson & Johnson worked collaboratively on new badge programs which will encourage and inform girls about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) opportunities and careers. We hope that you and your audience will be interested in how this collaboration will impact girls in New Jersey.

Last week, sixty-seven (67) New Jersey girls from the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey were among the first Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors to earn the NEW ‘Think Like A Citizen Scientist Journey’! During this one-day workshop, girls learned how to observe, collect, and analyze data that will be reported online to help scientific research projects.

The girls which came from across the region, toured the Johnson & Johnson Museum (“J&J”) to learn more about the history of women in STEM. Did you know that J&J launched in 1886 with only fourteen (14) employees and eight (8) of them were women? It took another twenty-two (22) years for Chemist Edith von Kuster to become the company’s first women scientist in 1908.

After their tour, girls were assigned to smaller groups to participate in an activity led by a J&J Fellow. The girls had to 1) observe like a scientist 2) analyze data like a scientist and then 3) capture new data for an experiment run by NASA.

The final part of the day’s program was an open discussion with J&J staff members concerning their career journey in STEM. The girls asked about what it is like to work at J&J; they asked what Fellows are doing in their current role; and what skills are needed to be a J&J Fellow.

Girl Scouts of the USA is one of the largest leadership development organization for girls, preparing our nation’s female youth to become leaders and advocates for themselves and their communities. Building on years of evidence-based research, they are expanding the scouting experience to include more experiential explorations in STEM.

This program is a collaboration between Girl Scouts of the USA and Johnson & Johnson Corporation. With J&J Headquarters located within the GSCSNJ’s footprint, these Girl Scouts have an advantage with access to this and future Citizen Scientist programs.






(L to R): Lianna P (Sayerville), Emaya A. (Iselin), Michelle P (Perth Amboy), and Mia A., (Perth Amboy).




Except as noted, all girls from Millville- Julianna G., Alyssa L. (Upper Deerfield), Olivia Z., Rene Hogan (GSCSNJ), Isabella G., Gianna W, and Hannah G.

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# Restoration of Town Clock Tower, Trouble with Rent Control Board & Emergency Services Take Centerstage

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plaints mean you can't prove it happened. There were 12 sustained complaints and 2 officers were disciplined. Off-duty and on-duty officers are held to the same standards. Our marine units went from 2 to 1 and right now they can't do regular patrols. The dive-team training has been diminished. We have special officers who are trained to work on the boat as well as some firemen. You can't do a boat rescue by yourself. We have 5 boat vessels. Sometimes quality of life issues such as loud music complaints have to go on the back-burner to take care of more serious situations such as domestic violence cases, car accidents, assaults, etc. We would appreciate everything that you can do to get us more officers. A lot of prisoners who get arrested say they are sick because they don't want to go to the county jail. Our officers then have to escort those prisoners to the hospital. They may be there for hours tied up in that situation. The sheriff's department also has manpower problems. We have potential problems with Hell's Angels members."

After McKeon finished, Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano

came up to give a brief overview of the OEM operations. "Our mission is to reduce loss of life and property through preventative actions. Auxiliary police are used to augment our regular officers." He then talked about the CERF (Central Emergency Response Fund) Program. "Currently there are 30 individuals going through the class now. Over 200 individuals have already graduated. The Police Chaplain Corps were also involved. Individuals who go through the CERF training are in class for about 4 ½ months which entails 64 hours of training. We have multiple agencies from the county and state that are part of our response teams. The CERF Program is reviewed every 4 years by the state and county. So far, this fall we've had 3 Code Blue situations. We have Nixle and Reverse 911 set up. We've had \$75 million in reimbursements through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). We've been involved in 25 disaster situations since I've been in the department. We're still getting reimbursed for Sandy. The Federal Department was in Perth Amboy for a couple of months to look at how the FEMA money was spent regarding Sandy. We were the only municipality

where they found no fault. Other municipalities and counties come to see our emergency operations. We help special needs residents during disasters. We work with the Port Authority. We have an inter-local agreement with Woodbridge (for some needed services)."

The last person who came up to speak under Topics for Discussion was Attorney Michael D. Mirne. He was there on behalf of his client, who owns a building located at 263-265 New Brunswick Ave. The owner of that property had a request for a hearing on an application for hardship rent increase for that property. Mirne stated, "Since the Rent Leveling Board doesn't exist, there is no method of addressing the ordinance that's on the books. There are 6 units in the building. Currently the tenants are paying \$300 a month for a studio, and he would like to have that raised to \$800 a month. That unit is 500 square feet. The larger units have 2 bedrooms and are 1,000 square feet. They currently go for \$688 through \$1,050. He wants the increase to be \$1,400."

Then the owner came up to speak and stated, "The previous owner of the building did not increase the tenants for 20 years

and I want to bring to the current market value."

Law Director Peter King spoke up and stated that the tenants have to have a letter sent to them letting them know their lease is up and what the new rents would be."

Mirne said, "There is no state rent control ordinance. They may rely on the judge's opinion. We may get close to what we want in a period of time."

Law Director King spoke up, "A judge should decide this case."

Council President Bill Petrick then suggested, "Maybe the public doesn't understand that the duties of the Rent Control Board. They can't lower rents."

The owner of the building continued, "I thought there was going to be a Rent Control Board I can go through to get the rents increased. I'm only asking for the current market rate."

Mirne then stated, "The courts will decide if the increase was plausible."

The building owner continued, "I pay the water bill and the hallway lights. The tenants pay their own utility bills (PSE&G and Elizabethtown Gas)."

Petrick spoke again, "The going rate is a 5% increase per year for a rent increase."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry

then questioned, "What is expected from us?"

King suggested, "You should abolish the Rent Leveling Board by rescinding the ordinance first."

Petrick then requested that this be put on the next agenda, "To abolish or reestablish the Rent Leveling Board. When I sat on the Zoning Board, an applicant could go to the court to appeal a decision that we made."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and thought, "They should just go to court. What was the condition of the apartments? What about the people living there? I would buy an empty building."

King spoke up again and said, "The court would probably say to abolish or reinstate the Rent Leveling Board."

Mirne then stated, "If the Rent Leveling Board is not abolished, then we may still have to go to court because of the rents not being increased in years."

The building owner spoke up again, "The condition of the units is not bad because the tenants are still living there and have maintained them."

Petrick then told Mirne and the owner, "It may not be necessary for you to be present at the

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## DuPont Community Partnership with Old Bridge Township’s Parks & Recreation Department Recognized at Council Meeting

Press Release  
OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP – DuPont officially marked its community partnership with the Township of Old Bridge with the presentation of three checks to Mayor Owen Henry during the Township’s October 21st, 2019 Council Meeting. Matt Mercurio, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Anahita Feltz, Manager of Silver Linings at Old Bridge and the Old Bridge Food Bank, presented an overview of the new partnership, and Jason Galinski, the DuPont Parlin Site Plant Manager, presented the checks which will fund programs in the Parks and Recreation Department.

The established partnership began on October 4th during the kick-off of the Fall Friday Nights Teen program. DuPont presented Pete Pero, Manager of Camp ROBIN, with a \$7,500 check donation which will fund the purchase of computer chairs for the Camp’s computer lab, a new dishwasher and transportation for the Friday Teen Program. In addition, DuPont sponsored the first night of activities for the Friday Teen Program, which included a Game Truck, bingo, crafts, and an Ice Cream



( L to R): Matt Mercurio, Director of Parks and Recreation, Pete Pero, Camp ROBIN Manager, Jason Galinski, DuPont Parlin Site Plant Manager, Mayor Owen Henry. \*Photos Submitted

Social. Galinski also presented a \$15,000 check earmarked for a new scoreboard for the Township’s John Piccolo Ice Arena. The new scoreboard will be installed in early November and will complete the Arena’s recent renovations which included an updated ceiling, the creation of a girl’s locker room, an updated fireplace, interior painting, and new flooring.

Galinski spoke of DuPont’s commitment to the community at large and then presented a \$5,000 check for the sponsorship of 100 Thanksgiving baskets for the Old Bridge Food Bank’s annual Thanksgiving distribution. “We are very appreciative of DuPont’s support and commitment to the community,” noted Mayor Henry. “Their generous donations will help enhance



(L to R): Matt Mercurio, Director of Parks and Recreation, Anahita Feltz, Old Bridge Food Bank Manager, Jason Galinski, DuPont Parlin Site Plant Manager, Mayor Owen Henry.

Camp ROBIN and our Recreation programs and go a long way in aiding the Food Bank to meet the needs of residents this upcoming holiday season.” DuPont (NYSE: DD) is a global innovation leader with technology-based materials, ingredients and solutions that help transform industries and everyday life. Its employees apply diverse science and expertise to help customers advance their

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## Coughlin & Lampitt Bill to Eliminate Cost of School Meals for Eligible Students, Combat Child Hunger Clears Assembly Committee Measure to Provide Over a Third of All NJ Students Access to Free Meals

Press Release 11/18/19  
TRENTON – Expanding access to free meals for families struggling to afford the cost of reduced-price school meals, a measure requiring the State to cover the cost of reduced price breakfast and lunch for eligible public school students was advanced by the Assembly Education Committee on Monday. The bill (A-5855) is sponsored by Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and Assembly Education Committee Chair Pamela Lampitt.

“It’s critically important that children have access to regular and nutritious meals while at school, but the sad fact is that for many families the financial burden is too great,” said Coughlin (D-Middlesex). “Children who eat breakfast and lunch show improved concentration, greater alertness, stronger comprehension, better memory and advanced learning skills. Under this legislation, all eligible children will be afforded the opportunity to a free healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch.”

Right now, students from households living under 130% of the federal poverty line, recognized as an annual income of less than \$33,475 for a family of four, qualify for free school meals. In four person households where income is between \$33,475 and \$47,638, families only have access to reduced price meals.

This legislation would appropriate \$4.5 million enabling the State to pay the difference

between federal allocations for reduced priced breakfasts and lunches and the total cost of these meal programs. In doing so, the bill expands access to school meals at no cost to roughly 518,910 students. And, according to this 2017-2018 enrollment data from the New Jersey Department of Education, that equates to just over one third of all New Jersey school children becoming eligible for free meals under this measure.

“Food insecurity is an issue facing families in too many communities throughout our state,” said Lampitt (D-Camden, Burlington). “This bill would have a tremendous impact in expanding access to school meals ensuring children aren’t going hungry during the school day and empowering them to be more engaged learners. It also lifts the burden on school districts facing meal debts, who could be allocating their financial resources to provide student services in other critical areas.”

Under the legislation, the Department of Agriculture would be directed to adopt regulations for the scheduling and management of reimbursements to school districts.

The bill’s Senate counterpart, sponsored by Senators M. Teresa Ruiz and Shirley Turner, was advanced in the Senate Education Committee on Thursday.

The Assembly bill now goes to the Speaker for further review.

## Girls on The Run of Central NJ Charity 5K Set for November 24

*Net Proceeds from Race will go to the Council’s Scholarship Fund*

Press Release  
SOMERVILLE - Girls on the Run of Central NJ (GOTRCNJ) will celebrate the end of its 18th season with a 5K run through the streets of downtown Somerville. The Honorable Dennis Sullivan, Mayor of Somerville, will kick off the 5K Race on Sunday November 24, at 11:00 am. Open to the public, over 2,000 runners and spectators are expected from the five counties GOTRCNJ serves. Since race inception thousands of dollars have been raised as part of the GOTRCNJ Scholarship Fund effort. Net proceeds of the race provide financial assistance to over 500 girls annually to enable them to participate in the program. Run, walk, pledge or cheer on **November 24, 2019** in support of the GOTRCNJ Scholarship Fund. Donation Station will be available on race day!

WHAT: Girls on the Run of Central New Jersey (GOTRCNJ) 5K race Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 a.m.

WHY: GOTR program participants are joined by family and friends for this celebratory 5k event at the end of the ten-week program.

WHO: This race is open to the public. Join one of the largest 5k timed races in Somerset County!

WHEN: Sunday, November 24, 2019; Online Registration Here: <https://gotrcnj.org/5Ks>; 9:30am – Packet Pick-Up & Race Day Registration & Festivities 10:45am – Registration Closes; 11:00am – Race Start; 12:00pm – Awards; Registration Cost: Through 11/8 - \$30.00; 11/9-20 - \$35.00; Race Day - \$40.00; WHERE: 20 Grove Street,



Girls on the Run \*Photo Submitted

Somerville, NJ. Registration is located on the Somerset County Courthouse lawn, 20 Grove Street, Somerville. This USATF Certified 5K Course is a 3.1 mile course around the Somerville neighborhoods. View course map on registration site. Results posted by Best Racing Systems [www.bestrace.com](http://www.bestrace.com). Somerville parking information is available at <http://downtownsomerville.com>. Awards & Amenities: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall Male/Female; 1st, 2nd, 3rd in 10-year age groups; 10 & Under, 11-70+. T-shirt to all pre-registered, and others while supplies last. Post - race refreshments. Volunteers are still needed to help run the event. Those interested can contact Lynn Sherman at [lynn.sherman@girlsontherun.org](mailto:lynn.sherman@girlsontherun.org). A special thank you to our race day sponsors: HARK-ALS and United Rent All. Share why you race to support GOTRCNJ, using hashtag #embracetheraceGOTRCNJ on Facebook, Instagram and

Twitter. For additional race information visit: [www.gotrcnj.org/5Ks](http://www.gotrcnj.org/5Ks). About Girls on the Run: Girls on the Run is a social and emotional wellness program for 3rd-8th grade girls. Participants develop and improve competence, feel confidence in who they are, develop strength of character, respond to others and oneself with care, create positive connections with peers and adults and make a meaningful contribution to community and society. Each session is led by trained volunteer coaches that guide and mentor the girls. The ten-week program concludes with all participants completing a celebratory 5k event which gives them a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. Girls on the Run of Central NJ serves over 2,000 girls in the counties of Camden, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset. More information can be found [www.gotrcnj.org](http://www.gotrcnj.org) or contact [donna.york@girlsontherun.org](mailto:donna.york@girlsontherun.org).



# Restoration of Town Clock Tower, Trouble with Rent Control Board & Emergency Services Take Centerstage

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next meeting.”

Law Director King then told the council, “It’s not an ordinance for you to appeal, abolish, or rescind the Rent Leveling Board. The tenants and the owner will have to go to court.”

Petrick then stated again that the owner will have to send notices to all of the tenants.”

Irizarry then asked if the tenants were Spanish, and maybe they didn’t understand if notices were sent in English only.

The owner said, “I’ve met with all the tenants in that building and they all speak English.”

Pabon spoke up, “I heard in the past when the Rent Leveling Board was active, that they did not have a lawyer and they did not have that many cases come before them.”

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch spoke, “I advertised for applicants for the Rent Leveling Board and have never got any responses.”

No one spoke at the public portion during the caucus.

The regular council meeting started at 7:33 p.m.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski was the first to speak during public comments on agenda items only. He talked about the repairs for the Town Clock Tower on the Simpson Methodist Church on High Street. He asked the council members if they saw the documentary (by John K. Dyke) about the clock. “Which is correct? Does the town own the clock or does the parish?”

Council President Petrick answered, “John Dyke would know.”

Sierakowski said, “The city owns the clock and the church owns the tower.”

Business Administrator Frederick Carr said, “What is on the agenda is that the clock tower is being repaired.”

Stanley Sierakowski then addressed Petrick’s remarks about asking John Dyke, “Don’t refer me to Dyke. I want to see the original contract. The tower is a mess. The parish is responsible to repair the tower if they own it. Just fix the clock and not the tower if it belongs to the parish.”

Sierakowski then referred to R-474-11/19 – Rescinding R-403-9/19 – To accept a resolution to amend the grant for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Neighborhood Preservation Program in the Amount of \$125,000.

He questioned, “Is this for historic houses in historic neighborhoods? You should see where this money is going. It’s giving it to rich neighborhoods. Are there income qualifications and certain criteria that have to be met?”

King said, “It’s to rescind a previous resolution.”

B.A. Carr then spoke up, “The speaker is talking about CDBG grants. This ordinance has nothing to do with the CDBG grants.”

Sierakowski persisted, “You still need to look at the criteria for this resolution.”

Council President Bill Petrick then echoed the comments made by speaker Carr and told Sierakowski, “What you are talking about (regarding CDBG grants) has nothing to do with this resolution.”

When it came to vote on the resolutions R-469 thru R-482 and R-484 thru R-499 and R-501 thru R-504 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon.

R-500 was asked to be pulled by Fernando Irizarry.

R-500-11/19 – Authorizing an agreement with Middlesex County to provide funds in the amount of \$25,000 to the City of Perth Amboy to be used for Code Blue Warming Center Services.

Everybody voted “Yes” except for Councilman Irizarry. He stated he’s not against helping the homeless, but the city is being taken advantage of. Pabon agreed, but he still voted “Yes”.

Carr stated, “The \$25,000 will go a long way to help Kenny Ortiz. The Y can’t provide the needed services.”

Petrick then added, “We are still are required to have a warming center.”

Carr also mentioned that when he was employed by the City of South River. “They didn’t have a facility for a warming center.”

R-483-11/19 was pulled off the agenda at the caucus meeting by Carr.

R-505-11/19 was pulled to be voted on separately because of a presentation by the BID. R-505-11/19- Approving the introduction of the CY:2020 Perth Amboy Business Improvement District budget.

R-505 was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Pabon. Pabon stated, “I just want more time to look at the BID budget. I have a lot of respect for Barry Rosengarten.”

Councilman Irizarry asked, “What is the international event on the BID budget?”

Newly appointed BID Executive Director Noelia Colon came up to speak, “The BID budget is \$248,500. The funds were approved by the Council and there will be a special meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the funds that have not been unexpended. The international event will replace the Cinco De Mayo date which hasn’t taken place in a couple of years. It’s still being discussed as an International Day. Lighting in the business district and seating in the downtown BID district has had no money allocated in the BID budget. Some of those unexpended funds may be used in helping with the lighting and seating in the BID district. That will be part of our discussions at the December 5<sup>th</sup> BID meeting.”

BID Chair Barry Rosengarten came up to speak, “PSE&G owns the lightbulbs and lights. We are looking to set up a meet-

ing with PSE&G and Public Works to discuss the lighting and what our needs are.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez was instrumental in getting the lights working at the train station.”

Rosengarten continued, “We’re working at getting the lights up for the holiday season.”

Carr wanted to go back and address a comment that a speaker had referred to earlier at the meeting, “We get audited to see how the funds are spent.”

Noelia Colon continued, “The BID has a public relations consultant (who reaches out to the media and other social outlets).”

Councilman Irizarry mentioned, “Other towns periodically put out magazines (to highlight their business district).”

Rosengarten responded, “We have done that in the past, but they are expensive to produce. Sometimes a business won’t exist when the magazine goes to print. We are working with the state to get digital signs at the corner of Convery Boulevard and Smith Street. They offered to sell us some of the property.”

Carr spoke up and said, “We’re looking to see if the easement by Convery Boulevard is available for the City to buy.”

Rosengarten then addressed the lack of benches or seating in the downtown area. “We’re looking to reinstate the benches downtown. We’re also looking at the banners to be placed, but they have not been put in the budget.”

Irizarry spoke up, “The banners are beat up and should be taken down.”

Rosengarten ended the discussion by saying, “We are fortunate to have Noelia Colon on the BID. The BID board is active, and I want to see that we meet all of our objectives.”

There was a very tense discussion involving Ordinance No. 1 entitled: An Ordinance designated restricted parking spaces for use by handicapped persons regarding review of applications.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry who is on the Handicapped Parking Committee was very upset that this was placed on the agenda. He had no idea that this was going to be placed to dissolve the Handicapped Parking Committee. He felt to do so would increase the amount of handicapped parking permits that were given out.

Councilman Petrick explained that at a recent meeting, a resident was upset because he had handed out his application 6 months ago and have not heard anything in regards to the status of his application. “Now there is a backlog of applications to be reviewed.”

Irizarry said, “No one told me about this.” During discussions at the Caucus meeting, he asked if the city and administration, the council and the police if they were not happy with handi-

capped committee. He commented that if it was dissolved, there would be more handicapped parking and the committee should have been notified of it being abolished. “What message are we sending to the volunteers? It’s wrong how this is being done.”

Petrick stated, “The applications were stacked up: renewals and new applications.”

Irizarry stated, “No one told me. Even after abolishing the committee, you’re still going to have a problem.”

Pabon assured Irizarry, “I’m going to vote based on what you have said.”

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch stated, “I have reached out to the police department about the piles of applications for handicapped parking. There have been no committee meetings lately.”

When it came to vote for the first reading of Ordinance No. 1, everyone voted “No” except for Petrick who voted “Yes”.

During the last public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up first. “The Mayor filed a lawsuit against the County Clerk – and who’s paying for it? Did PARA violate the law when they held a special meeting? Can the Council void that meeting? It was to approve Kushner’s new units. Kushner just wants a tax write-off. Put an escrow in for remediation of his property. The clock tower (Simpson Methodist Church) is being fixed. The carpentry and electric work are rotting away. What is the cost to fix the tower? You are being hoodwinked. Go to the parish and see how much they need to fix their tower. Maybe you can help them get a grant.”

Barry Rosengarten came up to speak, “I wanted to share the good news that the fireworks are scheduled for July 2, 2020 with a rain date of July 3rd and we again will be partnering with South Amboy.”

During the Council Comments, Councilman Helmin

Caba had no comments.

Councilman Irizarry thanked all the entities who helped with the community dinners. “I especially want to thank Pastor Paul from Renovation House and what he has done has made an impact.” Irizarry also asked if they can change the polling place at the Lutheran Church. “The new Rose Lopez School would be a better option because there will be parking available on the school property and near the school.”

King responded, “The county determines the polling places.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next, “A lot of people know about the community meals.” He also thanked all the volunteers who worked during the Code Blue situations. He stated that a lot of times they work through the night and have to start up again the next morning. “We need to take the \$25,000 from the county. People also volunteer a lot of their time. I also want to thank the city for their Veteran’s Day ceremony. The American Legion provided the food and maybe the city should have a day during one of our meetings to thank the volunteers for all that they do.” He suggested that the last meeting in December would be a great time to acknowledge them.

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda wanted to thank the Rose Lopez School administrators whom she had coffee and tea with and had a tour of the school. “I’m proud of it and I was at the beginning of that project. Thanks to the Veterans, and I appreciate the sacrifice they make to keep us safe and to fight for our freedom.”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “The Veteran’s Ceremony at the Waterfront was lovely. It was a beautiful day, but the crowd was small. Only a handful of people attended, and it was very disappointing. We have to remember the sacrifice that the Veterans and their families made to keep our country free.”



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**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Train Show**

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**Hot Chocolate Paint & Sip**  
PERTH AMBOY – Assumption Catholic School is hosting a Hot Chocolate Paint & Sip on Thursday, Dec. 5th at Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, 380 Meredith St. at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are: \$25 per adult; \$5 per child.

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## Stranger Among Saints: Stephen Hopkins of the Mayflower

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Fellowship Hall, First Presby-  
terian Church, Rahway Avenue,  
Woodbridge

David Emerson of History on the Hoof will give a dramatic performance of Stephen Hopkins, the navigator of the Mayflower who traveled with his family to Plymouth, Massachusetts. Stephen Hopkins was no Saint (as the Separatist founders of Plimouth colony referred to their congregation- the Church of Saints) but his previous experience in the New World made him a respected member of the New England settlers popularly known as the Pilgrims. During the performance, you will learn about the politics, religion, economics, Native American relations and social life of the first permanent New England settlement from the unique perspective of Stephen Hopkins.

David Emerson is a partner in History on the Hoof, a company that specializes in unique presentations on themes in American history. An independent storyteller, Mr. Emerson makes his living by being a character-teaching history through the eyes of a person of the past. He also is a speaker with the New Jersey Council for the Humanities' Horizons Speakers Bureau. Presented by the Historical Society of Woodbridge. For further information contact Brenda Velasco, Township Historian: 732.428.2403.

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## Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy Receives an ‘A’ for Patient Safety from The Leapfrog Group

Press Release 11/8/19

PERTH AMBOY – Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is pleased to announce it was awarded an ‘A’ from The Leapfrog Group’s fall 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Guide. The designation recognizes hospitals for efforts to protect patients from harm and provide safer health care.

“We are pleased to once again achieve an ‘A’ grade,” said Thomas Shanahan, chief hospital executive, Raritan Bay Medical Center. “Our commitment to serving our community is a

true testament to the incredible work our team members put in each and every day.”

The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit organization, is committed to improving health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers. The Safety Grade assigns an ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’ or ‘F’ grade to hospitals nationwide based on performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections, and other harm to patients in their care.

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the

Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

Additionally, Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge received a ‘B’ grade. For more information about Raritan Bay Medical Center, visit: <https://www.rbmc.org/>

## Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center Receives Home News Tribune Readers’ Choice Award for Best Hospital

Press Release 11/14/19

PERTH AMBOY– Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is pleased to announce it was awarded Home News Tribune Readers’ Choice Award for Best of the Best Hospital in Middlesex County.

“We are thrilled to achieve this outstanding recognition for both Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy and Raritan Bay-Old Bridge,” said Thomas Shanahan, chief hospital executive, Raritan

Bay Medical Center. “Our team members are committed to providing the highest quality of care to our growing community and beyond.”

Each year, Home News Tribune asks its readers to select the Best of the Best in Middlesex and Somerset counties. The four business categories include, eating and drinking, entertainment, people and services and shopping.

In addition to this award, Rari-

tan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy was recently awarded an ‘A’ from The Leapfrog Group’s fall 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Guide. The designation recognizes hospitals for efforts to protect patients from harm and provide safer health care.

For more information about Raritan Bay Medical Center, visit: <https://www.rbmc.org/>

## Wassail, Wine & Song at Proprietary House



PERTH AMBOY - Proprietary House is kicking off the holiday season with “Wassail, Wine & Song,” from 7 to 9 PM on Friday, December 6th. Leading the festivities will be renowned heritage musician, Jim Kurzenberger, performing in the colonial brick & stone wine cellar. Tour the historic mansion, lavishly bedecked for the holidays. Enjoy Wassail (spiked punch), Mulled Wine, Hot Cider &

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### Museum Pass Program

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have generously provided FREE passes to some of the area’s most popular museums! Museum passes offer a great way for family and friends to experience educational and cultural fun.

**Picking Up and Returning Passes:** Passes can be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Patron must present the library card under whose name the pass was reserved. Only Adult patrons whose cards are in good standing will be able to check out Museum Passes. Passes are good for a total of three days and are NOT renewable. Passes can be returned at the Circulation Desk or at the Book Drop after hours.

**Late, Lost or Unreturned Passes:** There will be a \$5 amount late fee each day the pass is past due. The maximum fine will not exceed \$25.00. Passes not returned within 14 days after the due date, will be presumed lost and borrowers charged the full replacement cost.

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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 fall is as follows: Saturday, December 7. 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.

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**SPEAKER:** Kenneth Vercammen, Esq. Edison, (Author-ABA’s “Wills and Estate Administration book”)

**Main Topics:**

1. NJ Estate Tax eliminated in 2018
2. The 2019 changes in Federal Estate and Gift Tax
3. Power of Attorneys recommendations
4. Living Will & Advance Directive
5. Administering the Estate/ Probate/Surrogate
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For information Call Sayreville Senior Center 732-390-7059 Jen Krushinski [jkrushinski@sayreville.com](mailto:jkrushinski@sayreville.com) For materials if you can’t attend, email [vercammenlaw@njlaws.com](mailto:vercammenlaw@njlaws.com) or go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/1095113354031388/>

Kenneth A. Vercammen is a trial attorney in Edison, NJ. He is Author of the American Bar Association book “Wills and Estate Administration”. He is co-chair of the ABA Probate &

Estate Planning Law Committee of the American Bar Association Solo Small Firm Division. He is a speaker for the NJ State Bar Association at the annual Nuts & Bolts of Elder Law & Estate Administration program.

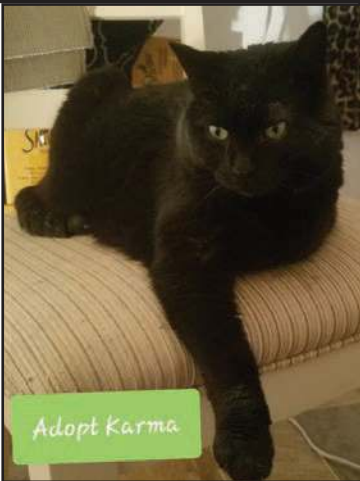
He was Editor of the ABA Estate Planning Probate Committee Newsletter. Mr. Vercammen has published over 150 legal articles in national and New Jersey publications on litigation, elder law, probate and trial topics. He is a highly regarded lecturer on litigation and probate law for the American Bar Association, NJ ICLE, New Jersey State Bar Association and Middlesex County Bar Association. His articles have been published in noted publications included New Jersey Law Journal, ABA Law Practice Management Magazine, and New Jersey Lawyer. He established the NJlaws website [www.njlaws.com](http://www.njlaws.com) which includes many articles on Estate Planning, Probate and Wills. He is a member of the AARP and often lectures to groups on the importance of an up to date Will, Power of Attorney and Living Will.

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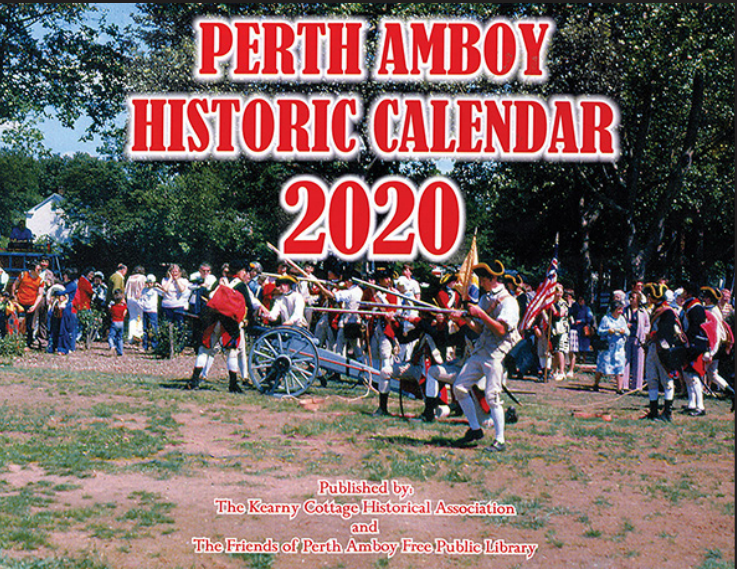
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2020 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2020 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, and Perth Amboy City Hall. For more information: 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.

Tom's Tax Tips

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

Save Money With These Year-End Ideas

There's still time to reduce your potential tax obligation and save money this year (and next). Here are some ideas to consider:

- **Estimate your 2019 and 2020 taxable income.** With these estimates you can determine which year receives the greatest benefit from a reduction in income. By understanding what the tax rate will be for your next dollar earned, you can understand the tax benefit of reducing income this year AND next year.
  - **Fund tax-deferred retirement accounts.** An easy way to reduce your taxable income is to fully fund retirement accounts that have tax-deferred status. The most common accounts are 401(k)s, 403(b)s and various IRAs (traditional, SEP and SIMPLE).
  - **Take your required minimum distributions (RMDs).** If you are 70½ or older, you need to take required RMDs from your retirement accounts by Dec. 31. Don't forget to make all RMDs because the fines are hefty if you don't - 50 percent of the amount you should have withdrawn.
- Keep in mind, even if you don't have RMDs yet, removing a planned amount from your retirement accounts each year may be more tax efficient than waiting until you are required to do so.
- **Manage your gains and losses.** Rebalance your investment portfolio, and take any final investment gains and losses. When you have more losses than gains, up to \$3,000 can be used to reduce your ordinary income. With careful planning, you can take advantage of this loss amount each year.
  - **Finalize your gift-giving strategy.** Each year you may gift up to \$15,000 without tax reporting consequences to as many individuals as you choose. Consider any gift-giving you wish to make up to the annual limit. This could include gifts of cash or property, and investments.
  - **Donate to charities.** Consider making end-of-year donations to eligible charities. Donations of property in good or better condition and your charitable mileage are also deductible. Receiving proper documentation that acknowledges your contributions is important to ensure you obtain the full deduction. Have a plan by knowing your total deductions for the year to help you decide how much and when to donate. Pulling some donations planned for 2020 into 2019 may be a good strategy.
  - **Review your automated billing transactions.** This is a good time to identify what automatic monthly expenses should be reviewed for reduction or elimination. You may also discover billing for services you thought were canceled. This specific review often catches errors that a simple account reconciliation may be missing.
  - **Organize records now.** Start collecting and organizing your tax records to avoid the scramble come tax season.
  - **Develop your own list.** Use these ideas as a jumping off point to create your own list of annual review items. It might also include reviewing college savings accounts, beneficiaries, insurance needs, wills, and going through an aging parent's financial accounts.
- Questions about the most effective money-saving moves for your situation? Call today.



2019 Amboy Guardian Publication Dates

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- January 16
- January 23
- January 30
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- February 13
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- December 18

Amboy Bank Hosts Its Annual Food Drive

News Release  
SOUTH AMBOY - Throughout October and November, all 23 offices of Amboy Bank will collect food and household items for food banks in their branch area. Every Amboy office manager has selected a food bank to collect for in their community. In many cases, Amboy has a strong relationship with the organizations, including St. Laurence Food Bank, Lunch Break and Freehold Open Door.  
Gregory Scharpf, President and CEO, stated, “At Amboy Bank, we are dedicated to helping our local community prosper, and we are proud to lend a helping hand to our neighbors who need it most. Our annual food drive will help to restock the shelves of the food banks in our area.”  
Branch locations and details about the food drive can be found on Amboy’s website, www.AmboyBank.com.

Perth Amboy Copper Works Site

\*Photo Submitted



PERTH AMBOY - Chad Caswell & John Kerry Dyke sat at the entrance way to the 19th Century Perth Amboy Copper Works Office Building. Note the terra cotta columns on either side of these men. Caswell & Dyke photographed & filmed the interior & exterior for historic preservation purposes. This historic 19th Century building is slated for demolition.



## 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 Germans give up Tirana, Albania, on November 17, 1944; the capital is immediately occupied by Albanian partisans aligned with the Allies. In the China Sea, the submarine *USS Spadefish* sinks the Japanese fleet aircraft carrier *Shin'yō*. Of the carrier's crew of over 1,200, only 70 survive. In Belgium, Allied representatives meet with members of the government and agree to try to persuade Belgian resistance members to lay down their arms.

The German hospital ship *HS Tübingen* is sunk on November 18 by two RAF Bristol Beaufighter maritime-strike aircraft in the Adriatic Sea, some three miles south of Cap Premantura Pula, Croatia. Fortunately, no wounded are aboard. The British government expresses its regrets to German authorities about the incident. In Belgium, resistance leaders agree to surrender their arms. British troops capture Jülich, Germany, 25 miles west of Cologne.

On November 19, in Yugoslavia, the RAF's destruction of a bridge over the River Drina at Višegrad, Bosnia-Herzegovina, causes an 85-mile-long traffic jam of German military vehicles. U.S. Navy air strikes continue hitting targets on Luzon and shipping in Manila Bay in the Philippines. In Washington, D.C., the government estimates the cost of the war at \$250 million per day. The British Second Army captures Geilenkirchen, Germany, near the border with the Netherlands. In Asia, the British Army launches an offensive into Burma from India.

Elements of the U.S. Third Army continue the siege of Metz, France, on November 20. Patrols from the French First Army reach Mulhouse, France, and the Rhine River. With artillery fire audible in the distance, Adolf Hitler leaves his wartime headquarters at Rastenburg, in East Prussia. He goes to Berlin, where he will soon establish his center of operations in a highly fortified bunker — the *Führerbunker* — located 28 feet below the Reich Chancellery garden.

In the China Sea northwest of Keelung, Formosa, on November 21, the submarine *USS Sealion* sinks the Japanese battleship *Kongō*, with a loss of 1,200 men, and the destroyer *Urakaze* with the loss of 240 crewmen. In France, the French First Army captures Belfort, roughly midway between Lyon and Strasbourg.

The French First Army on November 22 takes Mulhouse, in eastern France near the German and Swiss borders. In the U.S., Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer releases the Technicolor musical film "Meet Me in St. Louis," starring Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien. Songs sung by Garland that debut in the movie are "The Boy Next Door," "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" and "The Trolley Song," which is nominated for an Academy Award as Best Song. The film is a critical and commercial hit.

Metz, France, is taken by Gen. George Patton's U.S. Third Army troops on November 23. Meanwhile, French forces capture Strasbourg, in eastern France. The French also liberate the nearby Natzweiler-Struthof concentration camp. Primarily a labor and transit camp, the facility later became an execution site as the war wound on. An estimated 22,000 inmates die there during the three years the camp is in operation, most from the exertions of their forced labor while being poorly fed. In Moscow, the Soviets announce that the Red Army, with the assistance of Finnish troops, has cleared Finnish Lapland of German forces.

From bases on Saipan and Tinian, in the Mariana Islands, 111 U.S. B-29 Superfortress heavy bombers take off on November 24 for a raid on Tokyo. It is the first attack on the Japanese capital since the Doolittle raid in April 1942. (Tokyo is too far for B-29s to reach from bases in China.) Near Luzon, the Philippines, the Japanese launch an air raid on the U.S. Navy's Fast Carrier Task Force 38. The aircraft carrier *USS Intrepid* is hit (for the third time on its current patrol) by two Japanese *kamikaze* aircraft, killing 66 crewmen and starting serious fires. Other U.S. Navy ships are also heavily damaged in the attack. In Europe, the U.S. Third Army captures crossings over the Saar River in France. In Canada, the Royal Canadian Navy corvette *HMCS Shawinigan* is sunk by German submarine U-1228 in the Cabot Strait between Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland. The entire crew of 91 is lost.

The Allies lose Nanking, in eastern China, on November 25 as the Japanese continue to make gains in that theater. The Americans abandon their airbase at Yongning, China. On Peleliu, in the Palau Group of the Caroline Islands, the last Japanese resistance ends. Over 14,000 Japanese are killed or captured while the U.S. suffers 9,300 casualties. A German V-2 rocket lands on a department store in Deptford, East London, England, killing 168 people.

The Red Army advances into Slovakia (eastern Czechoslovakia) on November 26. Allied troops move into the harbor area of Antwerp, Belgium. *Reichsführer-SS* Heinrich Himmler orders the destruction of the crematoria at the Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps in order to eliminate evidence of the mass murders that have taken place there. All *Sonderkommandos* (camp inmates forced to drag corpses from the gas chambers to the crematoria) are murdered when they finish their grisly task.

The German vessel *M/S Rigel* is sunk off Norway by planes from the British Royal Navy aircraft carrier *HMS Implacable* on November 27. Of the 2,838 people packed aboard the vessel, 2,571 drown, with most of them, it is discovered later, being Soviet, Polish and Serbian prisoners of war. The Red Army breaks through German-Hungarian defensive lines and captures Mohács, in southern Hungary on the right bank of the Danube. In the Pacific, off Japan's main island of Honshu, the submarine *USS Archerfish* sinks the brand-new Japanese aircraft carrier *Shinano* — the world's largest, converted from the hull of a super-battleship — only 10 days after it is commissioned. (At 64,800 long tons of standard displacement, *Shinano* remains the largest warship to be sunk by a submarine.) A German V-2 rocket hits Antwerp, Belgium, killing 157 people.

On November 28, the first Allied ship sails into the harbor of Antwerp, Belgium. A mob of over 400 citizens of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, attacks a German-controlled coal warehouse attempting to obtain fuel for heat. In reprisal, German troops execute 40 Dutch men. The Japanese conduct night attacks on Leyte Island, the Philippines.

Soviet troops on November 29 cross the Danube into southwest Hungary. Albania is liberated from German control. In Baltimore, Maryland, surgeons at Johns Hopkins University Hospital perform the first successful pediatric open-heart surgery, on a one-year-old girl.

*HMS Vanguard*, the biggest (and, as it turns out, the last) battleship to be built by the British Royal Navy, is launched at Clydebank, Scotland. The launching ceremony is presided over by HRH Princess Elizabeth, the elder daughter of King George VI. A German V-2 rocket strikes a neighborhood in south-east London at 1:00 a.m., killing 23 people.

## Perth Amboy NAACP Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Unit of the NAACP meets Monday Dec. 16, 2019 at the Jankowski Senior Center, 1 Olive Street Perth Amboy NJ at 7 p.m. sharp. All are welcome. Reverend Donna Stewart President.

## 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, Dec. 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. Nov. 20, 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. This is our last AC Trip for 2019.

## Bus Trip to LiGreci's

HOPELAWN - The Holy Rosary Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to LiGreci's, Staten Island, NY on Monday, December 9, 2019. Cost is \$90 which includes bus, Christmas show, music, comedian and luncheon. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. Any questions please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

## Winter Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church will be holding their Winter Cake Sale. Cakes are \$13.00 each. Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune(Lekvar), Apricot, Raspberry. To place an order, please call 732-826-7067 from December 2-4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Call early before the orders are filled up. Pick up is December 11 & 12, 2019 at 404 Division Street. Please do not come before 2:30 p.m

## Tree Lighting & Holiday Fire/Rescue Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Fire/Rescue Parade

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the train plaza (located across from City Hall - \*\* Rain Date: Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 6PM)

During the event - stop by the South Amboy Arts building (141 Broadway) for a craft and have your picture taken to send to your family and friends!

## Music at Saint Mary's

SOUTH AMBOY - Music at Saint Mary's presents the five musicians of Quinception (Jenny Cline, flute; Nicholas Gatto, oboe; Kevin Dayton, clarinet; Evan Young, horn; and Liz Rosa, bassoon). Each possess extensive orchestral and chamber music experience, and are committed to performing the best music from the classical and romantic periods, as well as from the 20th and 21st centuries, with a particular emphasis on the music of living composers.

This concert, which marks their debut performance, will feature works by Franz Danzi, Aaron Copland, Percy Grainger, Eugene Bozza, and living composers Arturo Marquez and Amanda Harberg. Sunday, November 17, 2019, 4:00 p.m. at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). This family-friendly concert will be followed by a Meet-theArtists reception. For questions call MASM@ 732-857-0202 Thank you in advance! MASM

## Trolley Tour of South Amboy Historical Sites & Holiday Home Decorating Contest

SOUTH AMBOY - have a holiday, jolly holiday riding in our trolley on a tour of South Amboy featuring historical sites, as well as the homes competing in the "Holiday Home Decorating Contest".

Tours will be given on: Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m. (Friday Tours: 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Sunday Tours: 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.)

Contact The Recreation Office: 732-525-5965 to reserve your seat. Starting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Seating is very limited. First come, first served. Opened to South Amboy Residents only.

Enter our "holiday home decorating contest" and win a \$100 prize! Contact Jaclyn at the recreation office (732)525-5965 to register your home. Deadline to enter is Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. All homes must be completely decorated by December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## CASA for Children of Middlesex County CASA of Middlesex County Launches Ambassador Program, Seeks Ambassadors

Press Release 11/12/19

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Join CASA as an Ambassador and raise awareness of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Middlesex County and children in foster care. In this new role, you will help CASA build connections with local organizations and community groups and assist in growing their volunteer pool so they will be able to serve more children.

CASA Ambassadors will share CASA's mission with the community and create awareness of the difference CASA makes in the lives of Middlesex County children in foster care.

Activities of the CASA Ambassador include: connecting with community groups and local businesses, representing CASA at community events, distributing brochures or posters, or organizing a fundraising activity. Ambassadors commit to three Ambassador activities per year. The Ambassadors will gain new skills and meet new people while they are making a difference for children in their community.

The first training will be held on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8 p.m. at the CASA of Middlesex County office, 77 Church Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. For registration or more information, please email to nora@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org.





Carmen has two grandsons, Christopher and Craig Casale, and three great grandchildren, Blaise, Caiden and Olivia who bring her much joy. She is a current resident of Roosevelt Care Center, where she enjoys outings and many patient activities.



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*Thank you, St. Jude*  
*F.M.J.*

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Novena to St. Rita

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

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

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

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

Prayer St. Jude

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

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

Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (Children's Library), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 732-261-2610.

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WOODBIDGE – Kolbasz Sale: Made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge on Friday, December 13, 2019. Place your orders with Audrey Marciniak: 732-494-1431. Price: \$6.00 per lb. Deadline for order: Saturday, November 30, 2019. Orders may be picked up on the day of the sale between 12 noon and 4 p.m. Use Ross Street entrance.

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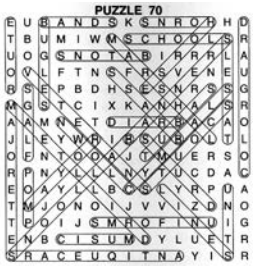
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Cemetery Alive - October 1998 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Rector Street. Actors and Perth Amboy Citizens portrayed Perth Amboy's famous historical figures that are buried in St. Peter's Cemetery. The event was created and organized by Alma Cap and sponsored by the Propriety House Association.

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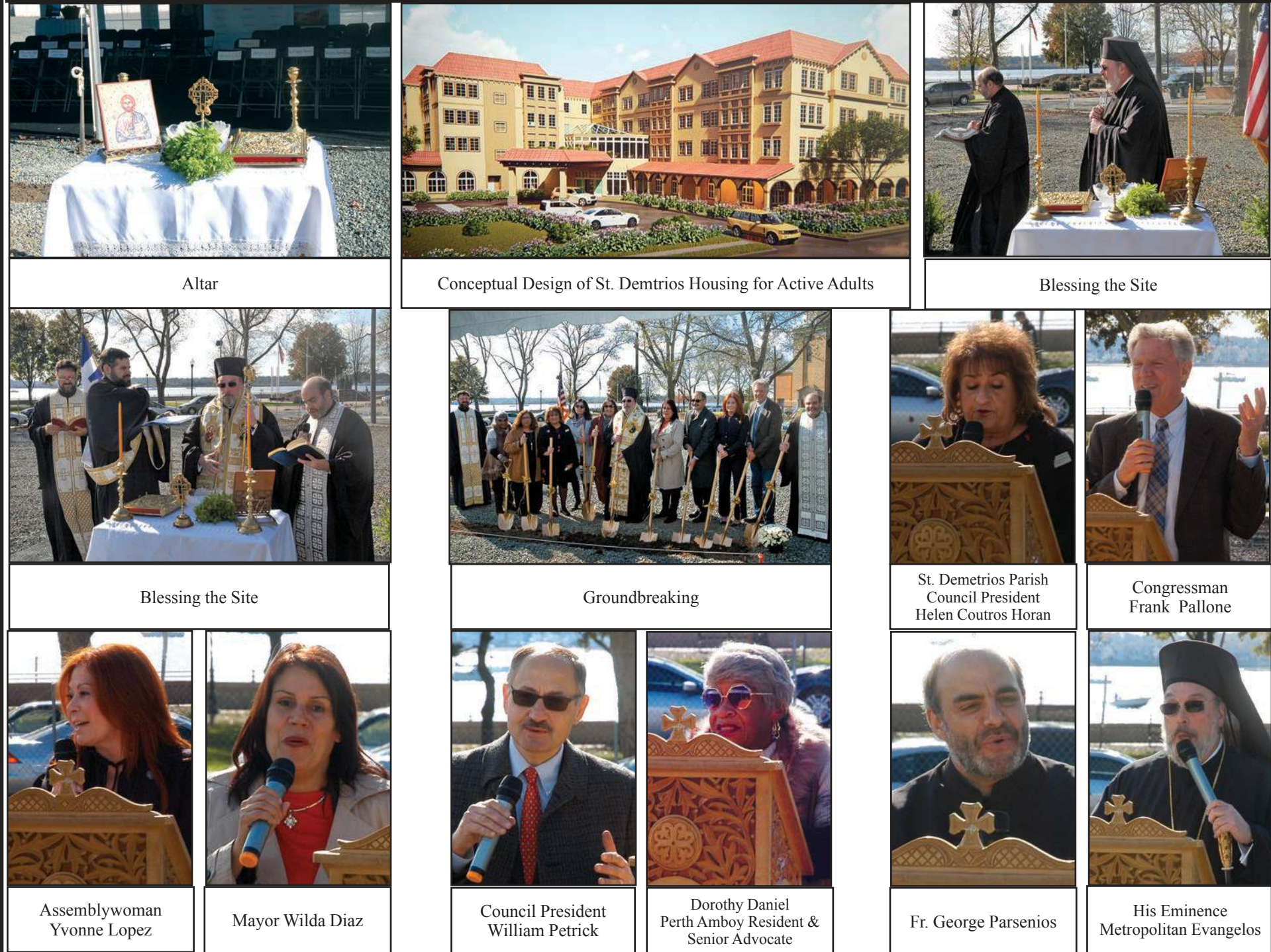


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