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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

There is Hope for Us

There still is kindness in the world. You may ask how I know this? When my dad died this past March, I wanted to print photos at a local pharmacy. They had run out of photo paper for the machine and could not print the photos. When I told them I desperately needed the photos printed and couldn't wait, one of the workers actually went to another store to get the paper and I was able to print the photos within a few hours. A friend came by later to pick them up for me.

Then there were friends who came and visited my dad in the hospital and others who offered their kindness through favors.

Recently, my mom and I had to go to the NJMVC in Hazlet. My mom dropped her cell phone and couldn't find it. I tried calling it, but there was no answer. After looking in my car and walking around the building (a strip mall that includes other stores - the line wrapped all around the whole building) and asking if anyone found a cell phone, one woman told me to ask the guard. I asked him and he handed me the phone. A woman had found it and given it to him.

We had brought foldable chairs to wait in the line (pay in mind this is at 7:30 a.m. - there were people there who had been in line since 8:30 p.m. the previous night). When the line started moving, a young man saw that my mother's and my hands were full, so he carried the chair for us. (We were carrying packed lunches, water bottles, and the needed papers for the MVC and hand sanitizer). Note that they only let a certain number of people in per day.

These individuals did not have to do these things - but they did. There is kindness in the world.

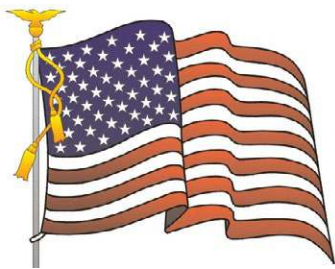
All over the news you see people rioting, looting, fighting with each other and full of hate. What happened to having your opinion on politics without being crucified by others who have opposing views than you? That was always a part of the beauty of the United States - you are free to voice your opinion without repercussions from

the government or anyone for that matter. It seems things are different now and we are slowly losing our freedom of speech and many of our other freedoms as well. We cannot let this happen.

Coming on the 19th Anniversary of 9-11-01, I remember what 9-12-01 looked like - the day after. People were stuck in New York and New Jersey and in airports everywhere. Cars lined up on Amboy Avenue from the Outerbridge Crossing. People opened up their houses to strangers just so they could use the bathroom and have a bite to eat or so they did not have to sleep in their cars or outside. People proudly flew the American flag everywhere. For a brief time, everyone was nice to everyone. Have we forgotten those times?

Terrorists later bombed the Boston Marathon, attacked England, Germany, and other places and at other times. Some of these attempts were thwarted by authorities. Now, who is to say our enemies are trying a different approach: germ warfare and attacking us from within - divide and conquer. Weaken us. Let us kill each other - then roll right in. Take lessons from history: Rome fell from within. When the apple rots from the core, it is all downhill. We cannot let our enemies destroy us like this. We must work together.

However, these acts of kindness from those with nothing to gain gives me hope. A fire starts from a single spark. Light your spark of kindness and pass it on. There is hope for us. *K.M.*



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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

An Outright Lie

I had the honor and privilege of serving our great city for a period of twelve years in the position of Council President and Councilman. I firmly believed in the Oath of Office I was sworn to uphold. To me, that Oath meant serving with dignity and honesty and as such, should never be violated. In a recent campaign flyer, Mayoral candidates Joseph B. Vas told an

outright lie concerning Captain Paul Cannamela of the Perth Amboy Police Department. Vas lied when he stated that the Captain Cannamela did not take the qualifying examination. That is a lie because Captain Cannamela did take and pass the qualifying examination. We had one mayor who lied, cheated, and stole from the city and in fact, was sentenced to a six-year jail term. Now, we have the

son of the same mayor, telling a lie in his campaign literature. It appears to be that if Vas lies as a candidate, what other unethical things would he do in the unlikely event he becomes mayor? I am sure that lurking in the shadows, his most "trusted" advisor would be his convicted father.

Armand Cannamela

Short-Term Memory

One of the mayoral candidates in Perth Amboy states that he helped nearly a thousand homeowners to lower their property taxes. While true, he almost makes it sound as if he did this work pro bono. Tens of thou-

sands of shekels went into his pocket as well! The same person mentions the failures of the past twelve years conveniently (?) forgetting the previous administration's fiascoes. Now, who was mayor then? And finally, both investigating and litigating non-violent crimes also cost the taxpayers money as does hous-

ing, feeding, providing medical care as well as other amenities if that individual is incarcerated. Only one candidate that I know of has a parent that fits that description! Thank you!

The Honorable
Michael Rusznak

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Poll Workers Needed

Press Release
MIDDLESEX COUNTY - John Anagnostis Regional Vice Chair of the Middlesex County Republican Organization has announced there are openings for Poll Workers for the 2020 General Elections to be held on November 3, 2020.

You can be a poll worker if you are 18 years old, a registered voter and live in Middlesex County. The following communities need poll workers: Carteret, Perth Amboy, Woodbridge, Sayreville and South Amboy.

A poll worker attends a training class, reports to the polling places 45 minutes prior to the polls opening on election day, prepares the polling place, verifies voters are registered in the district, assists the voter if there are questions, maintains order at the polls, closes polling places at the designated times. The pay for the Election Day is \$200.00

This is a chance for residents to participate in our democracy. If you are interested please -contact John's office at 732-371-9967 Monday to Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. if no answer leave a message.

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Perth Amboy Civic Trust Proposes Creating a Citizens' Public Safety Advisory Council Presents Proposed Ordinance to City Council

Press Release 9/11/20
PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Civic Trust proposed establishing a Citizens' Public Safety Advisory Council, presenting the proposal in the form of an ordinance to the City Council at its August 12 meeting and continuing to make the case for it at the Sept. 9 Council meeting. Harry Pozzycki, The Citizens

The primary goal of the Advisory Council would be to advance best practice de-escalation policies through a partnership between community members and the police department. These policies, according to The Citizens Campaign's

Law and Policy Task Force, are proven to not only reduce excessive force incidents, but to also reduce police officer injuries and the costs of police abuse lawsuits.

More specifically, The Citizens Public Safety Advisory Council will: conduct sessions to hear concerns of citizens; recommend to the Mayor, City Administrator and Police Chief policies to enhance the operation, management and efficiency of the Perth Amboy Police Department, including but not limited to policies that enhance de-escalation practices; serve as an advisory council to the Mayor and Police Chief; review any

reports and performance audits of the Police Department with regard to progress on adoption and/or implementation of de-escalation policies; and serve as an advisory council to the Mayor and Police Chief.

"Connecting the police department to the community in a shared mission of de-escalation is a key to continued progress on ensuring that force is only used as a last resort," said Harry Pozzycki, a Perth Amboy Civic Trustee and Founder of The Citizens Campaign. "This proposed Citizens' Public Safety Advisory Council is designed to do exactly that."

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Perth Amboy

TUES. Sept. 15 BID, 4 p.m.
YMCA, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. Sept. 17 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.
MON. Sept. 21 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
YMCA, New Brunswick Ave.
WED. Sept. 23 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
YMCA, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. Sept. 24 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
Brighton Avenue Community Center
Brighton Ave. & Sadowski Pkwy.

South Amboy

WED. Sept. 16 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Oct. 7 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

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Road Work on Rte. 35, Citizen Advisory Council, Water/Sewer Bill Dispute, Vote-By-Mail Topics of Discussion

9/9/20 Caucus & Council Meetings

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – There were several key topics discussed at the 9/9/20 Caucus and Council Meetings which were held in-person at the YMCA Auditorium.

The first topic discussed at the caucus was referring to R-314-9/20 – Authorizing the insertion of revenue in the CY 2020 Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) for the NJDOT FY2020 Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$508,467.00

Councilman Fernando Irizarry remarked, “For 2 years there are barriers up on Rte. 35 which have inconvenienced our citizens. We have given 2 ½ years. Those barriers are up with nothing happening.

When asked why this is so, Interim Business Administrator Patricia Perkins had no answer and stated she will research the problem.

Council President William Petrick stated the reason why there was such a long delay in the work to begin is because of multiple pipelines in the area. The NJDOT (New Jersey Division of Transit) had to get permission because of not damaging the pipelines when construction begins. He directed B.A. Perkins to City Engineer Jeff Rauch who could help with the matter.

Councilman Joel Pabon stated, “It’s a pretty poor excuse. I’m not blaming the current B.A. because she just got here. They state there are different pipelines buried here. We should say please give us a better answer. Once I saw a biker cutting weeds in that area (because he couldn’t get through on his bicycle). I called, and the city came and cut the weeds the next day. I really hope someone comes up (with an answer) why these things are happening.”

Council President Petrick stated that City Engineer Jeff Rauch should reach out to the DOT.

The next topic of discussion was referring to R-324-9/20 Authorizing the cancellation on Menpe, Corp. BOD bill account no. 10046-0 in the amount of \$22,866.66 due to ongoing dispute of April 23 bill.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry asked what BOD stands for. It was explained it means biochemical oxygen demand. BOD is the traditional, most widely used test to establish concentration of organic matter in wastewater samples (i.e., relative strength). BOD is based on the principle that if sufficient oxygen is available, aerobic biological decomposition (i.e., stabilization of organic waste) by microorganisms will continue until all waste is consumed. (Source: University of Georgia Education: Understanding Laboratory Wastewater Tests)

It was further explained that Tropical Cheese is unique in the process they use and there are no local factories that use a processes similar to them.

Interim Business Administrator Patricia Perkins explained that although they (Menpe

Corp.) have questions of the bill, they paid 66% of the bill, they ask that since the bill is in dispute, they asked if they don’t pay interest on the outstanding bill.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry asked that if they (Menpe Corp.) are asking for cancellation of interest because they are disputing the bill. “If the bill is resolved, why should they pay interest?”

Interim B.A. Perkins remarked, “If you want to forgive the bill, you can do it.”

Councilman Joel Pabon asked, “If we forgive the bill, what happens?”

Council President Bill Petrick answered, “That’s the power of the council. My understanding is Menpe and yourself should go to Middlesex Water Company for an appointment.” Petrick then asked the Business Administrator, “Has anyone actually spoken with someone who spoke to them?”

Irizarry asked, “Can you tell us what the dispute is about?”

Luis Perez Jimenez - Director of Operations at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) answered, “Their dispute is that they state they think they are paying too much. They say their BOD is too high. The lab analyzes the BOD and sends the results every week. Tropical Cheese is unique in the county (referring to the processes they use).”

During the public portion, Harry Pozyski founder of the Citizen’s Campaign was first to speak. He talked about the Civic Trust Committee which was proposed on the agenda. “I am here to discuss the ordinance that was discussed a couple of weeks ago. The ordinance is moving along with the City of Patterson. Mayor Ras J. Baraka of Newark is moving forward. Perth Amboy has an opportunity to lead here. We are asking tonight to vote on Introduction. This is a one-page ordinance. Introduction of it will clarify it and alleviate any confusion. When the ordinance comes up it will require a public hearing. There is no commitment made with an introduction. Perth Amboy has an opportunity to lead with the commission it should create. I ask that a motion be made.” Pozyski continued, “Donna Stewart, President of the Perth Amboy NAACP states that the Perth Amboy Public safety Ordinance – the process of creating the ordinance must continue without delay. Our generation must heal. I made a commitment with the Perth Amboy PBA to promote the ordinance.”

Resident Ken Balut spoke next. “Have we gotten the check from Kushner, yet? He owes us \$4 million for a piece of property that hasn’t been addressed. The streets on Amboy Avenue have heavy duty trucks (driving on it).

Council President Bill Petrick stated, “When you were council president (addressing Balut), there were delays then. There was swampland. There was a



The City Council met at the YMCA Auditorium
**Photo by Katherine Massopust*

delay because the Board of Education didn’t know how much land they needed.” Petrick then added, “There needs to be coordination between the administration and the county.”

Balut stated, “That was going to be negotiated. Amboy Avenue – the Mayor gave a \$11,000 raise to someone she wanted to run for council. Is it right for a mayor to give out raises? What about covering up what judges do? A judge who dismissed a sexual harassment complaint – no one touches the judge who misuses authority.”

Robert McCoy came up next to speak. “I want to lend my support on the creation of the Public Safety Commission.”

Resident Maria Rodgers came up next also lending support for the creation of the commission.

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak next, “I didn’t hear anything about older people (referring to the age range recommendations suggested in the creation of the commission) as if they had nothing to say. We’re a small part of a nationwide movement. The Citizen’s Campaign sees things happening. When people all over the nation protest, an ordinance is put through. I didn’t hear there will be a police officer on the committee. I think it’s rushed, and we need to take time. Let’s get more of a finished product, then let’s do something.”

Resident and Businessman Jeremy Baratta spoke next. “I agree with the comments that Mr. Silber made. Those with special interests should not strongarm the council.”

Daniel Gonzalez PBA delegate to Local #13 came up next. “As a union delegate, we’re not against it. We know what’s going on in the country. We should come together as a team. I do agree some of this should not be rushed. The (definition) of use of force is very broad. If we are going to do it – do it right. It can be positive for both the police and citizens alike.”

Council President Petrick added, “The council will appreciate your feedback.”

Councilman Irizarry stated, “People who are on the board should be vetted. What age group would you recommend if not 15 -20 years old? We have to invite senior citizens, too?”

Gonzalez answered, “I don’t think age is a factor. It’s not clear in the file I read – it’s not clear on the duties.”

Councilman Helmin Caba said, “We have to vet these Board Members. If they don’t

have a preconceived perception of police officers. We need to protect and support the police officers. Thank you for giving your point of view.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, “Suppose you have someone who does not have a (criminal) background, but this person was related to a family member who was (abused) by a police officer. Would you want someone (like that) on the committee?”

Gonzalez answered, “That would be your decision. The more maturity you have, that tells if you should sit on a board. Some people joined the protest – they were just supporting the cause.”

Councilman Joel Pabon stated, “I was hoping the police chief would come up with something. Surprisingly our Mayor and Police Chief - he never spoke to the PBA. There has to be some things that need to be done. It needs to be put on the agenda and questions asked.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada spoke up, “I agree with everything said here. It’s a very delicate time – not only here – but with the whole country.”

The council convened to a closed session at 6:20 p.m. They returned at 7:07 p.m. and adjourned the caucus at 7:08 p.m. The regular portion of the council meeting then began.

No one spoke during the first public comments on agenda items only.

Ordinance No. 1 was passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2 – An ordinance to amend and ordinance entitled “Administration of Government” (Ordinance No. 1-72 and Amendments) adopted July 28, 1972 also known as Chapter 4 et seq of the code of the City of Perth Amboy. RE: Interim Appointments.

Fernando Irizarry, Joel Pabon voted “no”; Milady Tejada, Helmin Caba, and William Petrick voted, “yes”. Motion passes.

The council originally passed the consent agenda but went backwards and reversed what they passed. They voided their original vote and voted again on the consent agenda as follows: R-313 thru R-323; R-325 thru R-331; R-333 thru R-342. R-332 was removed; R-343 was voided. The consent agenda was moved by Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Milady Tejada. It passed unanimously.

R-324 was pulled for further discussion.

Interim B.A. Patricia Perkins stated, “After meeting with

Menpe Corp. and members of the administration, the dispute is still ongoing. The total owed is \$22,866.66. They paid 2/3 of the amount owed until the end of this dispute.”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “They could avoid interest in the dispute and late fees. There are residents who had a toilet running and have a water/sewer bill they can’t afford. They are paying on interest charged. They are agreeing to settlements. I think this body needs to look at that and see what it is going to cost the rest of the public. Maybe you can intercede with the Freeholders – maybe change their rates. I hate to wipe the bill out with one vote.”

When it came to voting on R-324, the entire council voted “No”.

Public Portion:

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak first. He referred to the misconduct of a judge whom he feels is guilty of misconduct. “A complaint should have been reviewed by a different judge in a different town. He did not talk to the victim. Our municipal judge did not approve it. There was misuse of a handicapped placard. The Prosecutor gave 3 of us the finger. It happened a couple of months ago. There needs to be an investigation of the court.”

Law Director Peter King said, “You can send any complaint you want to me.”

Balut said, “When I sat in that seat (council president), I called the Attorney General’s Office myself. It’s not up to a citizen.”

Balut then said, “Look what’s happening to the Kushner Property. He owes us \$6,000 plus the \$4,000,000. Look at the lawsuits. Look at the Batista case.”

Petrick answered, “The court went in our favor. She was unreasonable.”

Balut continued, “We bleed money. We were bleeding out thousands. Perth Amboy is not one of the safest cities in America. Look at the FBI statistics. I put in how many calls from this year and last year. Somebody has to hold these people accountable. Things have to change!”

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up next. “With regards to the judge and parking – I took the pictures. I have at least one photo. This judge parked his vehicle in an unlawful manner.” Baratta continued to complain, “The

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Drawing of Ballot Positions City Hall Council Chambers, 9/10/20

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Ballot positions for the 2020 Mayor/Council Candidates were drawn at City Hall on 9/10/20 by City Clerk Victoria Kupsch assisted by Assistant City Clerk Theresa Lopez. Fernando Irizarry (Line I); Joseph B. Vas (Line J); Wilda Diaz (Line K); Helmin Caba (Line L); Joel Pabon (Line M). Pictured Above Left Representatives from each campaign make sure the information is correct the drawing of ballot positions. Middle Photo (Assistant City Clerk Theresa Lopez (L) and City Clerk Victoria Kupsch (R). Above Right the representatives from the campaigns pose for a group photo.

Road Work on Rte. 35, Citizen Advisory Council, Water/Sewer Bill Dispute, Vote-By-Mail Topics of Discussion 9/9/20 Caucus & Council Meetings

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prosecutor gave me the finger and made a statement after the meeting broke. If anyone wants photos of the judge parking his car, I took them.” Baratta then referred to the city’s legal bills, “The administration doesn’t care about the legal bills for two reasons: 1) It’s not her money; 2) more money that goes to legal bills means lawyers make more money. The only ones who get rich are the lawyers – the ones who suffer are the taxpayers. I am suing the city over OPRA requests. The City is in transit. It has to do with the BID. What percentage of the city’s funding has been wasted on lawyers? Wilda does not care. It’s not her money. Stop the bleeding.”

Council President Petrick asked, “What are the appropriate actions to take?”

Law Director Peter King answered, “I can interview him. I do not have an official complaint.”

Baratta said, “If you see something – say something!”

It was suggested that if Baratta and Balut were so concerned about these individuals, they should file a formal complaint. Council Comments:

Councilman Helmin Caba said, “Honor the victims of 9-11-01 and responders who sacrificed for our freedom and those who fight overseas.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry had no comments.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “I want to give some remarks about our Governor made about vote-by-mail. Schools have opened up - inside dining - demonstrations all over. It is not a democratic process, there should have been a choice. It’s unheard of this day and age that voters have to vote by mail. This is a democratic town. Our legislatures signed and agreed to that. The month is going to be spent getting that in place. Bal-

lots go out, you fill them out and send it. DO NOT GIVE THEM OUT! There are so many people that just go through the motions. That vote goes to where you are registered. When I first worked in the post office, I reached out to the Board of Elections. We sent back ballot after ballot. There are going to be so many ballots returned. We are not ready to do what the Governor wants. The only way to vote at the polls is if you are disabled. I want to express my feelings.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada stated, “I would like to remember those who lost their lives on 9-11-01. I wish the best to the Board of Education having to learn remote. I wish well to the parents who have to go out and work and make sure their kids learn. I work in a hospital and it hurts me when people don’t take this virus seriously.”

Council President Bill Petrick thanked everyone who came and everyone out in TV land; he thanked Steve Jobin (CEO and President of the YMCA), the YMCA and the city council. “I echo Councilman Pabon. There should be no reason not to use the voting machines. The state invested in brand new electronic voting machines. Let everyone wear a mask and gloves. This decision is a mistake. Please remember to vote your conscience. Don’t put it aside. There will be a box in front of police headquarters. You can also use any mailbox. The ballot box goes directly to Middlesex County. I invite everyone to the 9-11-01 ceremony at noon on Friday (9/11/20). Remember all of our service men and women and those who are in and out of uniform defending our country.”

Councilman Helmin Caba noted that anyone can bring their ballot to any polling place and bring it there on election day.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. All council members were present.

Tom Reilly For South Amboy Council, 2nd Ward

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY - As a life-long resident of South Amboy, I feel a special commitment to serve our people and to give them a voice in City government and affairs. I have done so for the past four years, and I will continue to do so if I am reelected.

South Amboy is a special place to me. I have lived here for six decades, raised my family here, go to church here, and have many lifelong friends here. I feel this gives me special insight into understanding the aspirations and anxieties of the individuals and families who make up our City. My first priority as a councilperson will always be the health and well-being of our City and its citizens, and I feel that my record as a Councilperson goes to the heart of what allows our city to function as a great community, a great place to live, and a great place to raise our families. In concordance with those values, I have in my time as a Councilperson organized a number of programs and activities for our community, including:

- starting a program to provide business discounts to first responders;
- organizing and conducting a street fair to help businesses on Broadway;
- providing business breakfasts to business owners to offer guidance and advice and to assist them with gaining assistance from local and state government;
- creating the “hometown heroes” program to recognize South Amboy residents serving

in the military;

- adding to the city’s website to allow residents easier access to county assistance programs;
- creating the Government Week program to educate the public on city government and services;
- recognizing volunteers each April as part of “government week”;
- establishing a co-op student program to allow high school seniors to work in various city departments.

For me, helping our citizens is not just a matter of politics. Rather, it is a deeply personal endeavor that I constantly strive to achieve. That is why I co-founded the Friends of South Amboy in 2012 to provide relief to victims of Hurricane Sandy. Since that time, the Friends of South Amboy has provided aid to South Amboy residents ranging from those affected by COVID-19, to those in need of food and clothing, to children with cancer. As the current president of Friends of South Amboy, I am proud to lead a group of dedicated volunteers who assist City residents experiencing hardships.

As a councilperson, I am not beholden to business interests, or the interests of out-of-town developers looking to make a quick profit off of our City. Rather, I am, as all elected officials should be, beholden to all of you – the voters who have entrusted me as the custodian of their best interests. I carry your interests with me, and they are, and will always remain, my first priority. That fact is reflected in my record as a Councilperson.



Tom Reilly

Over the last four years I have rejected an increase to sewer rates as unfair to residents; opposed large tax abatements to real estate developers that would inevitably be forced back onto individual tax payers; provided a tax calculator to allow citizens to better understand how their tax dollars are spent; spoken out against PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) programs that offer tax breaks for big developers that shifts the tax burden back onto our residents; voted against proposed City budgets that did not effectively prioritize individuals and families; introduced an ordinance that promotes “clean fill” whenever developers build on our land; and much more. It has been a privilege to serve these last four years, and I have made it my utmost priority to ensure that the interests of our people come before all else. If reelected, I will continue to do my best to ensure that I bring the voice of the people to the City Council.

Tom Reilly Bio

- Born and raised City of South Amboy
- Education**
- B.S., Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ
- Community Leadership**
- Councilman, City of South Amboy - 2015-Present
- Co-Founder and President, Friends of South Amboy - 2012-Present
- Volunteer Fireman City of South Amboy - 1979-Present
- Board of Education City of South Amboy - 2006-2009
- Member of Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Member South Amboy Historical Society
- Volunteer at First Presbyterian Church food pantry
- Volunteer youth league coach South Amboy baseball and basketball.

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Attention Perth Amboy Residents!

RE: The November 3, 2020 Mayoral & Council Election

Please be advised that due to the Covid-19 Pandemic there will be no live Perth Amboy Mayoral Forum sponsored by the Amboy Guardian. Therefore: The Staff of the Amboy Guardian will be composing questions for the candidates to answer. The answers will be published in the October 21, 2020 issue of the Amboy Guardian

- Topics may include:
- Stabilizing Property Taxes
 - City Services - Quality of Life (garbage, noise, etc.)
 - Excessive Lawsuits
 - Creating private sector jobs
 - Shared services
 - Redevelopment Agency
 - Overdevelopment of properties
 - Pension Reform
 - Parking Problems
 - Term Limitations for all Political Offices
 - Crime
 - Nepotism
 - Enforcement of Ordinances
 - Illegal Housing
 - The Collapsing Infrastructure of the Sewer System, Streets and Roads
 - Cap or Limit on Bonding
 - Education
 - Pedestrian Safety
 - Election Reform (Pay to Play)
 - Other Topics May Be Discussed

Anyone who wishes to submit questions to be answered by the candidates may do so.
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P.O. Box 127
Perth Amboy, NJ 08862-0127

*Please submit your questions by
Wednesday, September 23, 2020
NO PERSONAL ATTACKS!*

Each Chosen Question will be submitted to all of the Mayoral Candidates

**The Staff of the Amboy Guardian retains the right to edit, modify or refuse any question deemed inappropriate.*

It’s Time for A Change Fernando Irizarry For Perth Amboy Mayor Platform

I will focus on the following quality of life issues:

- Make Perth Amboy a better place to live**
As a Councilman, I helped to implement alternate street cleaning in the Budapest section of Perth Amboy, a neighborhood chronically ignored by the current mayor. I’ve helped secure new garbage cans and a new garbage truck, making sure all areas of the city receive the same services. As Mayor, I will care for the streets so that residents that live throughout the entire city get the streets that they deserve.
- Stabilize city taxes**
Perth Amboy is bursting with potential. The city is blessed to be on the bay, to have a downtown, to have a rail station and be close to all major highways and byways in central New Jersey. As Mayor, I will capitalize on our ideal location and amenities to lower your taxes. I will work to attract businesses that would be interested in all that Perth Amboy has to offer, would be eager to invest here and offset the tax burden for our residents.



Fernando Irizarry

- Improve city finances**
Many residents are unaware that Perth Amboy is in debt, to the tune of approximately \$100 million. With so much debt, it costs Perth Amboy higher interest rates to borrow money. Those extra costs are funded directly by taxpayers. As your Mayor, I would stop city borrowing, unless absolutely necessary, and begin to pay down all this debt that was created by past administrations. Perth Amboy needs to become a thriving city, where we have enough revenue so that we don’t need to rely on banks to afford basic government services.
- Obtain the resources to address the pandemic**
As Mayor, I will continue to concentrate on obtaining the resources that are needed to address the pandemic and this aftermath, as I do now as a member of the city council.

Fernando Irizarry Biography

Fernando is a life-long resident of Perth Amboy. He was educated in the Perth Amboy public schools and proudly graduated from Perth Amboy High School in 1979. After graduation he began attending Kean College, now known as Kean University. In 1985 he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in biology. His studies continued at Kean University until he earned certifications in bilingual education and supervision and a master’s degree in instruction and curriculum.

In 1982 he received one of the greatest blessings of his life, his wife Vivian. Their thirty-nine-year marriage was blessed with two beautiful daughters Erica and Jessica. Both of their daughters were educated in the Perth Amboy public schools and graduated from Perth Amboy High school. Erica is

working at JFK hospital and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in biology from Kean University. Jessica attended Georgian Court University, earned a master’s degree in special education, and is working for the Woodbridge Township Public Schools.

From 1985 to September of 1993 he was employed by his father’s company, A & I Drywall, Inc. Then in September of 1993 he began his teaching career in the Elizabeth Public Schools. His career continued in the Woodbridge Public Schools, where he was employed as a science department head until the budget cuts of 2010. Then he continued working as a science teacher until he retired in June 2020.

His community involvement began in 1991 when he was elected to the Perth Amboy Board of Education. During his nine-year tenure he served

on the curriculum, personnel, negotiations, and buildings and grounds committees. Along with his fellow board members he replaced crumbling schools, aligned the curriculum, approved balanced budgets and maintained a stable school tax. It was here where he learned the valuable lessons of disagreeing without being disagreeable and compromising without compromising his principles. Upon becoming an ordained minister in 2002 his attention turned to the development of a different community – the community of saints. As a pastor of Flemington Christian Center and associate pastor of Perth Amboy Christian Center he has endeavored to develop concerned citizens by helping his congregants to understand that they have a God-given potential to positively influence the world in which they live.

Lopez, Carter & McKnight Bill to Allow Long-Term Care Workers to Earn Paid Sick Leave Clears Assembly Panel

Press Release 8/24/20
TRENTON - With the goal to make it easier for employees in long-term care facilities to take time off if they become ill, the Assembly Appropriations Committee on Monday advanced a measure to allow long-term care workers who are placed through a staffing agency to accrue paid sick leave.

Under current New Jersey law, employers must provide employees with earned sick leave at a rate of one hour for every 30 hours worked. However, this requirement does not apply to per diem health care employees

such as long-term care workers.

The bill (A-4483), sponsored by Assembly Democrats Yvonne Lopez (D-Middlesex), Linda Carter (D-Middlesex, Somerset, Union) and Angela McKnight (D-Hudson), would amend existing law to no longer categorize long-term care employees placed through a staffing agency as per diem workers, thus allowing them to accrue paid sick leave.

The measure’s sponsors released the following joint statement:

“Staffing shortages are all too common in long-term care

facilities. If an employee feels sick and doesn’t have access to paid time off, they might choose to come to work anyway to avoid losing pay and to make sure residents receive care. Unfortunately, this means they may infect elderly residents with weak immune systems. This is extremely problematic in a COVID-19 reality.

“Allowing long-term care employees to earn paid sick leave is the right and responsible thing to do for staff and residents alike.”

Team Wilda Diaz 2020: Stronger Together

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz Seeks Reelection for 4th Term

Wilda Diaz was re-elected as Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy for a third [four-year] term in November 2016. She was first sworn-in on July 1, 2008, becoming the first female to hold that office and is currently the only elected Latina mayor of Puerto Rican descent in the State of New Jersey.

As she marks her 10 year anniversary in serving the City of Perth Amboy, she remains at the forefront of issues such as, expanding programs for our children, youth and families, maintaining an open and honest government, business expansion, economic development, job creation and preserving the City's history. Furthermore as a recovery effort from the damage of Superstorm Sandy, over \$17 million for renovations and storm mitigation were invested to create a state-of-the-art waterfront, which has received exceptional awards for design and completion.

Diaz, most notably has taken an unwavering stance to stabilize the City's financial condition. She continues to combat inherited debt, she's achieved an A+ bond rating upgrade and stabilized taxes for the past four consecutive years. Her administration's Capital Improvement Program and several other cost cutting strategies, reduced the overall debt by over \$50 million

and saved a community from near bankruptcy within the first five years of being in office.

She has championed plans for the development and preservation of arts, history and culture by creating a city-wide arts plan, inclusive of mural projects and economic development features that advance the City's strategic plan. Additionally, by establishing a Historic Preservation Commission and Green Initiatives, the city has seen vast improvements and attention towards both treasured structure and antiquated infrastructure. This includes her efforts placed towards two of the City's most utilized historic structures, the Perth Amboy Free Public (Carnegie) Library, with nearly \$2 million in capital improvements and the redesign plans and preservation of the Perth Amboy Train Station, while securing nearly \$50 million in NJ Transit funds for future construction.

Diaz's aggressive outreach and promotion of business advocacy has welcomed major corporations to Perth Amboy, such as Buckeye Partners and Target, the first distribution center in the State of New Jersey. Her administration has attracted over half a billion dollars in corporate investments in the past five years, while creating local jobs and beautifying and reme-

diating over several hundred acres of industrial property that had been vacant for decades.

In December 2017, Mayor Diaz completed her 4-year term as the first Latina to serve as president and chair of the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association (NJUMA). Through her term, she was dedicated to working with state and federal lawmakers and officials to develop appropriate and effective public policy measures that impacts all New Jersey urban communities. She also has served on the League Management Reform Committee for the New Jersey League of Municipalities and currently serves as the Chairwoman for the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency (PARA).

Prior to taking office, Mayor Diaz spent 20 years in the banking industry where she started as a teller at a local bank after graduating from Perth Amboy High School in 1983. She quickly rose through the ranks and was an assistant vice-president with Banco Popular when she won the mayoral seat in May 2008 and as a result, resigned from that position.

A dedicated community activist, Mayor Diaz chaired the Board of Trustees for the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center, a nonprofit group that provides health care to underserved com-

munities.

She was a driving force behind the Puerto Rican Patriotic Cultural Committee (Comité Cultural Patriótico Puertorriqueño de Perth Amboy), which sponsors the annual Hall Avenue Puerto Rican festival. Additionally, she served as a member of the Perth Amboy Merchants Association (PAMA) and has been honored by local organizations such as the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development (PRAHD) and the Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JFR) for her involvement in the community.

Diaz was inducted in the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Hall of Fame for serving as Mayor of her community for 10 years. She also received the "Community Leaders of Distinction" award by the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce. At the end of 2015, NBC Latino and NBC Nightly News released a feature story Diaz, as the "First Woman Mayor of a Changing New Jersey Town." Additionally, Mayor Diaz received the 2015 LatinoJustice "Latina Trailblazers" award for public service. In 2014, she was honored as "Community Leader" by the Hispanic American Law Enforcement Association and "Humanitarian of the Year" by The Coalition of Hispanic Phy-



Mayor Wilda Diaz

sicians. Diaz was earlier recognized by El Diario La Prensa as "Mujeres Destacadas 2012" (Outstanding Women of 2012) and was featured in Real Simple Magazine as, "The Accidental Politician" among only four female mayors nation-wide. In 2012, Diaz was also inducted into the Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame and several months later received the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police "Professional Law Enforcement Leadership Award."

Mayor Wilda Diaz is a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy and a graduate of Perth Amboy High School. She and her husband Greg have two adult children, Gregory and Samantha.

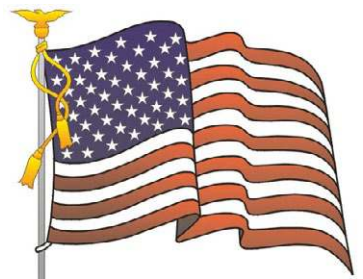
Junior Iglesia for Perth Amboy Council

Junior Iglesia, is a father, a community leader and a dedicated public servant. As a public school teacher for 12 years and as a Vice Chair of the Board of Education he has focused his talents in making sure every child in Perth Amboy gains the knowledge and skills they need to achieve their God-given potential. He has served as an active member of the local Democratic Club, is a volunteer in many civic associations and is a co-founder and Vice Chair of the Perth Amboy Soccer Club. His passion for education and community coupled with his vision for a vibrant city that attracts young families like his to Perth Amboy, will bring a much needed approach for collabora-



Junior Iglesia

tion and innovation to the Perth Amboy City Council.



Bernadette Falcon-Lopez for Perth Amboy Council

Pastor Bernadette Falcon Lopez is Senior Pastor at God's Armies Ministries of New Jersey. "Pastor Berny", as she is affectionately known, has built a record of a lifetime of service providing program assistance, job readiness and services for the homeless and those in danger of being homeless, as well as soft-skills and financial literacy for pregnant and parenting youth. She is an expert in mental health education, prevention and awareness and is an advocate for the rights of women who are victims of Domestic Violence. In our current moment of a health crisis that is impacting our community's personal lives directly, her record of compassionate service for those who needed the most,



Bernadette Falcon-Lopez

will bring a vision of service oriented leadership to the City Council of Perth Amboy.

Building Our Future Team Announces Candidacy for 2020 Perth Amboy Board of Education

Press Release 9/9/20
PERTH AMBOY - The Building Our Future Team has information available for citizens of Perth Amboy for the 2020 Perth Amboy Board of Education election. Candidates on the November ballot are R.L Anderson, Lisett Lebron, Dianne Roman, and Marlenis Rosa. All candidates are running for full terms.

The Building Our Future hosted their socially distant announcement on Tuesday, August 18th, at Bayview Park among family, friends, and supporters. Each candidate shared their personal statement to serve on the Perth Amboy Board of

Education as one of the most meaningful contributions a citizen can make to their community. Anderson, Lebron, Roman and Rosa have the collaborative skills and demonstrated capacities in education, community organizing, health and social services, and child and family services in their field of expertise and experience. They shared their vision for student achievement and excellence through:

Academic growth Increased graduation rates
Open communication and collaborations with faculty, staff, and stakeholders
Fiscal responsibility

Respecting the Oath of a Board of Education Member

The Perth Amboy Board of Education will have 4 vacancies in the November 3, 2020. A full term on the school board runs for three years. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

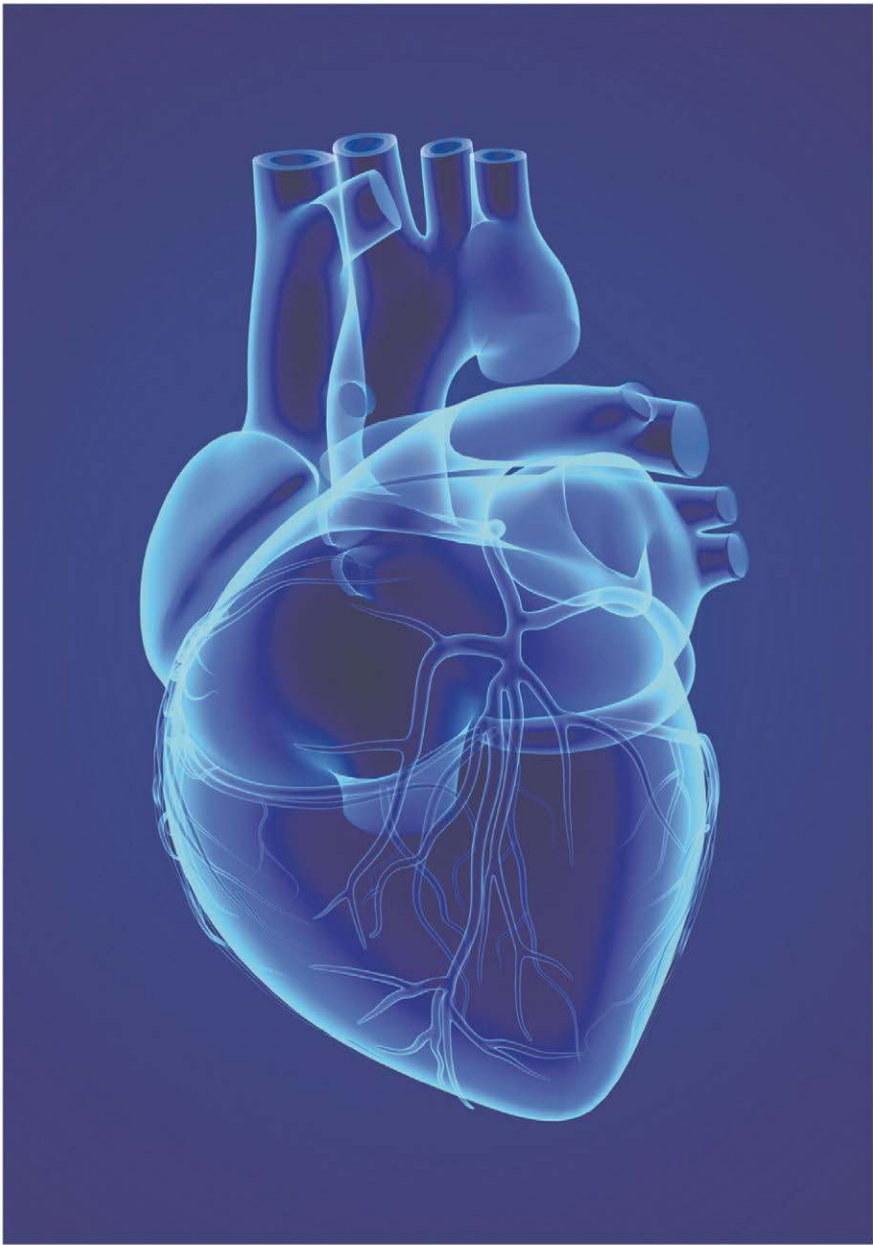
The Building Our Future Team includes Linda Cruz-Campaign Chairperson, Rozalia Cazan-Campaign Treasurer, Randy Convery-Social Media Manager, and Alma Benavides-Photographer

Follow the candidates on their Facebook @BuildingOurFutureBOE2020.





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EDUCATION



R.L. ANDERSON

Perth Amboy Public School District,
Teacher of Mathematics and
Computer Science, 27 years
Administrator, 19 1/2 years
Vice-Principal, Kindergarten
through 12th grade
Interim High School Principal
Principal of 2 PAPS Elementary
Schools
Perth Amboy Fire Department
Volunteer Firefighter, 36 years
Middlesex County College,
Adjunct Professor
City of Perth Amboy,
Code Blue Shelter Volunteer
United Way of Central Jersey,
Hometown Hero of the Year
Knights of Columbus Honoree
Proud Father of 6 children

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING



LISETT LEBRON

Program Director for Community
Development and Engagement,
P.A.R.T.N.E.R., 6 years
Corporate Educator, 8 years
AmeriCorps Member, 3 years
Our Lady of Fatima Choir Member and
former Youth Minister
Kiwanis Club of Perth Amboy, Member,
5 years and Distinguished President
(2019)
Current Perth Amboy Board of
Education Member, Chair of Personnel
Current Perth Amboy Business
Improvement District Member
New York University, MS, Human
Resources Management and Development,
Organizational Behavior and
Communications
Perth Amboy High School Alumni,
Class of 1993
LEAF Foundation's Community
Ambassador, April 2018
Ilustres Honoree- Comité Patriótico
Cultural-Puertorriqueño, May 2017

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES



DIANNE ROMAN

Supervisor, City of Perth Amboy,
Office of Housing and Social Services
Current Perth Amboy Board of
Education, Chair of Curriculum
Former BOE Member, 2011-2014
Rutgers University, BA, History and
Puerto Rican Studies
New Brunswick High School Hall of
Distinguished Alumni
Federal Hill Home Owners Association,
Trustee
Parent of Student Scholar of Health &
Sciences Academy, PAHS
Woman's Club of Perth Amboy,
Member
Sister, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin
Sorority Inc.
State Theatre of New Jersey /Latino
Community Engagement
Perth Amboy Girl Scouts, Volunteer
Our Lady of Fatima Church, Parishioner
City of Perth Amboy Homeowner

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES



MARLENIS ROSA

Parent of two toddlers
City of Perth Amboy Homeowner
Most Holy Name of Jesus
Parishioner
Perth Amboy High School, Alumni,
Class of 2006
Sister, Chi Upsilon Sigma National
Latin Sorority, Inc.
The College of New Jersey, BS,
Health & Exercise Science and
Psychology
Fairleigh Dickinson University, MS,
Public Administration
Rutgers University, Violence
Against Women Certificate Program
United Nations Pathways to Peace
Former Board of Trustees Board
Member- Academy for Urban
Leadership, 2016-2017
Current Investigator, Division of
Child Protection and Permanency,
Union County Child Advocacy

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FOR PERTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OUR COMMITMENT

Continue to strive for student achievement and excellence through:

- Academic growth
- Increased graduation rates

- Open communication and collaborations with faculty, staff, and stakeholders
- Fiscal responsibility
- Respecting the Oath of a Board of Education Member

VOTE FOR BUILDING OUR FUTURE TEAM

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CANDIDATES WITH “2020 VISION
for PERTH AMBOY”



Helmin J. Caba

HELMIN J. CABA for MAYOR of PERTH AMBOY
Helmin J. Caba, 47, is a Perth Amboy Councilman and the city’s Democratic chairman. A paraprofessional at Perth Amboy High School, Caba has owned several small businesses. He serves on the city’s Arts Council, and its Catholic School Advisory Board. He is a member of American Federation of Teachers Local 857 and a past member of the Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance. Born in the Dominican Republic’s La Vega Province, his family came to Perth Amboy in 1977. An alumni of Holy Trinity Catholic School and Perth Amboy High (’91), Mr. Caba has degrees from Middlesex County College in marketing and advertising. He also studied at Manhattan’s prestigious School of Visual Arts. He and his wife, Wendy (Leonardo) Caba, have two children.



Bienvenido “BJ” Torres Jr.,

BIENVENIDO “BJ” TORRES Jr. for PERTH AMBOY COUNCIL
Bienvenido “BJ” Torres Jr., 45, is a graduate teaching assistant at Rutgers University where he is pursuing a Master’s Degree in labor management. Torres previously had a two-decade career managing charity care and providing financial counseling for New Jersey hospital patients before he returned to Rutgers. Torres is a Perth Amboy Democratic committeeman. A professional musician, songwriter and guitarist, he is the Perth Amboy Arts Council’s chairman; founder of the Waterfront Neighborhood Association; producer of the city’s annual waterfront music festival; and serves on the Perth Amboy Civic Trust. He is married to, Caroline (Pozucky) Torres and he is the father of two children.



Rose Brion Morales

ROSE B. MORALES for PERTH AMBOY COUNCIL
Rose Brion Morales, 50, is curriculum coordinator for Middlesex County College’s Dental Hygiene Department. She has worked at the college since 2008 and is an AFSCME member. Ms. Morales has previously work experience in retail store management and in real estate sales. Born in Manila, Philippines, her family came to the United States in 1976. She studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York before majoring in communications at Rutgers University. She and her husband, Miguel Morales, have three children.



“2020 Vision for Perth Amboy”
Fields 4 School Board Candidates



William DeJesus



Michael D. George



Marisol M. Gonzalez



Stacey Peralta

Press Release 9/8/20
PERTH AMBOY, NJ – The “2020 Vision for Perth Amboy” campaign now has four qualified, knowledgeable candidates running for the city’s Board of Education on the Nov. 3rd ballot, mayoral hopeful Helmin J. Caba announced.
Running for Perth Amboy school board under the “2020 Vision for Education” banner are: Willie DeJesus, Michael D. George, Marisol Gonzalez and Stacey Peralta. These accomplished candidates collectively have five decades of experience educating children and assisting local families.
“Our school district – like City Hall – needs energetic new leaders with innovative ideas to make positive changes that will benefit our children and families,” said Councilman Caba, also the city Democratic Chairman. “Willie, Michael, Marisol and Stacey are the best qualified choices to address our school district’s most vital issues.” Their expertise includes: Curriculum; preschool education; special education for children with disabilities; cutting-edge technologies, district administration and years of community service.
The four candidates pledge to enhance curriculum and technology; improve teacher re-

sources; strengthen school safety; and reduce classroom overcrowding. The “Vision 2020” School Board candidates are:
• Willie DeJesus, a police officer in Scotch Plains and Perth Amboy since 2016. He previously worked with non-profit social service agencies helping needy and homeless families find safe housing, healthcare and meaningful jobs.
• Michael D. George retired from the Perth Amboy School District in 2003 after a distinguished, 35-year career as biology teacher, vice principal and principal. He holds a Masters degree in school administration and supervision. He is also former chairman of the city’s Port Authority.
• Marisol M. Gonzalez is an experienced occupational therapist with a host of special education credentials; expertise in infant and child development; family education and criminology. She has dual Master’s degrees in occupational therapy and education.
• Stacey Peralta is director of the Puerto Rican Assoc. for Human Development’s Mi Escuelita Preschool. She has a Masters in special education; taught Spanish and mathematics and was site director for the Boys and Girls Club of Perth Amboy.

Helmin Caba’s “2020 Vision” Team Pledges a Clean
Campaign & ‘Real Solutions’ for Perth Amboy

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY, NJ – (Immediate Release) – Mayoral candidate Helmin J. Caba and his “2020 Vision” Team pledge to run a clean, positive campaign that gives voters “real solutions” to the city’s most challenging issues.
Caba and his City Council running mates, Rose Brion Morales and Bienvenido “BJ” Torres Jr., say: “People who live, work and own businesses in Perth Amboy deserve real solutions to actual

issues that our city faces. We are the only candidates offering sensible answers and innovative ideas.”
Priorities for Caba’s “2020 Vision” Team are to: Keep city taxes stable and affordable; enhance quality of life; improve public safety; upgrade the city’s aging infrastructure; and end City Hall’s record of instability and turbulence.
“Unqualified opponents are trying to frighten voters with ‘fake news’ about water con-

tamination and trying to smear our dedicated police officers. Amateur scare-tactics are shameful,” said Councilman Caba, also the city’s Democratic chairman.
“I am confident voters clearly see that Rose, B.J. and I are the only candidates on the Nov. 3rd ballot offering truthful, positive and sensible solutions that will make Perth Amboy a better, stronger and safer community,” Caba said.

Lopez on Census Deadline: “Together We Can
Protect Our State’s Future for the Better”

Press Release 9/1/20
TRENTON – Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (D-Middlesex), member of the New Jersey Complete Count Commission, released the following statement in anticipation of the upcoming Census deadline on September 30:
“New Jersey has 29 days left to achieve a complete count in the 2020 Census and this Census is our most important one yet.
“The Census is something that we cannot talk about enough nor too often, because the consequences of the Census impact

our great State for the next ten years. A complete count lays the groundwork for our State’s prosperity and recovery and an undercount weakens our State’s opportunities and the lives of residents all over New Jersey. Simply put, we do not have a choice and must work hard to ensure a complete count.
“At stake, we have representation, billions in federal funding and the opportunity to positively impact every meaningful sector in New Jersey. Everything from business to healthcare depends on accurate Census figures and we must do our part to

contribute to the future of our state.
“The threat of an undercount is real and we are behind. An undercount is something we cannot afford and for the next 30 days, I am calling on my colleagues and every single New Jerseyan to complete their Census form. Together we can protect our State’s future for the better.
“Please visit <https://2020census.gov/> or call 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish) to complete your Census form today.”



2020 VISION FOR EDUCATION

WILLIE DEJESUS

FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

- ✓ Police Officer, Scotch Plains Police Dept. (2019–Present)
- ✓ Police Officer, Perth Amboy Police Dept. (2016-19)
- ✓ Catholic Charities; Homeless Prevention Case Mgr. (2014-15)
- ✓ Jewish Renaissance Foundation; Family Assistance Case Mgr. (2013-14)



MARISOL M. GONZALEZ

FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

- ✓ Licensed/Registered Occupational Therapist (2010–Present)
- ✓ Bilingual therapist for New Jersey Early Intervention System
- ✓ School District Occupational Therapist
- ✓ MS Ed Infant & Parent Development, MS Occupational Therapy



MICHAEL D. GEORGE

FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

- ✓ McGinnis Middle School; Principal (Retired 2003)
- ✓ Perth Amboy High School; Vice Principal (1989-2002)
- ✓ Perth Amboy High School; Biology Teacher (1968-88)
- ✓ Perth Amboy Port Authority; Former Chairman



STACEY PERALTA

FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

- ✓ Mi Escuelita Preschool, Perth Amboy; Director (2017–Present)
- ✓ St. Stanislaus School, South Amboy; Teacher (2015-17)
- ✓ Boys & Girls Club of Perth Amboy; Site Director (2012-17)
- ✓ Master's Degree, Special Ed.; BS, Elementary Ed.



2020 VISION FOR PERTH AMBOY

VOTE BY MAIL:
LINE
BEFORE
NOV. 3



CABA

FOR MAYOR

MORALES ★ TORRES

FOR CITY COUNCIL

In It For You

Joel Pabon Sr. for Perth Amboy Mayor
A Dedicated Public Official and U.S. Army Veteran

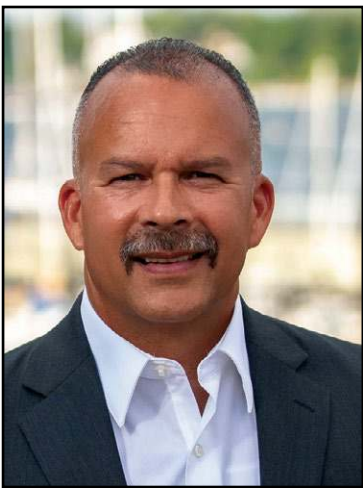
Councilman Joel Pabon is a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy currently serving his 9th year on the City Council. He is retired US Postal Service Supervisor after serving 34 years, and is also a retired First Sergeant of the Army after serving our Country 23 years. Both Joel and his wife, Marilyn are proud parents of their two sons, Joel Jr. and Jason.

In 2004, Joel received a distinctive award of Recognition by the US Postal Service National Awards Program for his exemplary efforts for Diversity Achievement and business success.

Joel has dedicated over 20 years of service to his commu-

nity through his active involvement as follows: Former Council President (2013), Former Board of Education Member (2000-2009), Coordinator for the Safe Haven After School Program (2004-2009), Former President and Coach of the Perth Amboy Youth League, Puerto Rican, Dominican and Latin American Softball Leagues, Former Chairman of the Redevelopment Committee, and Former Member of the National Association of Supervisors Branch 327.

His involvement in the community also extends to his role on the follow-ing committees: Recreation Committee, Municipal Alliance, Perth Amboy High



Joel Pabon Sr.

School Hall of Fame Committee, and Trustee for the Historical Proprietary House.

Doris Fonseca for Perth Amboy Council
A Business Professional

Doris Fonseca is a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy and the loving daughter of Luis and Luz Roman. Doris aspires to make a difference in the City of Perth Amboy by servicing the City's residents and needs with strong new quality of life initiatives. Doris has over 8 years of experience as an Administrator in the Building and Construction Industry and attained an Associates degree in Applied Science in Office Administration with Magna Cum Laude Honors in 2006.

Doris' experience is wide in scope and she has work-

ing knowledge in contract negotiations, development, and comprehensive experience in curbing waste and cutting inefficiency. Her career experience as an administrator will help bring more accountability and oversight to the City. In the role of a Councilwoman, Doris envisions strong and good communication with a new City Administration.

"I want to help our city become a beacon of hope and positively impact our City's growth, and show that when we work together anything is possible."



Doris Fonseca

Terotha "Tee" Frederick for Perth Amboy Council
A Youth Advocate

Terotha L. Frederick has been a resident of Perth Amboy for 26 years. She married the love of her life, Mr. Edward Frederick and is the proud mother of two adult chil-dren, Tychelle and Westley. Most residents in Perth Amboy lovingly know her as "Tee" or "Coach Tee" because she has always been active with our City's Youth. Both of her children graduated from the Perth Amboy Public School system and her daughter is in the Air Force serving our country, while her son works with her husband. "Tee" was also a "wrestling mom" and she made sure that each child she met at the matches felt welcomed, safe, and cared for.

Her passion for the care and growth of children has called

her to serving as a Baseball and Softball Coach for over 15 years. Over the past two years Terotha has worked as a Recreational Aide on a part-time basis for the City of Perth Amboy. Terotha aspires to help a new administration move Perth Amboy forward. Because she is passionate about children, she wants to make sure every child she comes in contact with feels special.

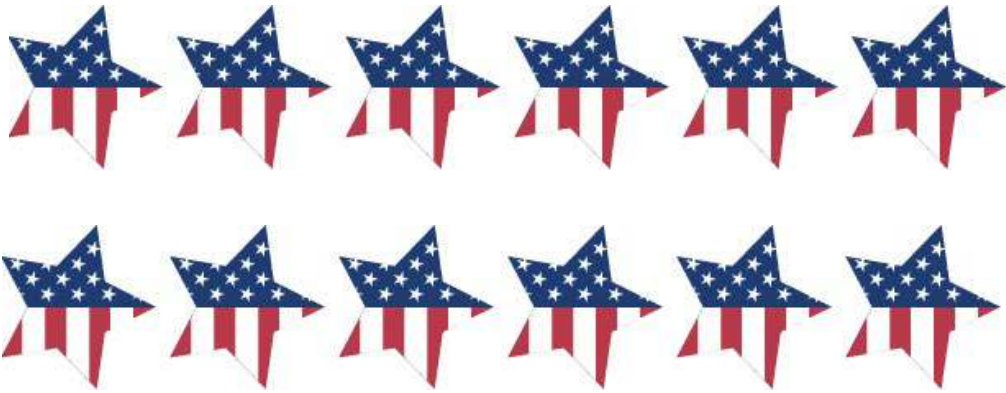
Spending time with her grandchildren and baking are the most important activity for "Tee" because it means more family time.

"I am running for council because I see that our youth and children need a voice to speak up for their needs. I've lived here long enough to see that we



Terotha L. Frederick

need change, and I hope to help our community be better and prosper."



#FTLO (For the Love of) Quality Education Team

Maria E. Rodriguez for Perth Amboy BOE

As a mother, a grandmother, and a retired businesswoman and entrepreneur, who has lived in Perth Amboy over 45 years, I know that a quality education is the only way our children will achieve success. My experience as a former Quality Control Administrator helps me identify areas of improvement to help our School District rise in excellence. As a current Perth Amboy Board of Education member, I aspire for our School District to realize its full potential and support good programming. While one person can make a difference, our FTLO Quality Education team will help with positive changes.



Maria E. Rodriguez

Sharon D. Hubberman for Perth Amboy BOE

Perth Amboy is where I was born and raised. I'm very proud to be a member of our community and I would like the parents of our students to know I will work hard for you! As a businesswoman, community advocate, a Rutgers College Alumnus, and a former Wall Street financial consultant, I know there are no limits when a child believes in the beauty of his or her dreams. Parents play a critical role in communicating the needs of their children and as future Board Members it is vital to help them meet their goals of having a quality education for their children. Our school district has the potential to soar and I'm humbled for the oppor-



Sharon D. Hubberman

tunity to serve you. Please vote for our #FTLO QE Team!

Keryn Morales for Perth Amboy BOE

I was born and raised in Perth Amboy, and as a full-time student who also works as a technician for a Pharmacy, I have high hopes to help our youth become more productive in their goals. As a youth leader in my church, I see that having more after school programs for our kids helps them stay on the right path. After school programs help motivate students to continue their education like college in order to get a good job. I'm running for the Board of Education because I want to help society be better and make sure education is number ONE in our lives. Please vote for US via mail in ballot.



Keryn Morales

Hattie Harrell for Perth Amboy BOE

I am a lifelong resident, a graduate of Perth Amboy High School, a retired EKG Technician, a County Committeewoman, and a grandmother to several children in our school system who is looking for the opportunity to help make a difference in our children's education. I'm running for the School Board because I hope to help bridge the gap of communication between the parents and schools. It is important to enhance the quality of the school experience for all students. The children in our school district are the future of our country, and our team cares about the quality of their education. On Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, I'm asking you for your support and



Hattie Harrell

your vote for our TEAM.

Joseph B. Vas for Mayor
Together We Could Do Better

- Expert in Public Finance
- Financial Analyst (8 years)
- Attorney in Perth Amboy
- Governor’s Executive Fellow
- Democratic Committeeman (3 terms)
- Past Deputy Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus
- Former Board Member of the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center
- Education:**
- Law Degree, Rutgers Univ. School of Law
- MBA, Rutgers Univ. School of Business
- BS in Finance, The College of NJ



Joseph B. Vas

- Lifelong Resident of Perth Amboy
- Married, father of two children

“In the past 12 years Perth Amboy’s tax rate has continued to increase nearly every year from one of lowest effective tax rates in the County in 2008 to one of the fastest increasing tax rates per capita in the county in 2020, far outpacing nearly every Middlesex County municipality. Elected city officials from the Mayor to City Council have endorsed unnecessary tax abatements and payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS) to the wealthiest outside taxpayers shifting the tax burden on residential taxpayers. While local residential property owners have seen consistent taxes increases, public services decline and there has been overall decay to the City’s infrastructure and in the quality of life. My greatest concern is that no one has proposed a comprehensive plan to stabilize taxes or provide relief to its residential property owners - instead it appears their only plan to balance the municipal budget is to continue to raise taxes.”

Vanessa Bermudez for
Perth Amboy Council
Together We Could Do Better

- Zoning Board, member
- VFW, lifetime member
- Moose Lodge, member
- Latin American Motorcycle Association, member
- National Sales Manager, LED Manufacturing Company



Vanessa Bermudez

“As a member of the Zoning Board I have seen firsthand how the City’s overall lack of leadership and political interference has Negatively impacted Perth Amboy’s economic growth and quality of life for its residents.”

Angel Mota Ramirez for
Perth Amboy Council
Together We Could Do Better

- Self-made businessman-MTI Imports
- Redevelopment Authority, former member



Angel Mota Ramirez

“Perth Amboy is blessed with a great geographic location and a hardworking Community, yet constant political infighting over the past 12 years has prevented the City from fully realizing its redevelopment potential and has denied its residents better employment opportunities at a time when they are needed most.”

ROSS, ROMAN AND FERNANDEZ FILE
FOR SCHOOL BOARD
*IMPROVING EDUCATION TOGETHER ANNOUNCES
BID TO UNSEAT INCUMBENTS IN
BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION*



Justin Ross



Romina Roman



Manuel Fernandez

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - Today, Justin Ross, Romina Roman and Manuel Fernandez submitted their petitions to be on the general election ballot for the Perth Amboy Board of Education this November. The three are seeking three three-year terms.

Justin Ross is a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy. Currently a member of the fourth generation in his family to live in his home, Ross is a proud husband to Graciela, an immigrant from Peru. Together, they are raising their bilingual children who both attend Rose Lopez Elementary School. Ross is himself an educator at St. Benedict’s Prep in Newark, NJ, where he serves as the Faculty Chair of the English Department. At the school Ross is also known for teaching his students to become engaged and informed members of their community. He does this by serving as the leader of Youth Civic Action which enables students to reach out to the community to register voters, become educated and educate others on politics on a local, state and national level, while teaching his students the power of the voice and vote we were given. This year, Ross is starting another civic engagement group known as Race to Action which will dive into the issues facing our communities of color, civic engagement and politics. At a local level, Ross maintains an active role in the community. He has served as a member of the Citizen’s Campaign, served as Secretary of the Library Board of Trustees and currently serves on the Perth Amboy Zoning Board.

Coming from an educational background, Ross believes in the value of a bountiful education, the importance of team-

work between the administration and the Board of Education, as well as, the critical role the community must play in establishing an exceptional educational system. “Public schools must be the cornerstone of civic engagement and experiential learning. Together it can help reshape the future of Perth Amboy,” stated Mr. Ross.

Romina Roman is a proud product of the Perth Amboy School District. Born in Mendoza, Argentina, Roman came to Perth Amboy in 2000 at the tender age of 14. Upon arrival, she entered her Perth Amboy High School as a sophomore. Romina prides herself on her academic achievements and has seen the direct results and rewards of her educational investments. She is currently a proud wife to Gustavo and mother of four children- all of whom are currently students in the district’s schools. Romina fondly remembers the struggles she had to face as an immigrant who had to navigate her way through the Perth Amboy School District. Roman worked her way through both of her pregnancies; working at a fast food chain while she was pregnant with her first daughter and when she was pregnant with her first son, she was in nursing school. She later worked at Amboy Care Center and Alameda Care Center. She currently works as a technical support agent specializing in computers at a small electronics retailer.

“As a working mother or four school children, I can easily relate to what other parents are feeling especially in the midst of a pandemic. It’s time to finally bridge the gap between our schools and our homes. Without joint collaboration between teaching staff and par-

ents/guardians our children will never truly be prepared to fully enter our community as empowered and civically engaged members of society,” remarked Mrs. Roman.

Manuel Fernandez is a youthful member of our community. At 27 years old, he looks to improve the internal quality of life for our students. Fernandez comes from an immigrant background himself as he was raised in the Dominican Republic. His parents came to Perth Amboy where they later opened a restaurant in the city. Fernandez was taught the value of hard-work and perseverance through the struggles he saw himself, and his parents, forced to navigate. He too works at a business located within the limits of the city.

“In a working-class community like Perth Amboy our public schools should be neighborhood safe havens, providing after school activities for students who are otherwise returning from school to empty homes or the vices of the streets,” proclaimed Mr. Fernandez.

The three are running for the full terms (3 years) under the Vas 2020 campaign. IMPROVING EDUCATION TOGETHER hopes to promote increased civics education and participation, eliminate the continuous disconnection between the school life and home life of a child, and provide youth growth opportunities to ensure our students leave Perth Amboy Public Schools fully prepared for the next chapter of their lives.

For continuous campaign updates, follow the ticket on Facebook and Instagram at @IMPROVINGEDUCATION-TOGETHER.

Improving Education Together Platform Points

- Ensure all students are receiving a quality education, especially during remote learning.
- Strengthen transportation to reduce traffic congestion and maximize resources already in the district.
- Establish and maintain a strong relationship between the district, community, and parents to ensure our students are wholly prepared for college and 21st-century careers.
- To ensure all staff and educators are treated fairly and respectfully while providing them with the necessary resources for an optimal educational and professional environment.
- Enhance Civics instruction for all students to instill the importance of service to the community and to develop skills necessary to be a well-rounded and contributing member of society.
- Work with parents and school-based parent organizations to reinforce and cultivate learning in the home.

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 Belgian government announces on September 14, 1945, that three Belgian army divisions, comprising 17,000 men, will participate in the occupation of Germany as part of the British Army of the Rhine, under the supreme command of Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery.

On September 15, 300 RAF aircraft overfly London to mark the fifth anniversary of the Battle of Britain; commemorative parades are held throughout the nation. In Washington, D.C., the U.S. Department of War issues figures showing that a total of 7,306,000 soldiers (including a small number of Allied forces and civilians) and 126,859,000 tons of war cargo had been moved from American ports to all fronts between December 1941 and August 31, 1945. The U.S. Office of War Information is dissolved.

The Japanese garrison in Hong Kong officially surrenders on September 16. The British Royal Navy’s Rear Adm. Cecil Harcourt signs the formal surrender instrument with American, Chinese and Canadian representatives present. The British land troops at Batavia, Netherlands East Indies, and announce that their mission is to secure the area until Dutch authorities arrive to resume their colonial rule.

In Germany, on September 17, Josef Kramer, former SS commandant of the Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps, and 44 male and female SS personnel on his staffs are brought before a British military tribunal at Lüneburg on charges of conspiracy to commit mass murder. Kramer and 10 others are found guilty and subsequently executed, 19 are given prison terms and 14 are acquitted; one individual is never tried, because of illness. Chinese Nationalist troops occupy Peking. In Batavia, Dutch East Indies, rallies take place supporting Indonesian independence.

In Egypt, on September 18, Mahmoud El Essawy is executed, after Prime Minister Mahmoud El Nokrashy Pasha confirms the sentence. The 28-year-old lawyer had assassinated the late Egyptian prime minister, Ahmad Maher Pasha, El Nokrashy’s predecessor, on February 24, 1945, moments after Maher announced that Egypt had declared war on the Axis countries.

On September 19, in London, William Joyce, who had broadcast Nazi propaganda as “Lord Haw-Haw,” is sentenced to death for treason. In Korea, Kim Il-sung, after eight years of exile in the Soviet Union, arrives at the northern port of Wonsan aboard the Soviet warship Pugachev and begins organizing the Korean Workers’ Party. In the southern part of the Korean peninsula, U.S. occupation authorities revoke all Japanese laws restricting freedom of religion, assembly, speech and press.

Mohandas Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru on September 20 demand that all British troops depart India. British Prime Minister Clement Attlee promises independence for India “at the earliest possible date.” In the U.S., German rocket engineers, who had been captured and brought to the U.S., begin to work on America’s rocket program. Zionist leader Chaim Weizmann, a senior member of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, makes an appeal to the U.S., the U.K., France and the U.S.S.R. for compensation from Germany for crimes against Jews.

Indian leaders Mohandas Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru and the All-India Congress Party on September 21 demand that all of South-east Asia should be free of imperialist domination.

British troops on September 22 release 1,400 Vichy French soldiers from former Japanese prison camps around Saigon, Vietnam. Many of the released soldiers enter Saigon and go on a deadly rampage, attacking Viet Minh (anti-French Vietnamese nationalist) supporters and killing innocent civilians, including children. The soldiers are abetted by some of the estimated 20,000 French civilians who live in Saigon, who join in the rampage. In Germany, Gen. George S. Patton, military governor of Bavaria, publicly questions the necessity of the “de-Nazification” program (the removal of former Nazi Party members from political, administrative and governmental positions) being carried out there. Patton likens “this Nazi thing” to “a Democratic and Republican election fight,” offering the opinion that Germans with experience in infrastructure management were forced to join the Nazi Party. The comments spark outrage back in the U.S. and garner a large amount of negative press.

In Cairo, the Egyptian government on September 23 demands that British forces withdraw from the Sudan, an Anglo-Egyptian condominium. The U.K. demurs. (In international law, a condominium is a territory over which two or more countries formally agree to share equal sovereignty and to exercise their rights jointly without dividing the territory.) Per the Potsdam Agreement, Nationalist Chinese soldiers occupy the Kingdom of Laos north of the 16th parallel.

In Tokyo, Japanese Emperor Hirohito says on September 24 that he did not want war; he blames former prime minister Hideki Tojo for the attack on Pearl Harbor. In Saigon, Vietnam, the Viet Minh successfully organize a general strike that shuts down all commerce, along with electricity and water supplies. In a Saigon suburb, members of a Vietnamese criminal organization massacre 150 French and Eurasian civilians, including children, in retaliation for the French rampage in Saigon two days earlier.

On September 25, the National Socialist German Workers’ (Nazi) Party, the German armed forces (*Wehrmacht*), the SS, the SA (*Sturmabteilung*, the Nazi Party’s original paramilitary security force) and the *Gestapo* are officially declared illegal in Germany by the Four-Power Allied Control Commission. All German foreign affairs will be handled by the Allies. Germans are ordered to turn in all gold, silver and platinum coins and bullion. All items looted from Nazi-conquered countries are also to be turned over. The last Soviet soldier leaves Norwegian territory at 8:55 p.m., local time.

In Washington, D.C., President Truman announces on September 26 that, per a decision at the recent Potsdam Conference, surviving German naval vessels will be divided equally between the United States, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union. He notes also that no decision has yet been made on the disposal of what remains of the Imperial Japanese Navy’s fleet. The first American death in Vietnam occurs, in Saigon, as OSS officer Lt. Col. A. Peter Dewey — a distant relative of New York Governor Thomas Dewey — is shot and killed at a roadblock by three Viet Minh guerrillas. Dewey was leading a seven-man team searching for missing American pilots and assessing the condition of the country after the Japanese surrender. The guerrillas say they mistook him for a French officer. Before his death, Dewey had filed a report on the deepening Vietnam crisis, urging that the U.S. “ought to clear out of Southeast Asia.” Dewey becomes the first of more than 38,200 U.S. soldiers (and 58,220 military personnel overall) killed by Hồ Chí Minh’s forces.

Japanese Emperor Hirohito on September 27 visits Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur at the latter’s headquarters in Tokyo. In India, 17 people are killed and 75 injured during religious violence between Hindus and Muslims in Bombay.

On September 28, Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, military governor of the American Occupation Zone, after a heated argument with Gen. George S. Patton over Patton’s naïve and impolitic de-Nazification comments made on September 22, relieves Patton as military governor of Bavaria. Across Indonesia (technically, the Netherlands East Indies), anti-Dutch riots take place. In India, police in Bombay fire on rioters during the third day of sectarian violence in the city.

British troops land on Java, in the Dutch East Indies, on September 29 to help the Dutch battle Indonesian nationalists. In Buenos Aires, Argentina, an estimated 500,000 conservative protesters — upset by social reforms he had gotten passed — call for the resignation of Juan Perón, the nation’s Vice President, Secretary of War and Minister of Labor.

U.S. Marines of the III Amphibious Corps land at Tientsin, in northern China, on September 30 to disarm 630,000 Japanese troops and participate in the occupation there. In the U.S., “War Time” (year-round Daylight Saving Time) is ended.

The U.S. Office of Strategic Services, known as the OSS, disbands on October 1, 1945. Heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis is discharged from the U.S. Army. King Leopold III returns to Belgium from Austria, where he had been exiled by the Germans. A royal proclamation defends his actions during the war (including surrendering to the Germans in 1940 and meeting with Hitler, for example), but his return to the Belgian throne is met with popular resistance.

Gen. George S. Patton is notified by Gen. of the Army Eisenhower’s office on October 2 that he is being removed from command of the U.S. Third Army and will head an Army unit compiling a history of the war in Germany. President Truman receives a gift from an old friend in Missouri: A painted glass sign mounted on a walnut base that says: “The buck stops here.” Truman places it on his desk and refers to it occasionally during his time in office.

The United Nations Executive Committee on October 3 recommends that the organization’s permanent headquarters be located in the U.S., with San Francisco as the most-favored site. Ten-year-old Elvis Presley makes his first public appearance, singing in a contest at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair & Dairy Show. Dressed as a cowboy, young Elvis stands on a stepstool to reach the microphone. He sings “Old Shep,” and places fifth.

In Paris, the trial of Pierre Laval, former head of state of Vichy France, opens on October 4. The charges: Plotting against the security of the state and collaboration with the enemy. In Japan, Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, orders civil liberties restored within the country. One thousand Dutch troops arrive in Batavia, Netherlands East Indies. Some cities are in the hands of Indonesian nationalist separatists, including Surabaya and Bandung.

A.C. Bus Trip

San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – The San Salvador Seniors are having a bus trip to Caesars Casino, Atlantic City on Thursday, October 1, 2020. Cost: \$30 per person, \$30 back in slot play. Everyone must bring a mask to board the bus. Bus leaves 12 Noon. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

L2B> Library to Business

SOUTH AMBOY – L2B seeks to connect job seekers, businesses, and nonprofits of New Jersey with organizations and experts who are actively engaging in business and workforce development webinars. View the CALENDAR for FREE webinars and online training. Click on eRESOURCES for businesses, nonprofit organizations, and economic information. <https://libs2b.com/>

For more information contact the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library: email: comments@dowdell.org or go to www.dowdell.org

Sayreville’s Centennial 1920-2020

SAYREVILLE - The Borough of Sayreville is hosting a Centennial Celebration on September 26, 2020 in War Memorial Park behind Borough Hall. It will be a celebration of Sayreville's rich history and community. We are inviting our residents to participate in various events that we have planned. If you would like to volunteer please email sayre100@sayreville.com.

CASA Online Information Series

NEW BRUNSWICK – CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children 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. We are conducting information sessions for people who would like to learn more about our organization and the role of the volunteer advocate.

CASA of Middlesex County is having online information sessions on the following date: September 19th at 10 a.m. This session will be held online via Zoom. CASA of Middlesex County Our fall training starts in October, so you still have time to apply for this unique volunteer position. Please join us to learn more about CASA and the role of the volunteer advocate. For more information and to register please email: nora@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org

Novena to St. Rita

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

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

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

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

Prayer to St. Jude

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

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

Thank you, Saint Jude K.M. & C.M.

Miraculous Invocation to St. Therese

O Glorious St. Therese, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and inspire the human family. I implore your Miraculous Intercession. You are so powerful in obtaining every need of body and spirit from the Heart of God. Holy Mother Church proclaims you "Prodigy of Miracles . . . the Greatest Saint of Modern Times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition *(mention here)* to carry out your promises of spending Heaven doing good upon earth . . . of letting fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses. Little Flower, give me your childlike faith, to see the Face of God in the people and experiences of my life, and to love God with full confidence. Saint Therese, my Carmelite Sister, I will fulfill your plea "to be made known everywhere" and I will continue to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – 1964 Champs. St. Mary's Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) won the 1964 Trenton Diocese Championship for Cheerleading. The team included: (Front from Left) Donna Chuilli, Kathy Marshall, Linda King, Judy Koslowski and (Rear from Left) Kathy Haag, Geneva Lewandowski, Coach Kennedy, Diana McAndrew, Patty Conahan.

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Girls on the Run Expands Outreach with Virtual Fall Season

Girls on the Run of Central New Jersey (GOTRCNJ) is Offering Virtual and At-Home Programming Options for Girls in Third Through Eighth Grade for the Fall 2020 Season



Press Release
CAMDEN/MIDDLESEX/MONMOUTH/OCEAN/SOMERSET COUNTIES - Virtual, online practices will be held with three options available: schools where their girl attends (if available), the county of residence, or a day and time that work for a girl's schedule within the five counties we serve: Camden, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset. We are excited to be able to offer this last option as participants will have the opportunity to meet girls from other areas, make new friends and connect with girls outside of their school and local community!

The virtual fall programming will be delivered by trained coaches with lessons that mirror the in-person Girls on the Run program. The programming will include physical activity and social-emotional learning, providing girls with an opportunity to still build meaningful connections with their peers and caring adult role models.

"Our staff and coaches are ready to bring critical social-emotional programming to Central NJ girls at a time when they need it the most," said Donna York, GOTRCNJ Executive Director. "We have adapted to 100% virtual programming this fall based on the decisions of local governments and school districts. Our virtual program options will make it possible for girls to stay active and connected despite the pandemic."

The program fee is \$125 and includes 16 virtual lessons led by GOTR trained coaches, journal, program, T-shirt, 5K medal and end-of-season certificate all shipped to their homes. Teams are limited to 12 girls, so those interested are encouraged to register soon! For registration go to www.gotrcnj.org.

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Classic Car Parade & Food Drive to Benefit Community

Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY/SAYREVILLE - The City of South Amboy & South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club will be hosting a Classic Car Parade and Food Drive to benefit local food pantries at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and First Presbyterian Church in South Amboy. Both churches have been supporting the needs of food insecure during the pandemic and need constant replenishing to continue to serve the community.

The event will be held on Sunday, September 20th, weather pending. The parade will begin at 1:00pm starting at the South Amboy High School parking lot. The parade will continue through the following streets: John T. O'Leary Boulevard, Broadway to Main Street, Fel-tus Street crossing over Borden-town Avenue, traveling to Portia Street, then South Pine Avenue, and travel to the intersection of Pine and John, finishing at the end of John Street. A rain date of Sunday, September 27th has been planned for the Classic Car Parade and Food Drive in case of inclement weather.

A map of the parade route can be found on the Rotary of SASY Facebook page. All participating vehicles will be numbered, and photos of each numbered car will be posted on the social media page. Voting for best car will be held via the Facebook page by "liking" your favorite car(s). The winner will be announced on that page following the event.

Community members are invited to listen for the DJ float coming down the street and enjoy the South Amboy Police-escorted parade. Everyone should plan to follow social distancing guidelines if placing chairs along the route.

The South Amboy High School InterAct Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club, will be collecting food at the end of

the parade with a goal to "fill the float". Community members along the parade route are encouraged to donate non-perishable goods to replenish the local food pantries as the need continues to rise during this critical time. The most critical non-perishable needs to keep the pantries stocked include: peanut butter, canned fish and meats, beans, and other high-protein goods.

Anthony Conrad, South Amboy Board of Education President and Rotary Club member stated, "We are proud of our high school students' engagement in the Interact Club sponsored by the SASY Rotary Club and celebrate their involvement in service to their community. I encourage all families to donate any canned goods during the parade to support their efforts to serve others."

Those with classic cars interested in participating in the parade event should contact SASyRotary@gmail.com for registration information. The streets will be swept prior to the event to ensure clean roads for delicate vehicles. The South Amboy Police Department will escort the parade through the route. The Rotary would like to extend special thanks to the South Amboy Police Department and Patrolman Steve Clark for helping to plan the event route and providing traffic control.

"Many local families are still unemployed, causing a rise in food insecurity," said Mark Herdman, Office of Emergency Management Coordinator. "The community of South Amboy has been tremendously impacted by the ongoing pandemic and the need for non-perishable donations is greater than ever. Over 12,000 lbs of food was distributed through the month of July and we expect this need to rise in the next few months. We are so grateful for the Rotary's event to ensure



our emergency food pantries are stocked as we grant hope in the midst of this pandemic. Those need of any support should contact the South Amboy Office of Emergency Management at saoem@southamboynj.gov or 732.588.5830 for assistance."

Mayor Henry supported this event from the time of concept and said "Despite the hardships our community has faced during these difficult times, our community has banded together to support those who are in need. We are proud to partner with the club to raise our community spirit and collect food for the emergency food bank that has risen due to the pandemic."

The Rotary Club also recently hosted a successful blood drive honoring our local heroes. Upcoming events will be shared on the club's social media Facebook page, called Rotary Club of SASY. Community members can follow the club's page to stay informed of event details and be prepared to vote for their favorite classic car(s) during the event.

The South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club sponsors several outreach programs including a high school student member Interact Club, Dictionary Project for all third-graders in both school districts, Daddy-Daughter Dates, Polka Dances, and scholarships for South Amboy and Sayreville college-bound students with a focus on community service. Sponsors are needed for these programs as fundraisers have been cancelled due to the pandemic. Please contact Rocco Cuoco, Club President at SASyRotary@gmail.com with any sponsorship or club membership inquiries.

Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence

Exhibition at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library

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MOVIE REVIEW: BILL & TED FACE THE MUSIC

By: Anton Massopust III

"How are you guys doing? Well, we're dead but otherwise not bad."

Yes, it's been many years since we've seen those wild stallions, but now they're back again, but the song that got them there was supposed to unite the world and help everyone. The song seems to have eluded them, and of course, even their father doesn't believe that they traveled through time. Rufus's (the late George Carlin) daughter finds Bill (Alex Winter) and Ted (Keanu Reeves) and brings them to the future to face the Council of the Great Ones. If Bill and Ted don't come up with the song after a certain time, all of reality will undo itself and time and space will collapse, ceasing to exist.

The Council gives Bill and Ted everything they need, but creating the song proves more difficult than they imagined, so they both decide that the only way they can find the song is to steal it from themselves in the future. They meet alternate realities versions of themselves and their life seems to get worse and worse. The better story is about their daughters, who put a superband together. The daughters go thru time and space looking for the greatest musicians ever which include musicians Jimi Hendrix, Louis Armstrong, Ling Lun, and Mozart who join their band.

A killer robot sent from the future destroys the band and sends them to hell. Now, Bill and Ted must rescue their daughters and

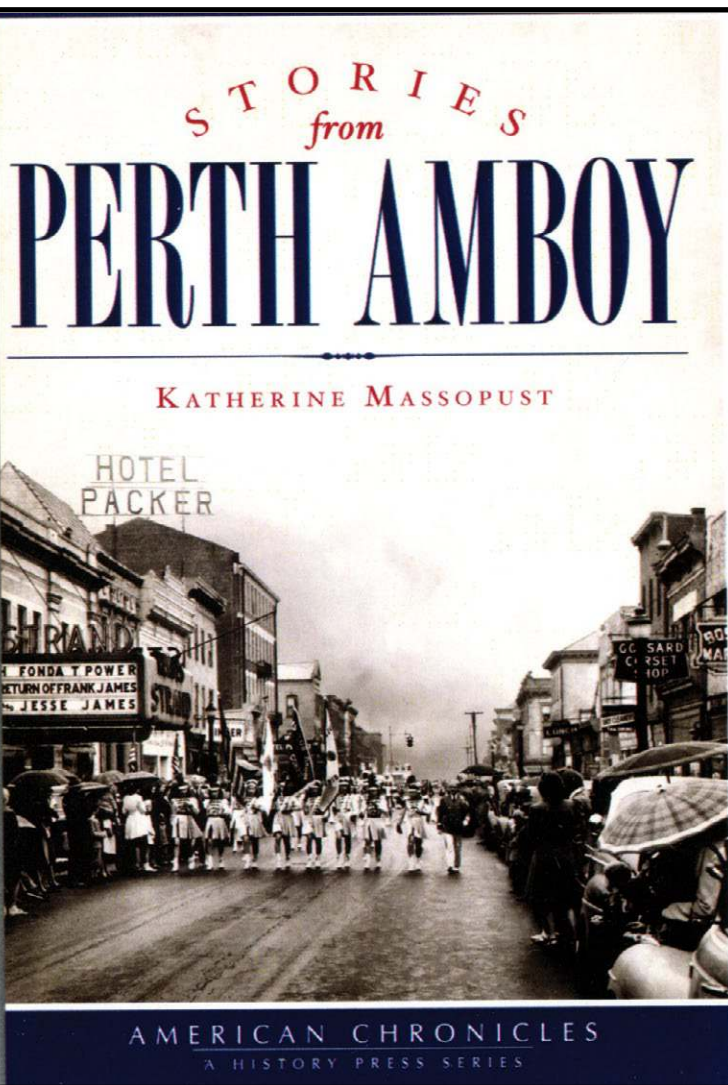


the band and convince Death (William Sandler) to bring them back to the land of the living.

A lot this movie is very stupid silly and doesn't really make much sense, but the music is pretty good, and I wish they would have concentrated more on the daughters who were funny. The historical figures were great and they do not make fun of them which is nice and it was nice to see them all play together as a band. The same actor who played death in Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey reprised his role in this film. Alex

Winter and Keanu Reeves fall right back into their characters as though no time has passed. They find out more about themselves as time goes on.

Is it worth it? Yes, if you just want a silly fun time and a little bit of nostalgia. If you remember the other Bill and Ted movies, you'll love this. It was a fun film to watch. With all the turmoil going on in the world, I wish it was so simple that song would unite us. Bill and Ted please save us!



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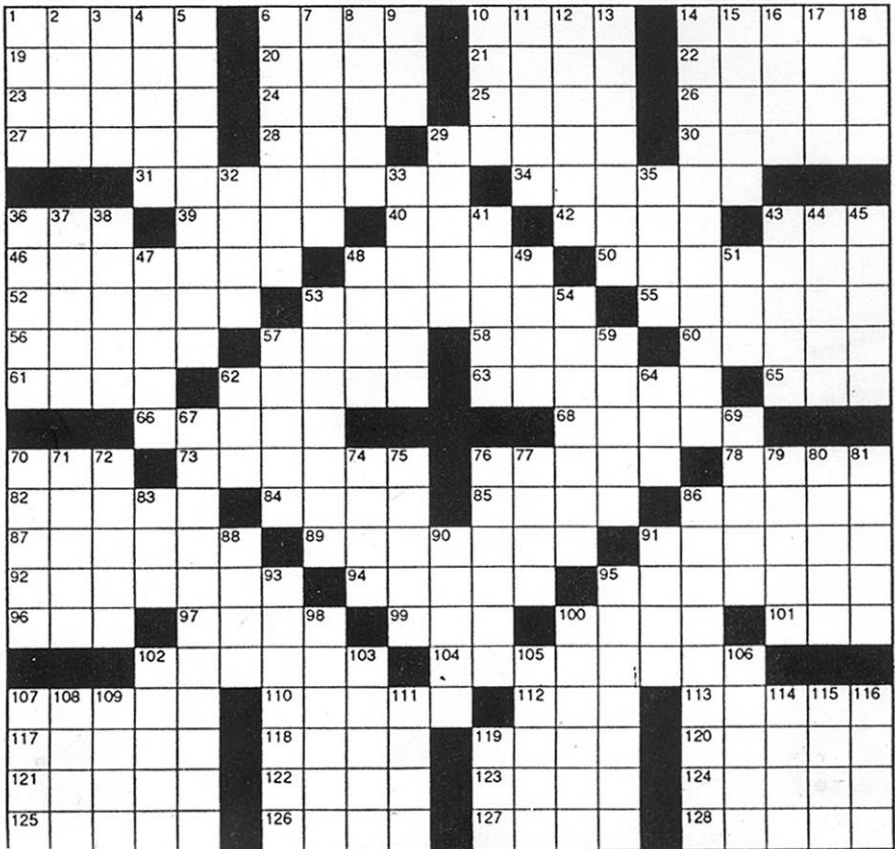
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Grand Opening of Good Health Pharmacy, 653 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy 9/3/20

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Girl Scout Cleanup, Washington Park, Perth Amboy 9/4/20
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PERTH AMBOY - Very large single family for over 50 years has been used as two family. 1st level features living room, dining room nice kitchen, bath and 2 bedrooms 2nd floor features 3 bedrooms, bath living room/kitchen combo. great condition a must see. Showings begin September 12 at 1PM. **\$399,000**



PERTH AMBOY - WOW, WHAT A CASH COW!!! 4 family, boasting 2-2 bedrooms & 2-1 bedrooms. Units are well maintained. 4 of everything, down to the water meters. Tenants pay all utilities. Showing start Saturday 9/5/2020. **\$599,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Back on Market! Buyer couldn't get loan. Welcome to this large 3 level Townhouse, with 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, family/office room, Master bedroom has a full master bath with double sink, tub, and shower stall. This unit also has a private front Paver Patio yard before you enter the Townhouse. Two parking spots in covered garage/parking deck included. Seller just got a reduction in property taxes via tax appeal! **\$259,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Large single-family house in the heart of Perth Amboy only 1/2 block from train station, close to most public transportation and major highways, one block from business district. great condition. **\$289,000**



OLD BRIDGE - Enjoy peace of mind in this stunning 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths. lots of storage 3 car garage 9'x8' doors, beautiful Salt water in-ground pool. parklike yard, tiki bar, large finished basement. florida room, fire place, beautiful kitchen with many upgrades and granite counter tops, 2 zoned A/C units, 6 zone baseboard Heating unit, 14 kilowatts generator, multiple sheds, close to all majors highways Rt9, Rt34&35 and Parkway a must see too much to mention. **\$649,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Stunning new construction home plan featuring 2,200 square feet, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 car garage, open concept with dining and living room. Great landscaping in front. Relax with all the benefits of a new construction. Close to the Outerbridge Staten Island, 440. Showing on 08/28/2020. **\$415,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Great two-family house well-kept in the family for many years. Separated utilities, large apartments, great investment, great location close to shopping and most public transportation. **\$425,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Great potential needs some work large apartments is being sold in AS IS condition buyer is responsible for all repairs and C/O. **\$365,000**