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## Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy Unveils New Pediatric Care Center



(L to R) first row, Louis Brusco, M.D., FCCM CPE, chief medical officer, Raritan Bay Medical Center; Robert C. Garrett, CEO, Hackensack Meridian Health, Yvonne Lopez, Assemblywoman; Todd Way, central region president, Hackensack Meridian Health. Left to right back row, Raja Barakat, M.D., chair, pediatrics, Raritan Bay Medical Center; Thomas Shanahan, chief hospital executive, Raritan Bay Medical Center; Michael Eagan, M.D., physician director, Emergency Services, Raritan Bay Medical Center. \*Photo Submitted

Press Release 8/18/20

**PERTH AMBOY** - Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy unveiled its new Pediatric Care Center today, which is specially designed to meet the emergency needs of sick and injured children while maximizing comfort, increasing efficiency, and reducing wait times.

"This new Pediatric Care Center will deliver high-quality, compassionate care and help us live our mission to transform health care," said Robert C. Garrett, CEO, Hackensack Meridian Health. "It is foundational to our investment in Raritan Bay Medical Center and is another example of innovating treatment on behalf of the communities we are privileged to serve."

Located next to the adult emergency department, the Pediatric Care Center's bright and cheerful environment puts children at ease with private observation rooms and treatment bays specifically designed to support pediatric patient needs. It also features an exceptional team of board-certified physicians, magnet-recognized certified nurses, expertly trained emergency care nurses and nurse practitioners, who specialize in pediatric care. Additionally, the center has multilingual team members committed to improving the emergency care experience.

"Opening a dedicated pediatric ambulatory and observation center for local families will continue to provide the community complete and coordi-

nated care when they need it the most," said Thomas Shanahan, chief hospital executive, Raritan Bay Medical Center.

Patients that require inpatient pediatric services under the age of 14, will be transported to Hackensack Meridian JFK Medical Center in Edison, K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, or Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital at Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack.

"In an emergency, families want access to specialized care close to home," says, Michael Eagan, M.D., physician director, Emergency Services, Raritan Bay Medical Center. "We are advancing the quality of care to our pediatric patients, by creating this Pediatric Care Center that is designed specifically for our young patients with board certified pediatricians. That will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

Raritan Bay Medical Center has implemented many new protocols with safety at the forefront. Raritan Bay Medical Center has separate areas for non-COVID-19 patients, temperature checks for all patients, visitors, team members and physicians, rigorous cleaning and sanitization of our facilities, and much more.

## Upcoming Election, New Fire Apparatus, Beach Cleaning & Serving on Boards Among Topics for Discussion 8/19/20 Business & Council Meeting Via Teleconference

By: Katherine Massopust

**SOUTH AMBOY** – First on the agenda was a brief discussion of the grievance between the PBA and the Business Administrator. B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated he spoke briefly with the PBA attorney. Skarzynski stated he needed more time to review the contract with the PBA attorney. Council President Gross suggested the matter be discussed at the September Meeting.

It was later noted in the public portion by PBA Representative Brian Noble that this has been going on for 4 months and to wait until September it would be a 5<sup>th</sup> month. B.A. Skarzynski noted that if no agreement is made, the matter will go before the council and they will either uphold or dismiss the grievance.

The next matter for discussion was parking on First and Second Streets. B.A. Skarzynski stated the police were notified about this issue. Councilman Thomas Reilly asked that residents should not be ticketed for parking on the street they live on. Reilly gave the example of a resident who works the night shift and sleeps during the day and would be subject to getting ticketed. B.A. Skarzynski stated that the council cannot tell the police to not do their job. Skarzynski stated he will reinforce Reilly's request to the police.

The next item for discussion was a Planning Board Representative from the council. It was noted that this was required by the state. No one volunteered.

Next on the agenda was Resolution #20-257 (carried from the July 15th Meeting) – Authorizing for shared services with Woodbridge Township for Animal Control Services.

It was noted by City Clerk Debra Brooks that she reached out to Woodbridge and determined that there is no extra charge for services for weekend hours.

There was a discussion regarding Resolution #20-265 – Authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the purchase

and installation of public lighting improvements in various locations in the City of South Amboy from FSG New Jersey through the Keystone Purchasing Network.

Councilman Thomas Reilly asked what location the streetlights were being replaced. B.A. Glenn Skarzynski answered that every streetlight on Broadway, the 100 Block of Augusta. He stated LED lights will be replacing each streetlight on Broadway, using the same poles the old lights were on.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz discussed Resolution #20-270 – Resolution awarding contract for the various road improvements in 2020 – PM Construction. He stated that on First, Second, Augusta, and Church Streets there will be milling and paving. It will begin in one month.

There was a discussion on Resolution #20-271 – Resolution authorizing the mayor or his designee to execute the purchase of two e-one typhoon model FS19JCO5 Fire Apparatus through the Houston Galveston Area Council ("H-GAC") Cooperative Purchasing Program.

It was noted by B.A. Glenn Skarzynski that the apparatus will arrive in one year from now after everything is said and done. Council President Mickey Gross stated that the plan was to have the apparatus by Labor Day 2021 to be ready for the 2021 Fireman's Convention in Wildwood. There will be two new pumpers with a full complement of gear. B.A. Glenn Skarzynski answered that two trucks will come out of service and because of the age of the old vehicles they most likely will be scrapped.

There was a discussion on Ordinance No. 10-2020 – An Ordinance of the City of South Amboy limiting and prohibiting the sale of vaping products and e-cigarettes in certain places

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## Attention All Candidates for the November 3, 2020 General Election

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Respect Those Who Were Murdered on 9-11-01



Julie McDermott, center, walks with other victims as they make their way through debris near the World Trade Center in Manhattan on Sept. 11, 2001. \*AP

Recently, I saw articles where some communities asked residents to submit names of those who died of Covid-19, which will also be read during the 9-11-01 Commemorative Ceremonies. In my opinion, that will tarnish the memory of those who were murdered on 9-11-01. Governor Murphy had ordered flags at half-staff to remember those who died of Covid-19 in the state. There should be another agreed upon date to remember the people who died from Covid-19. Perhaps the Covid-19 victims will be better served if those mayors called for churches to offer prayers one Sunday a month for them or the National Day of Prayer would be more appropriate to remember Covid-19 victims.

Although there are many who suffered loss of family and friends due to Covid-19, the 9/11/01 Remembrance Ceremony is not the time and place to do this. September 11, 2001 is a day that will be forever embedded in the minds of those in the United States and around the World who witnessed that tragedy. The VICTIMS of SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 WERE MURDERED.

Covid-19 was in full swing already before September 11, 2020. You can't pinpoint an exact time when it became a threat. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001

there were times pinpointed when the planes struck each tower and the Pentagon, and when the plane came down in Shanksville. People jumped to their deaths from the World Trade Center to avoid being burnt to death. Survivors of those who perished were relieved even by having a bone fragment or a piece of jewelry identified, or they may have the horror of not having any remains recovered. On 9/11/01 so many people were murdered at once in one place. That day of horror will never be forgotten.

Even at this moment, there are many medical advances being made to combat Covid-19. Although the pandemic is a different type of tragedy in itself and many died alone in hospitals, there is a difference.

Many apps that we take for granted such as video calling were not available on the average cell phone in 2001. Most cell phones did not even function during 9-11-01. Many did not even know if their loved ones were dead or alive.

There were many who suffered the consequences of 9-11-01 and died years later due to cancer and other conditions due to the contaminants at Ground Zero. There are many who are still suffering today.

Carolyn M. & Katherine M.

Why the Electoral College?

The Federalist Papers may explain the purpose of the Electoral College, an independent group that elects the President instead of Senators and Representatives. The English Parliament uses its representatives to

select a government. Elsewhere elected representatives also select a government. Using independent electors may prevent some sort of influence that affects elections.

Suppose there is fraudulent voting in a district. This will only affect that district. Carrying over votes to other districts by a majority count can corrupt the results. Who wants that?

I recommend this change to

the US Constitution: enhance the XXII Amendment to place an age limit of 66 on electing Presidents; ban the children, siblings, wife or ex-wife of any President from becoming President. This is a republic not a dynastic monarchy. What states have family successions for governor?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Caba Statement About Mayor Wilda Diaz Re-election Announcement

“Our property taxes have steadily increased. Our city has

missed many opportunities to attract new businesses and more jobs. City Hall is plagued by dysfunction and turmoil. That is not fiscally responsible. Our residents should not allow such poor leadership to continue,” said Councilman Helmin Caba, a candidate for mayor in the Nov. 3 election.

“As a council member, I went to Trenton to successfully fight the Mayor’s proposed 5.4-percent property tax increase. I routinely promote Perth Amboy as a prime destination for new businesses and jobs. As mayor, I will be able to do much more to restore stability to city government,” Caba said.

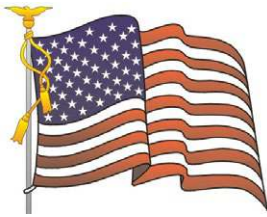
Statement from Joseph B. Vas, Esq., MBA: Caba filing

“Helmin Caba can't divorce himself from the record of tur-

bulence and chaos in City Hall that he and his Diaz Team buddies created during the four years he's been on the City Council.

His support for Wilda Diaz in the last election helped her remain in power and perpetuate the ‘chaos’ despite her penchant

for raising taxes, distracting police from law enforcement duties and undermining the orderly maintenance of our City. If he couldn't make a positive impact as a Diaz Team Councilman, then he's not prepared to build a better Perth Amboy as Mayor,” stated Joseph B. Vas.



Temporary Employment Opportunity with Middlesex County Board of Elections

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The Middlesex County Board of Elections is looking for persons to assist in the counting of mail in ballots. The temporary workers will be needed from the end of September until the end of November and will have to be able to travel to Middlesex County College. Hours are flexible, there will be three shifts and the wage is \$15 per hour. If interested you may contact Maria at 732-745-3471.

Perth Amboy Homicide Under Investigation

Press Release August 24, 2020

PERTH AMBOY - Middlesex County Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone and Chief Roman McKeon of the Perth Amboy Police Department announced today that an investigation is underway for the shooting of a Perth Amboy resident.

On August 23, 2020, at approximately 11:34pm, Perth Amboy Police responded to a 911 call regarding a one vehicle crash at the intersection of Hall Avenue and High Street. Upon arrival, officers observed that the driver of the vehicle, 41-year-old Vidal Carrasquillo-Vasquez, appeared to be suffering from several gunshot wounds.

Carrasquillo-Vasquez was transported to Staten Island University Hospital and was subsequently pronounced deceased. The official cause of death is pending the results of the autopsy. The results of which are forthcoming.

The investigation is active and continuing. Anyone with information is asked to call Perth Amboy Detective Frank Cristiano at (732) 324-3837 or Detective Mark Morris of the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office at (732) 745-3927.

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.

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## Community Calendar

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WED. Sept. 9 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
YMCA, New Brunswick Ave. 4:30 p.m.  
WED. Sept. 9 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
YMCA, New Brunswick Ave. 7 p.m.  
THURS. Sept. 17 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.  
PAHS, Eagle Ave.

### South Amboy

WED. Sept. 2 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway  
WED. Sept. 16 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway

*All meetings are subject to change. Check the City Website to see if the meeting will take place via phone conference and for details how to participate*

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## Flea Market

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville is having a Flea Market to September 12, 2020. The rain date is September 19, 2020. It will be held in the church parking lot at 172 Main Street (across from Borough Hall) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are also still spaces available for vendors. For more information, please contact us at 732-257-6353 or email: [churchoffice172@optimum.net](mailto:churchoffice172@optimum.net). You can also check out our website at [FPCSAYREVILLE.org](http://FPCSAYREVILLE.org).

## Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ

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Via Teleconference

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within the B-1 General Business Zone of the city. (first reading)

Law Director Francis Womack stated that the ordinance was to protect certain members of the community. “Our approach is to look at the city as a whole and identify the parts of the town that has certain places such as daycare centers, and it establishes what distance where a business can sell vaping products. It’s essentially a zoning ordinance.”

Council Comments:

Council Vice President Christine Noble said, “Great job with the beach this year. A big shoutout to everyone including the DPW. Thank you, guys!”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, “Although I did not have the pleasure to know Mike Coman (who recently died), we extend our sympathy to his family. The fundraiser is this Sunday (August 23, 2020). I thank the community for all the work at the food pantry.” Noble noted that the number of families being served had significantly increased over the last month. Noble thanked the Friends of South Amboy, St. Mary’s Food Pantry, and the First Presbyterian Church. “If you can’t donate goods, donate money or just volunteer your time.”

Dato then spoke about the upcoming election on November 3, 2020. “The Governor announced recently plans for the November 3, 2020 General Election which will be conducted primarily by vote-by-mail ballots which will be sent automatically to all active voters. Voters need not apply for a Vote-by-Mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to voters no later than October 5, 2020. Secure ballot drop boxes will be placed all over the county. Voters may return only their own voted ballot to their designated polling place. Any voter who appears at a polling place on Election Day will vote using a provisional (paper) ballot except voters with disabilities. Every Vote-by-Mail ballot that is postmarked on or before November 3, 2020 which is received by November 10, 2020 at 8:00 pm will be counted if it meets all other statutory requirements.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin offered his condolences to the Coman Family.

Councilman Thomas Reilly thanked all the food pantries and the volunteers for the countless hours, especially Mary McLaughlin, “She always is in need for more volunteers. If you can, please help. Try to donate time if you cannot donate food.” Reilly then asked about the illegal palate operation that still is going on.

B.A. Skarzynski stated that they have been issued summonses.

Reilly then complained that

certain eyesores in town had been going unattended for too long. B.A. Skarzynski explained that the legal process is lengthy to get this things done (with blighted property). Reilly noted that this has been going on with certain properties for 8 years.

Councilman Reilly gave his condolences to the family of Mike Coman and encouraged everyone to attend the fundraiser on August 23rd. “Mike (Coman) was a role model for young people. You can’t put a price on that.”

Reilly asked if the members of Progressive Firehouse are okay with being moved. B.A. Skarzynski answered, “Some understand it is going to happen. Not one firefighter was happy.”

Reilly asked the reason for the move.

B.A. Skarzynski explained the situation, “There are a number of reasons why this needs to be done. Based on current conditions, there are vast improvements that need to be made (to bring the stations up to 21st Century firefighting). There are financial reasons as well. We have 5 firehouses. 2 houses are approximately 100 years old and the other 2 houses are not far behind. We need to modernize 3 firehouses. The most cost-effective way is to consolidate from 5 to 3 fire stations and modernize the newest firehouse. This is still in discussion stage and is likely to be a year before more is done.”

Mayor Fred Henry then said, “There is a lot of sentimentality. The firehouses are very old, and apparatus has to be put there. We consider that the firehouses are 100 years old, and it’s time to move on. 21st Century firefighting – it’s nothing personal. It’s what is best for the city in a cost-effective way.”

Reilly objected, “I don’t think those groups will agree.”

Mayor Fred Henry then added, “We met and explained these things. The Fire Chiefs discuss these things necessary for 21st Century firefighting.”

Council President Mickey Gross spoke about the pandemic, “It’s really scary what I deal with in the County Board of Health Department. We will be virtual (council meetings) at least thru September. I do not think we should meet in person yet.”

Mayor Fred Henry offered his condolences to the family of Mike Coman. He thanked the volunteers at the blood drive and sock collection. Mayor Henry reminded everyone it is the 100th Anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment granting women suffrage. “The South Amboy Library has an exhibit that is open to the public (on woman’s suffrage). We will be having a 9-11-01 Ceremony at Train Plaza at 6 p.m.”

Public Portion:

Resident Alka Baijal spoke

first, “We moved to this community very recently. What I’ve noticed over the last few months I’ve been here, not everyone uses the beach as it should be. On Monday (morning), it is a mess. There is glass, rolls of toilet paper, etc. Some more steps are needed to do better. The Department of Public Works do a great job, but they need to be utilized more of. Other cities charge nonresidents to use their beaches. This cost could offset the cleaning cost and police presence there. The broken glass bottles are a danger to children and pets. In order to keep the beach clean, we need to do things to deter littering.”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato later commented, “As far as charging for the beach, in my opinion this should not be any fees so everyone can have easy access to the beach.”

The council agreed.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski said, “I’ll call DPW tomorrow We actually tried starting earlier and some neighbors complained it was too early. I will assure you we will keep a judicious eye. The police want foot patrols – we’ll speak to them. I hope the installation of cameras will deter this.” Skarzynski explained to ban glass bottles would need council action.

The next person to speak was resident Bill DeMasi. “The bamboo issue (spoken about in the July council meeting) – I learned new info who owns the bamboo. My neighbor – he put a fence up. The bamboo is between the border is a foot onto his property. I will email Mr. Elliot (Director of Code Enforcement) tonight. Thank you to everyone for your help.”

Council President Gross gave his phone number to DeMasi and told him to call him about the problem.

Resident Brandon Russell spoke next. Russell stated that he wished to serve the city and that the council was refusing to listen to his ideas. Council President Gross and Councilwoman Dato suggested that Russell look at openings on boards and to see where he could serve on a board which suits his interests. At first Russell stated he had no interest on serving on a board. Gross then suggested the Fire Department or First Aid Squad. Russell then said he would serve on a board. After discussing this matter for several minutes, Council President Gross told Russell to call him offline to discuss in what capacity he could serve the city.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. All council members were present.

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An Ordinance Creating a  
Perth Amboy Citizens’  
Public Safety Advisory Council

Whereas, the City of Perth Amboy has a well-regarded Police Department and a model Auxiliary Police; and  
Whereas, the City of Perth Amboy and its Police Chief are dedicated to continuing improvement of public safety in the City; and

Whereas, public safety can be enhanced by best practice de-escalation policies, including community engagement.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the governing body of the City of Perth Amboy that:

Section 1. Establishment of a Citizens’ Public Safety Advisory Council.

A Citizens’ Public Safety Advisory Council is hereby established.

Section 2. Membership of Citizens’ Public Safety Advisory Council

The Citizens’ Public Safety Advisory Council shall consist of eleven members: Five members (5) appointed by the City Council and two (2) members to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council for a term of three years, and four (4) youth members, two aged 15 to 20 years old and two aged 21 to 30 years old. Three (3) of the youth members are to be appointed by the City Council and one (1) youth member is to be appointed by the Mayor. Their terms shall be established so that no more than two terms nor less than one term shall expire January 1 of each year.

Section 3. Powers and Duties of Citizens’ Public Safety Advisory Council

A. The Citizens’ Public Safety Advisory Council shall be considered a public body as defined in the Open Public Meetings Act and shall conduct public meetings accordingly at least four times a year. The Council shall act by resolution.

B. The Citizens’ Public Safety Advisory Council shall have the following powers:

- (1) To conduct sessions to hear concerns of citizens;
- (2) 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;
- (3) Serve as an advisory council to the Mayor and Police Chief;
- (4) Review any reports and performance audits of the Police Department with regard to progress on adoption and/or implementation of de-escalation policies;
- (5) Such other legally permissible duties and activities designated by resolution of the City Council or upon recommendation of the Mayor.

Section 4. Conflicts with other provisions

Should any other chapter or provision of this Code conflict with the provisions of this chapter, the terms of this chapter shall be deemed to control and be in effect.

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# Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy Welcomes Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz to its New Pediatric Care Center

Press Release 8/26/20  
PERTH AMBOY — Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy has recently unveiled its new Pediatric Care Center. Today, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, an advocate for children’s health, toured the facility.

“Opening a dedicated pediatric ambulatory and observation center for local families will continue to provide the community complete and coordinated care when they need it most. Also, I would like to thank Mayor Wilda Diaz for her support of this project,” said Thomas Shanahan, chief hospital executive, Raritan Bay Medical Center.

“Raritan Bay Medical Center is Perth Amboy’s primary source of health care. They consistently work towards development and expansion to best service the residents of our community and those in surrounding areas. Today, I am proud and excited to congratulate Mr. Shanahan and the Hackensack Meridian team for this wonderful addition to their progressive facility. As a young and growing community, we know that our children will receive quality pediatric care,” said Mayor Diaz.

Located next to the adult



(L-R) Perth Amboy chief of police Roman Mckeon, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, Thomas Shanahan, chief hospital executive, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Dr. Louis Brusco, chief medical officer, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Larry Cattano, Perth Amboy deputy police chief. *\*Photo Submitted*

Emergency Department, the Pediatric Care Center’s bright and cheerful environment puts children at ease with private observation rooms and treatment bays specifically designed to support pediatric patient needs. It also features an exceptional team of board-certified physicians, magnet-recognized certified nurses, expertly trained emergency care nurses and nurse practitioners, who specialize in pediatric care. Additionally, the center has multilingual team members committed to improving the emergency care experience.

Raritan Bay Medical Center has implemented many new protocols with safety at the forefront. Raritan Bay Medical Center has separate areas for non-COVID-19 patients, temperature checks for all patients, visitors, team members and physicians, rigorous cleaning and sanitization of our facilities, and much more. Click here to see more ways, Raritan Bay Medical Center is keeping its patients and the community safe.

# City of South Amboy Receives FEMA Grant

Press Release  
SOUTH AMBOY - Mayor Fred Henry is pleased to announce that the City of South Amboy is the recipient of a grant from the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Covid-19 Supplemental. Each year the Federal Government makes available funding to local firefighters to offset local costs for various needs. This year FEMA earmarked this funding to offset purchase costs for Personal Protective Equipment [PPE] to limit exposure of First

Responders to Covid-19.

Funding received from this grant provided for the purchase of facepiece adapters that allow our Firefighters to utilize their breathing masks to prevent exposure to airborne diseases.

Mayor Henry said “we always pursue grant opportunities when available, particularly when it allows us to enhance the safety of our First Responders. We are grateful to the staff at FEMA for providing us with this opportunity.”

# Downey, Benson & Houghtaling Bill to Allow Drivers Who Pass Road Test to Operate Vehicles During COVID-19 Pandemic Passes Assembly

Press Release 8/28/20  
TRENTON - Addressing the continued backlog of New Jersey residents waiting to get a driver’s license following the months-long closure of Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) offices amid COVID-19, legislation (A-4442) to allow drivers who have passed their road test to operate vehicles under the same restrictions as a probationary license for 60 days after passing a road test was approved Thursday by the full Assembly, 77-0.

Probationary license restrictions include: no driving between 11:01 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.; no more than one passenger in the vehicle with the driver; an identifying decal on the front and rear license plates for all probationary drivers under 21; and no use of cell phones, including hands-free. Some restrictions are subject to limited exceptions.

The measure’s sponsors,

Assembly Democrats Joann Downey (D-Monmouth), Daniel Benson (D-Middlesex) and Eric Houghtaling (D-Monmouth) released the following joint statement:

“When the Motor Vehicle Commission reopened agencies in June, an estimated 60,000 residents were waiting for road tests. The commission took swift action to address this backlog, including by bringing in 100 new examiners and setting up 11 temporary road test courses. However, reasonably speaking, it’s going to take some time before new drivers can schedule road tests and subsequently get a license, particularly as we continue to see long lines at the MVC.”

“We’d like to see drivers who’ve already passed their test get on the road as quickly and safely as possible. It’s only fair to allow these motorists to drive under probationary license restrictions in the interim.”

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**Pallone Announces Over \$597 Million in Funding for New Jersey Hospitals**

Press Release 7/17/20  
LONG BRANCH, NJ – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) announced that New Jersey hospitals will receive an additional \$597 million from the Provider Relief Fund established in the bipartisan Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that he helped pass in the House of Representatives in March. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced it will begin distributing the relief funding to hospitals in areas highly impacted by COVID-19 cases starting next week. Hospitals in New Jersey’s 6th Congressional district will receive over \$42.6 million. The hospitals include:

JFK Medical Center	Edison, NJ	\$11,280,023
Monmouth Medical Center	Long Branch, NJ	\$5,891,779
Raritan Bay Medical Center	Perth Amboy, NJ	\$2,634,928
RWJ University Hospital	New Brunswick, NJ	\$22,810,742

“Today’s announcement is welcome news, and I’m relieved that additional funding assistance is on the way to the hospitals and health care workers that have been on the frontlines of this crisis for the past six months. Over the past few months, I have repeatedly called on the Trump Administration to focus on targeting Provider Relief Fund aid to health care providers located in areas like New Jersey that have been hit hardest by the coronavirus,” Congressman Pallone said. “These requests rose from concern that the Administration’s early relief funding allocations lacked transparency and raised questions regarding the methodology used to distribute the \$175 billion Congress appropriated to help health care providers responding to the pandemic. As this crisis continues, I will continue to ensure that New Jersey has the resources and support it needs to fight this pandemic.”

A full list of hospitals in New Jersey that received funding is available here.

Pallone has helped to deliver the resources New Jersey health care providers need to combat the coronavirus pandemic. In June, Pallone announced that safety net hospitals in New Jersey received over \$280 million for coronavirus care. In May, Pallone announced that New Jersey hospitals received \$1.7 billion in funding from the Provider Relief Fund established in the bipartisan Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

# Pallone Announces Start of Cheesequake Creek Dredging

Press Release 8/27/20  
LONG BRANCH, NJ – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that the dredging of Cheesequake Creek has begun. The project will last until the end of September assuming there are no weather delays or mechanical issues. In February, Pallone announced securing \$4.1 million in federal funding for the dredging of Cheesequake Creek.

“I’m pleased the dredging of Cheesequake Creek is underway and am glad that I was able to help secure the funding necessary to ensure boaters can safely and efficiently access both the creek and the Raritan Bay,” Pallone said. “This project is essential to the local economy and will greatly benefit our

state for years to come. I would like to thank the Army Corps for their hard work on this critical project.”

Cheesequake Creek serves as an inlet from the Raritan Bay for hundreds of recreational vessels that utilize the five marinas on the creek. In recent years, sediment deposition in the creek has dramatically increased, impacting navigation, safety, and overall usage of the channel. The problem was exacerbated by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, resulting in large amounts of sediment being deposited in the waterway and further impacting its depth. The last maintenance dredging of the Cheesequake Creek was performed in 1989 by the state of New Jersey.

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Candidates Hand in Petitions 8/2 & 8/28/20 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang

Together Perth Amboy Can Do Better

Press Release 8/25/20  
PERTH AMBOY – Today local attorney Joseph B. Vas, Zoning Board Member Vanessa Bermudez, and longtime businessman Angel Mota Ramirez filed more than 2000 candidate nomination petitions with the City Clerk requesting that their names appear on the November 3rd general election ballot for Mayor and members of the City Council of Perth Amboy.

“I am running for Mayor because I believe I understand what matters to our community; lower taxes, strong schools, safe and clean streets and opportunities to succeed. We need a Mayor who is qualified to confront the complex legal, financial and mismanagement issues facing our City,” said Vas “I have an MBA, I earned valuable experience in public finance working for the New Jersey Department of Treasury and as a tax-cutting attorney, I helped nearly 1000 homeowner fight unfair property assessments and reduce their tax bills.”

Joining Vas on his ticket is Vanessa Bermudez who is a current member of the of the Perth Amboy Zoning Board, active member of the VFW, the Moose Lodge, Latino American Motor-



Candidates Joseph B. Vas, Zoning Board Member Vanessa Bermudez, and longtime businessman Angel Mota Ramirez file petitions

cycle Association, and is employed as a national sales manager for an LED manufacturing company. Bermudez has been a Perth Amboy resident for nearly 30 years is raising two daughters and a son alongside her husband, Anthony, a Middlesex County Sheriff’s Officer and former member of the Perth Amboy Board of Education.

“Perth Amboy has become so unsafe, that I am scared for our safety. We have never seen the regular gun shootings, stabbings, and attempted rapes the

City is experiencing,” stated Bermudez. “As a member of the Zoning Board, I have seen firsthand how the City’s overall lack of leadership and political interference and bickering has negatively impacted Perth Amboy’s quality of life and economic growth,” added Bermudez.”

Also on Vas’s ticket Angel Mota Ramirez, a self-made businessman and property owner, has served as a previous member of the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency (2002-2004) which has provided him

with insight into the potential improvement and job growth Perth Amboy possesses. He is a father of two boys and has dedicated himself to hard work, community involvement and activism.

“Perth Amboy is blessed with a great geographic location and strong labor force, but political considerations over the past 12 years seems to have rewarded outside developers with tax abatements subsidized by residential taxpayers, denying residents the same incentive and op-

portunity. It’s simply not fair to the taxpayers and business owners of Perth Amboy,” stated Mr. Mota Ramirez emphatically.

“It’s time Perth Amboy had a qualified team to provide the knowledge and vision to lead Perth Amboy out of the health and financial crisis we are facing. The past 12 years Perth Amboy residents have seen broken promises and failures at every level of local government” stated Vas.

Caba & the “2020 Vision” Team File Petitions for Perth Amboy Mayor & Council; Racks Up Key Endorsements

Press Release 8/27/20  
PERTH AMBOY - Councilman Helmin J. Caba and his “2020 Vision for Perth Amboy” running mates: Rose Brion Morales and Bienvenido “BJ” Torres filed 1,500 nominating petitions today with the City Clerk’s office to be placed on the Nov. 3rd ballot for Mayor and two City Council seats.

Caba’s “2020 Vision” Team has, so far, garnered support from 54 members of the city’s Democratic Organization, of which Caba has been Chairman since 2017. They also received endorsements from City Council President William Petrick; Councilwoman Milady Tejeda, former Council President Lisa Nanton, former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez, former Mayoral candidate Miguel Morales and former Councilwoman Nancy Muñiz, New Jersey’s first Puerto Rican elected official.

The powerful New Jersey State AFL-CIO, which represents 1,000 union locals, as well as Patricia Paradiso, president of the American Federation of Teachers-Local 857, will be supporting Caba’s “2020 Vision” Team this November. Current school board member and retired police detective Ken-



Councilman Helmin J. Caba and his running mates: Rose Brion Morales and Bienvenido “BJ” Torres filed petitions

neth Puccio, as well as former school board members Samuel Lebreault, Obdulia ‘Obi’ Gonzalez and Manuel Nuñez, are also putting their energy and support behind Helmin, Rose and Bienvenido.

Former 2016 Mayoral candidate, community leader and business owner, Miguel Nuñez, recently withdrew his 2020 mayoral bid to back the “2020 Vision” Team. “I believe Councilman Caba is clearly the best candidate for Mayor. We are a city of immigrants who represent flags from all over the

world, but we must now unite under the American flag and under a banner that says ‘Caba for Mayor’,” Nuñez said. “He is the leader Perth Amboy needs.”

“The reason that residents of Perth Amboy and key leaders in the community are coming together to support the “2020 Vision” Team, is because we are prepared to provide the solutions to the city’s ongoing issues,” said Bienvenido “BJ” Torres.

“We have assembled a knowledgeable and exceptional team to chart a new course for our

city,” said Torres, president of the Perth Amboy Arts Council, the founder of the Waterfront Neighborhood Association and a graduate teaching assistant at Rutgers University.

“We are blessed with a vibrant, diverse and hardworking population. The residents of Perth Amboy deserve better,” said Rose B. Morales, a curriculum coordinator at Middlesex County College and attended Rutgers University.

“Our focus on improving the quality of life of residents, improving public safety, and

addressing our city’s aging infrastructure are all on the forefront of our new vision. The “2020 Vision” Team will provide strong leadership that will ensure economic vitality, and responsible spending of our tax dollars, all while paying a strong pathway to success for our beloved city and our residents. The future of our city is at stake this November 3rd. We need to take our city back from all of the mismanagement and incompetence” said Caba.





Candidates Hand in Petitions 8/31/20 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Team Wilda Diaz 2020 Files Petitions



PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz, Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez and Junior Iglesias file petitions for the 2020 slate of Mayor and Perth Amboy City Council

Pabon is Focused on Perth Amboy First and Not Drama

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY – Mayoral Candidate and Former Council President Joel Pabon Sr. is leading the new decade with a renewed commitment to the City’s residents. While the current administration states it is moving forward given the current Coronavirus pandemic, Pabon feels differently.  
“It’s time to move Perth Amboy in a positive direction,” Pabon said. “Unfortunately, the current administration is not doing enough for our residents. Over the past years our city has been going in the wrong direction and it is time for a Change in Leadership.”  
As an avid trouble shooter, Pabon knows the issues and is committed to bringing common sense solutions to our City.  
“Our community has many quality of life issues, and my commitment to Perth Amboy has always been and will always be focused on Perth Amboy First,” Pabon stated. “Our residents deserve to know who will be looking out for them in the Mayor’s office when it



comes to addressing the problems that plague our town. A mayor who can get the job done and not Mayoral Candidates who like to berate our beautiful City’s image with misleading facts, instead of talking about a plan to help our City Prosper.”  
Pabon, a retired US Army First Sergeant and a retired Postal Service Manager with 34 years of service—of which 22 years was served in management, is a seasoned and experienced manager and Army veteran who will

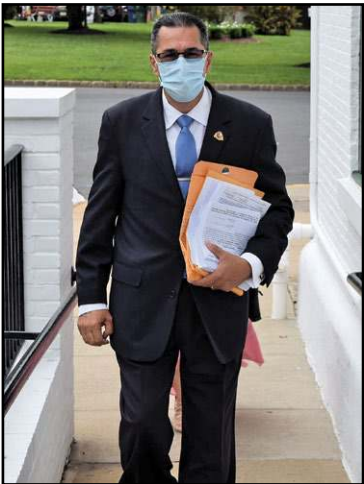
help turn the city around.  
“The first 100 days of being mayor is going to be critical because we can no longer afford a City administration neglecting the needs of the people,” said Councilman Pabon. “What residents don’t know is that our City is a strong Mayor and weak Council type of government where the buck stops at the Mayor’s desk—not anywhere else. You have candidates running for the Mayoral office who either don’t acknowledge our



troubles, or exaggerate them. For other candidates to say that we have “bodies piling up” or “turbulence” in our City, is an injustice to the character of our town. Political infighting is not “turbulence” and the “bodies piling up” comment is from left field. The drama needs to stop.”  
Pabon is running for Mayor because the alternative mayoral options are not going to help Perth Amboy move in a positive direction: “I will always keep fighting for Perth Amboy,” Pa-

bon said. “How can you expect the next mayor to lead our town if they don’t talk about their solutions, and only focus on mudslinging? The bottom line is: the other mayoral candidates can’t let go of the unproductive drama. Drama gets us nowhere. I’m focused on the residents first, and that is why I’m In It For YOU, Luchando Por Ti!”  
To find out more about the campaign, visit the Facebook page @InItForYou2020.

Fernando Irizarry Files Petitions



PERTH AMBOY - Councilman Fernando Irizarry who is running for mayor filed his petitions on Monday afternoon. Shown with Irizarry is his wife, Vivian flanking his left and his Aunt, Ada Piniero.





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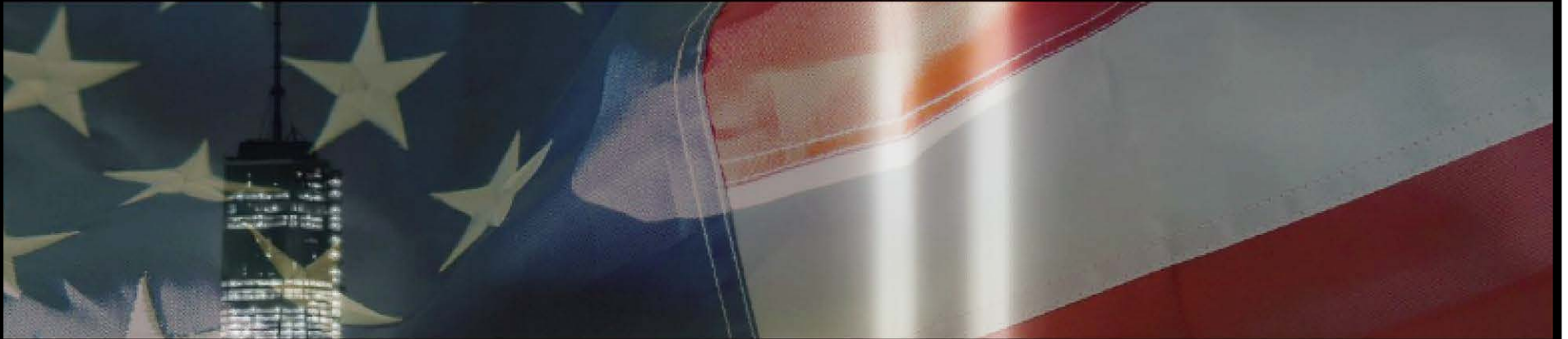


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## World War II - 75 Years Ago

**By Phil Kohn. Dedicated to the memory of his father, GM3 Walter Kohn, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, USNR, and all men and women who have answered the country's call in time of need. Phil can be contacted at [ww2remembered@yahoo.com](mailto:ww2remembered@yahoo.com).**

On August 31, 1945, U.S. Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur takes over command of the Japanese government in Tokyo and establishes the Supreme Allied Command Headquarters there. Occupation forces build at the rate of 300 troop-carrying planes per day. In China, the Nationalist Army takes control of Canton.

The U.S. Office of War Information on September 1, 1945, releases a report dealing with an expected world-wide coal shortage which is "of such proportions as to leave untouched no home or industry in any country," with particular reference to the situation in Europe. Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, ends military rule in the Philippines; control of all areas of the island nation reverts to the Commonwealth government. The 742-man Japanese garrison on Minami-Tori-shima, an isolated coral atoll in the northwest Pacific, about 1,150 miles southeast of Tokyo, surrenders to officers from the destroyer *USS Bagley*. The island had been bombed repeatedly by U.S. Navy planes beginning in 1942. The U.S. and Finland resume diplomatic relations.

Representatives of the Japanese government sign the articles of surrender on the deck of the battleship *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on September 2. The signing is witnessed by representatives of China, the U.K., the U.S.S.R., Australia, Canada, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the U.S. President Truman declares September 2 to be V-J Day in the U.S. but adds: "It is not yet the day for the formal proclamation of the end of the war nor of the cessation of the hostilities." In Vietnam, the Viet Minh, a communist and nationalist liberation movement led by Hồ Chi Minh, promulgates a declaration of independence from France and expresses the unity of the country from north to south as the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Hồ Chi Minh becomes president. In London, the government ends press censorship.

With the official Japanese surrender on September 2, 1945, and the earlier capitulations — by Italy (on September 8, 1943) and Germany (on May 7, 1945) — (most of) the active fighting against the Axis has come to a halt. But hostilities continue, and the U.S. — although civilian restrictions are eased — remains in a state of war.

Under U.S. law, when Congress declares war (which it did against the three main Axis nations in December 1941), the nation remains at war until either Congress — usually through legislation upon conclusion of a treaty of peace with the belligerent nation — or the President — via a proclamation — declares the war terminated.

Around the world, the shooting continues in many places — most prominently in China, where the Communists and the Nationalists vie for government control, but also in North Africa, the Middle East, southeast Asia and Korea. Old, pre-war frictions continue and, often, flare into violence. Anti-colonial trends around the globe heat up. And nations jockey for position in the new world order. Then, too, the world must deal with the aftermath of the recent global conflagration. With neither Congressional legislation nor a presidential proclamation ending it, the war — by law, for the U.S. — goes on. And, so, we continue to document the activity.

At Baguio, on Luzon, Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita surrenders Japanese forces in the Philippines on September 3. The surrender is accepted by U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, the American commander who had to surrender to the Japanese at Corregidor in 1942. (Wainwright — the highest-ranking American POW of the war — had been held captive by the Japanese in the Philippines, then on Formosa and, finally, in Manchukuo until August 1945, when he was freed by the Soviet Red Army.) Wainwright, emaciated and severely malnourished from his incarceration, is flown in specially to Baguio from Tokyo for the ceremony.

Japanese Emperor Hirohito on September 4 asks his people to cooperate in setting up a peaceful post-war state. The 2,200 Japanese troops on Wake Island surrender when they receive official word of their country's capitulation. Chinese Communist forces under Gen. Chu Teh, commander-in-chief of the (Chinese) Red Army, begin a general offensive to disarm surrendering Japanese troops and take control of all Chinese territory currently in Japanese hands.

Singapore is officially liberated by British and Indian troops, who go ashore on September 5. In Japan, Iva Toguri D'Aquino, a Japanese-American suspected of being wartime radio propagandist "Tokyo Rose," is arrested by Allied forces in Yokohama. In Washington, the U.S. State Department announces that the Japanese government ignored 19 American protests of atrocities committed against U.S. troops.

Japanese forces in the southwest Pacific surrender to the British aboard the aircraft carrier *HMS Glory* off the coast of New Britain at Rabaul on September 6. In Germany, Gen. of the Army Dwight Eisenhower, military governor of the American Occupation Zone, ends press censorship. British occupation troops arrest 44 prominent Ruhr industrialists.

In Berlin, an Allied victory parade is held on September 7. In Canberra, Australia, the government ratifies the United Nations Charter.

The U.S. 1st Cavalry Division enters the main part of Tokyo on September 8. In Korea, American troops continue to occupy the southern part of the country, while Soviet troops occupy the northern half, with the line of demarcation being the 38th Parallel. The arrangement proves to be the indirect beginning of a divided Korea.

Japanese authorities in Nanking, China, on September 9 sign surrender terms for over one million Japanese troops in China, Formosa and French Indochina. Japanese forces in Korea are surrendered at Seoul. Some 600,000 Japanese troops, including about 150 generals, are reportedly being held as prisoners by Soviet forces in Manchuria (Manchukuo, under the Japanese). Japanese naval forces in the Dutch East Indies surrender to the Australians at Morotai, in the Moluccas, while Japanese land forces surrender to the Aussies at Timor.

In Japan, Gen. MacArthur on September 10 orders the dissolution of the Imperial general headquarters and imposes censorship on the printed press and radio. In Oslo, Norway, Vidkun Quisling, the Norwegian Nazi leader, is sentenced to death. British troops land near Port Swettenham, Malaya, to enforce the Japanese surrender.

The Batu Lintang internment camp in Sarawak, Borneo, is liberated by Australian troops on September 11. Freed are 1,392 Allied POWs and 632 civilian internees, including 237 women and children. Found in the camp are "death orders" detailing how all the POWs and civilians were to be executed on September 15th. Portugal states that it is reasserting its authority over Portuguese Timor in the East Indies. Forty prominent Japanese are arrested for war crimes. When U.S. military police arrive at his home to arrest him, Hideki Tojo, Japanese prime minister for most of the war, attempts suicide to avoid facing a war-crimes tribunal. He shoots himself with a revolver just below his heart, but the wound is not fatal. After blood transfusions and administration of penicillin at the American hospital at Yokohama, his condition improves. The U.S. government designates "World War II" as the official name for the just-concluded international conflict. (Accordingly, the hostilities heretofore known as "The Great War" become "World War I.")

In Singapore, on September 12, British Admiral of the Fleet Lord Louis Mountbatten accepts the surrender of all Japanese forces in southeast Asia. Nationalist Chinese troops take control of Shanghai.

Japanese forces in Burma and on New Guinea formally surrender on September 13. In Germany, British military authorities publish a captured *Gestapo* "death list" that targeted 2,300 British and Allied notables, including Winston Churchill and the leaders of the French, Polish and Czechoslovak governments-in-exile. Free French troops and Indian and Gurkha soldiers of the British Army arrive in Saigon and free the Vichy French garrison (who had been imprisoned by the Japanese). All three forces — British, Free French and Vichy French — join in attempting to drive the Viet Minh out of Saigon. In the north of Vietnam, 150,000 Nationalist Chinese soldiers arrive in Hanoi after looting Vietnamese villages on their march from China. They proceed to loot Hanoi as well. In Germany, the Soviets establish a "German government" in their occupation zone; three of its eleven "directors" are communists.

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

Prayer St. Jude

*To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.*  
Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron 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.*

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CASA of Middlesex County is having online information sessions on the following dates: September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m.; September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. These sessions 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](mailto:nora@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org)

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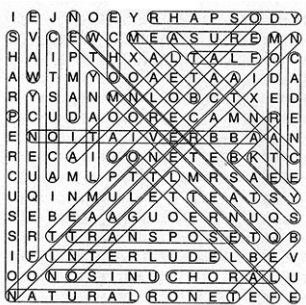
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PERTH AMBOY –Table Tennis at the old Tennis Court Building - 1960's.

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## YMCA of MEWSA to Reopen Facilities on September 1

METUCHEN/EDISON/ WOODBRIDGE/SOUTH AMBOY-After closing its facilities on March 17th due to safety concerns surrounding the spread of COVID-19, Governor Murphy's order closing gyms has been lifted and the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy will reopen its branches on Tuesday, September 1st. The reopening will be conducted under the guidance of state and local health authorities and will take place in phases.

"The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy has served the community for almost 100 years, during which we have made it through many challenging times together, none perhaps as impactful for our community and our Y as this COVID crisis," said Rose Cushing, President & CEO, YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy. "We are thrilled to reopen our facilities, welcoming back our members and the community, and getting back to what we do best – helping everyone reach their full potential."

In preparation for reopening facilities, the YMCA of MEWSA has been following guide-

lines from health experts and local officials to ensure all components of facilities, including fitness equipment and areas, locker rooms, child care, visitor areas and office spaces, are cleaned and sanitized to meet the highest standards for hygiene and safety. The Y has also modified policies and programs to facilitate safe social/physical distancing practices.

"When we closed our facilities in March, we did so to protect the health and well-being of all our staff, volunteers, members and participants. As we now reopen our facilities, we do so with that same commitment to keeping everyone who enters our doors safe," said Cushing.

According to Cushing, the Metuchen, Edison and South Amboy branches will be opening their doors on September 1st. Initial hours of operation will follow internal Phase I protocol designed to be rolled out with the safety of our members in mind. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 7am-12pm and 4pm-7pm (by appointment only). The facilities will be closed for Labor Day weekend and be resuming weekend hours beginning September 12th as follows: Sat-

urdays 7am-4pm and Sundays 12pm-4pm (also by appointment only). Indoor fitness will be limited to 25% capacity and there will be smaller Group Fitness classes to ensure adequate spacing between participants. Family swim, lap swim and swim lessons will also be offered. All offerings will be based on a reservation system which can be found at [www.ymcaofmews.org/schedules](http://www.ymcaofmews.org/schedules).

"We are so excited to reopen our facilities to our community. More importantly, however, our Y has always been more than a building. Our Y is about people – people from all backgrounds and walks of life who come together to improve their lives, nurture their families and strengthen their community," said Cushing. "We are so incredibly grateful to the people who have stood by us throughout these challenging times. You were here for your community when it needed it most, and we remain here for you."

For more information about reopening, membership renewal and reactivation and program registration, visit [www.ymcaofmews.org](http://www.ymcaofmews.org).

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## Assembly Passes Wimberly, Sumter & Reynolds-Jackson Bill to Remove Suspension of Driver's License from Unpaid Parking Ticket Penalties

Press Release 8/27/20

TRENTON – Currently, New Jersey driver's licenses can be suspended for failure to pay a traffic ticket or failure to show up in court to address the fine. The court notifies the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to suspend a person's driving privileges until the debt is paid.

"For many New Jerseyans, having your driver's license suspended can cause severe hardship. Many residents continue to drive to work and make money to pay the fine," said Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly. "If caught driving, they face possible arrest and potentially increasing their financial debt to the courts. It becomes a vicious cycle, hard on low-income families just trying to get ahead. It's time to stop this decades-long practice."

Assembly members Benjie Wimberly, Shavonda Sumter (Both D-Bergen, Passaic) and Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D-Mercer, Hunterdon) are sponsors of legislation (A-4527) that would eliminate the suspension of a person's driver's license as a penalty for failure to make required court appearances for outstanding parking tickets or failure to pay those tickets.

The bill cleared the Assembly, 75-2-0, on Thursday.

"Low-income and minority

communities— hard-working residents who are working to make ends meet for their families— are affected by this penalty the most," said Sumter. "License suspension makes it difficult for families to get to work or take their kids to school. Driving should not become a gamble over an unpaid parking ticket. One change in the law now will save many residents in the future from hundreds of dollars in debt over parking tickets."

"Many residents have spent a lot of time and money addressing an unpaid parking ticket, just one," said Reynolds-Jackson. "Paying a simple parking ticket for working class residents can send their finances into a tailspin, even worse when their license is suspended for the unpaid ticket. Too many residents have been negatively affected by this requiring suspension. This bill will provide much-needed relief for many drivers."

The bill also requires a motor vehicle registration suspension for failure to make more than five required court appearances related to outstanding parking tickets or for failure to pay more than five of those tickets.

The measure now goes the Speaker for further consideration.

## Turner, Reynolds-Jackson & Verrelli Decry Gun Violence in Trenton

Press Release 8/27/20

TRENTON – The devastating shooting of Vernetta McCray last weekend marks the 26th life lost at the hands of gun violence this year in the City of Trenton.

District 15 Legislators Senator Shirley Turner, Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson, and Assemblyman Anthony Verrelli (All D-Mercer, Hunterdon) met this week with Mercer County law enforcement officials to discuss and develop gun violence and public safety solutions for the City of Trenton.

The legislators met with the Mayor and Public Safety Director of the City of Trenton and representatives of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, Trenton Police Department, Mercer County Sheriff's Office, New Jersey State Parole Board,

New Jersey State Police, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice.

*"We are deeply saddened by the loss of another innocent life and distressed that gun violence continues to plague our capital city. Our residents should not live in fear that they will be shot while sitting on their porch and no one should ever have to suffer the loss of a loved one to gun violence."*

*"Keeping our community safe is a collaborative effort and we are grateful that our law enforcement officials are working together to stop the surge of violence in our neighborhoods, improve public safety, and address the needs of our youth and residents. However, the Trenton Police Department has been operating below staffing levels and with antiquated technological equipment for far too long,*

*and our capital city requires state of the art technology and more boots on the ground to ensure that we have adequate police presence to protect residents and deter crime."*

*"Now that our schools will be operating remotely and many children will have less structure in their day, we are concerned about how this will contribute to gang involvement and criminal behavior for children who are already at risk. We believe that community-based programs need to be created with the assistance of state and local agencies and partners."*

*"The delegation will be meeting with the Murphy administration and Lieutenant Governor Oliver in the coming weeks to request assistance and intervention that will address the needs of our community."*

## Murphy, Holley Measure Opposing Proposed Changes to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule Approved by Assembly

Press Release 8/31/20

TRENTON – A resolution, sponsored by Assemblywoman Carol Murphy (D-Burlington) and Assemblyman Jamel Holley (D-Union) expressing opposition to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) proposed weakening of the 2015 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule recently passed the full Assembly, 50-26-2. The measure has been filed with the Secretary of State.

"HUD's proposed changes would undo much of the AFFH rule claiming that the rule impeded the development and rehabilitation of affordable

housing and provided inadequate autonomy to HUD funding recipients," said Murphy. "The potential of these changes would turn the clock back the AFFH ruling and exacerbate housing inequities in not only New Jersey but across the country. It will hurt the communities that have benefitted from the ruling since its inception."

The AFFH rule encouraged communities receiving HUD funding to take steps towards meeting their federal Fair Housing Act obligations. The AFFH introduced a number of new measures aimed at enhancing fair housing, including:

- Providing clearer standards

for meeting fair housing obligations;

- Increasing access to data concerning fair housing conditions and access to opportunity, with new mapping and customizable assessment tools;
- Encouraging collaboration between jurisdictions including community input and participation; and
- Taking meaningful actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination.

"We let HUD know where New Jersey stands on these changes and protect the strides

we have made over the years in creating fair housing rules," said Holley. "These proposals would be detrimental to the communities we serve and residents in need of affordable housing units."

Copies of this resolution have been filed with the Secretary of State, and transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President and Vice President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and each member of Congress elected from this State.

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## Pallone Announces \$575,000 in Funding to Support Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Press Release 8/28/20  
LONG BRANCH, NJ – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that 180 Turning Lives Around, Inc. in Monmouth County will receive a grant for \$575,000 to expand legal assistance and support for women who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The funding will help pay for legal expenses related to final restraining orders, divorces, child custody cases, and housing. The award was made through the Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women. In March, Pallone wrote a letter of support for the organization’s funding request.  
“I’m proud to announce that 180 Turning Lives Around will

receive this funding that is so critical to helping women in our community secure legal assistance and support during a very difficult time. This funding will go a long way to ensure that survivors have the resources and support they need to feel empowered as they navigate the legal system,” Congressman Pallone said. “I would like to thank 180 Turning Lives Around for the important work they do in our community.”  
Founded in 1976, 180 Turning Lives Around, Inc. is Monmouth County’s leading non-profit for advocacy and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Nearly half of its clients have reported incomes under \$20,000 per year.



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