Questions About the Budget, Parking Problems & **Questioning PILOTS Among Topics Discussed**

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2/23/22 Caucus & Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell Ordi-PERTH AMBOY nances were discussed first and Executive Director Office of Economic and Community Development Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency Annie Hindenlang spoke via Zoom in reference to Ordinance No.1 (First Reading) - Adopting amendment to the Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area #1.

She explained that this is close to the intersection of Convery Boulevard and Smith Street Regarding the vacant Dunkin Donuts location (the small strip mall by the Animal Shelter). "They want to place an Urgent Care Center there. This will have to go to the Planning Board first, and then to you (the council)."

The next item for discussion was Ordinance No.2 (First Reading) – Vehicle and Traffic. Regarding parking restrictions at the Public Safety Complex Parking Lot.

Business Administrator Michael Green stated, "This is to enforce the signage."

Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano came forward to give more details. "The teachers have been parking there and visitors have no place to park. We need to put a time limit. What we are talking about is where the Fire Department and Code Enforcement are. These are additional line items and are not touching the existing permit parking spaces."

Council President Bill Petrick spoke up, "At one time during a previous administration, they wanted permit parking at the Y for the Triangle Restaurant."

Councilman B.J. Torres suggested that the city put more permit parking in case of future developments which could take up spaces.

Business Administrator Michael Green discussed R-111/2-22 - Appointing Maria J. Rivera as a Qualified Purchasing Agent.

We are lucky to have her, and she is an exceedingly qualified individual."

Green then jumped ahead to R-114-2/22 – Increasing the bid threshold to \$44,000.

He explained that this is going from the amount of \$17,500 to \$44,000. He also said about Ms. Rivera, that we are lucky to have an in-house individual who took the required test and passed for this position.

Maria Rivera then came up to speak to clarify what is meant by the bid threshold. "Any purchases that are made in our department, the council has to approve if the amount is \$17,501 of purchases. The bid threshold is different and if you want to change that amount from \$44,000, you can, but I don't think you would want to do

Green then spoke about R-112-2/22 – Authorizing emergency temporary appropriations to extend the calendar year 2022 Temporary Budget in the amount of \$657,577.43.

"There are three portions to the budget: the introduction will be March 31st and the adoption will be April 29th or the next scheduled council meeting which will be May 9th. Due to Covid, the state gave the city additional time to do their budget. I will discuss the parameters of the budget when we go into closed session."

Council President Petrick spoke up, "The state only gives more time if it is needed. Our local ordinance calls that it be done in a more timely basis and the CFO says that it can be done."

Green said, "The budget is not ready for tonight's meeting.'

Petrick then asked, "Can you have it ready by February

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch replied, "No, that is two days from tonight's meeting."

CFO/Comptroller Jill Goldy

came up to the mike. She stated that when former Law Director Peter King was here, he stated that our city ordinance cannot supersede the state ordinance. "We have financial reports that have to be extended. Certain forms have to be filed first. The ordinance that is in place now doesn't give you what you want. Everything has to be filed with the state first."

Petrick then stated, "We (the council) want enough time to look at the budget. The administration holds it too long and when it is given to us, we only have a short period of time to look through it."

Goldy responded, "Different municipalities have different procedures for doing their budgets. Mr. Green and I have discussed giving you the budget as soon as possible. Remember, this is his first time doing this."

Councilman Joel Pabon had a question regarding R-116-2/22 - Exercising option two for a third year of a three-year contract with Custom Care Services Inc. for maintenance of city parks and properties commencing April 1, 2022, and terminating on November 5, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$77,850.

"What exactly do they do? We go through this every single year. I don't remember this company."

Acting Director of Public Works Matthew Nieves answered via Zoom. "They take care of 9.3 acres of lawn maintenance which includes our baseball fields, the entire waterfront, and do maintenance on our grass from mid-April to mid-November. They help with leaf cleanup and tree trimming at about twelve locations throughout the city. Just before Memorial Day and just after Labor Day, they also do mulch-

There was a discussion regarding R-119-2/22 - A contract with the IPS Group for the purchase of 4 pay stations to be used at various locations in the city in an amount not to exceed \$25,383.17.

B.A. Green explained, "These will be located on New Brunswick Avenue, Smith Street, and Fayette Street. People can use



PERTH AMBOY - Police Officer Lt. Christopher Joy was honored at the 2/23/22 Caucus Meeting

*Photo by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Former Councilman and Planning Board Member David Szilagyi was honored at the 2/23/22 Caucus Meeting *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

ApplePay to pay for their parking fee and newer technology."

question regarding R-121-2/22 - Accepting a grant from Middlesex County thru the Office of Art and History for the 2022 General Operating and Support Grant Program in the amount of

"According to what it says, it would be for the Waterfront Festival."

Dianne Roman from the Department of Human Services responded via Zoom. "It is an annual grant for the Waterfront Arts Festival. If that festival does not take place, we can use that money for programming. We are looking to have the festival at the end of May, but the date has not been finalized."

The next item for discussion was R-122-/22 - Authorizing initiation of competitive con-

tracts for professional marketing services for the creation of Councilman B.J. Torres had a a comprehensive digital media plan and marketing program. Green explained that the sales tax for those who qualify for the UEZ Program will be 3.325%.

Council President Petrick asked, "Are we going to expand our UEZ Program?"

Green explained, "The UEZ Program had lapsed under Governor Christie and now it has been reinstated."

Before the meeting was opened to the public, there was an interview of Green Team Applicant Vikiana Urena.

Urena was interviewed via Zoom. She stated that she only had a brief time to speak because she was at work at Wegmans. "I am currently a college

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Dr. Nelson Aluya Recipient of Distinguished **Humanitarian Award from Paramount Care Centers**

NEW JERSEY - On Wednesday

evening, February 23rd, Paramount Care Centers of New Jersey celebrated a gala evening honoring the outstanding contribution of the African medical profession in the communities of New Jersey. In tribute to a visionary, who

is recognized throughout the world for his efforts on behalf of humanity, Dr. Nelson Aluya received the coveted Paramount Care Centers' Humanitarian Award. Dr. Aluya has led multiple local and international medical missions providing his expertise and selfless service to low social economic groups and migrant families. As president of the Nigerian American Public Affairs Committee (NA-PAC), he has been working tirelessly on behalf of the Nigerian peoples here and in his home-

Many distinguished colleagues and members of the medical community at large attended the event, attesting to their high regard and admiration of Dr. Aluya. The award was presented by Dassy Schechter, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development, who spoke highly of the doctor's altruistic efforts.

Dr. Aluya was overwhelmed by the accolades and honor and noted in his remarks that "never was something done on this level for his community." He thanked the administration of Paramount Care Centers profusely for the recognition and expressed deep appreciation for their ongoing collaboration.

Paramount Care Centers' nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities offer long term care, sub-acute and rehabili-







tative services of the highest hanced patient outcomes and quality to their residents. They client satisfaction. are committed to achieving en-

Supporting Local Businesses Emphasized 2/16/22 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust SOUTH AMBOY – The meeting was held virtually due to

Council President Mickey Gross advised the council that there were two police grievances. The consent agenda, bill list and minutes were passed.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato was pleased that another traffic ordinance was on the agenda. It was noted by Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski that City Clerk Deborah Brooks makes sure of the status of handicapper parking spots are updated (people move away,

Council Comments: Councilman Tom Reilly thanked the first responders, food pantry volunteers and donors and the Department of Public Works for their work in the recent snowstorm. "Please support local businesses." Reilly stated that he wanted to do something for the upcoming Government Week and that there were some people vital to our community he would like the council to recognize.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin stated that the DPW did a great job. He noted the recent passing of Jerry Garnett and

offered his condolences to the \$180,000 grant for the pavilion family. He asked for an update in front of City Hall. The Allie on the speedbumps. B.A. Glenn Skarzynski an-

swered, "They are ordered, but not arrived." Council Vice President Chris-

also emphasized the importance hard work." of supporting local businesses.

"The little guys need our support. Try to tell other people how good our businesses are." Council President Mickey

Gross said, "Public Works did a great job. Mr. Garnett – We will miss him. The South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on March 20th. There will be a special tribute to the Fire Department. Pray it will be a nice day. The Fireworks are on July 2nd. If your band wants to play or if you are a food vendor and want to participate, see Mr. Skarzynski. October 1st is the Irish Festival. Support our local business. I may pay one dollar more, but I can look our business owners in the eye."

Mayor Fred Henry said, "We've got a million-dollar grant thanks to Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and a

Clark Complex will be done by summer. It will be a beautiful ballpark. The next meeting will have the ferry on the agenda. My condolences to the family tine Noble was happy that in- of Jerry Garnett. I would like person meetings will return in to thank the Fire Department, First Responders, First Aid, and Councilwoman Zusette Dato Police Department for all your

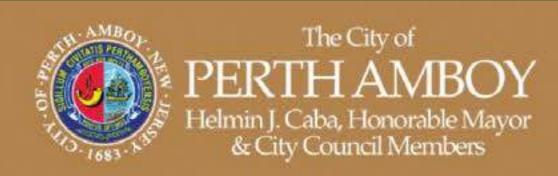
B.A. Glenn Skarzynski thanked Councilwoman Zusette Dato for the Valentine's Day Cake she gave to the staff at City Hall. "It was appreciated by the staff."

Law Director Francis Womack stated he was working on the grievance memo, and it would be on the agenda in a closed session. He also stated that the lawsuit with Venetian will go to court at the end of March. Public Portion:

The only person to speak was Mary Szaro who asked about the re-warding of South Amboy.

City Clerk Deborah Brooks stated she would email Szaro what the new wards were.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. All council members were



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Honoring Perth Amboy's resident and first African American to vote under the just-enacted provisions of the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

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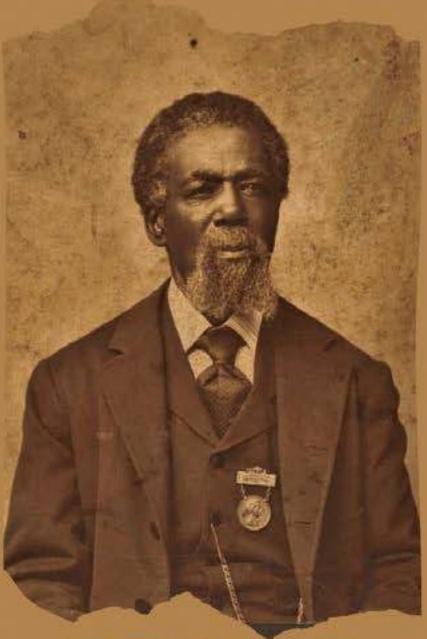


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- · Connecting our modern understanding and relationship between citizenship and suffrage

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EDITORIAL

Correction and A Great Divide or Not

February 7, 2022, Caucus Meeting said by Councilwoman Milady Tejeda at that was misquoted in the February 16, 2022, issue of the Amboy Guardian on page 1, 4th column, 6th paragraph of the story, "Sparing of a nightmare because of it being Entertainment ordinance Takes Center Stage". In the sentence, Tejeda spoke up, "The Puerto Rican Festival was chaotic." Should read, "I've been to the Puerto Rican Festival that they do at Rudyk Park, and it is chaos to find a parking space." The Amboy Guardian regrets this

Because we left out the word, "parking" I received two phone calls regarding this mistake stating it has caused some people to become upset. I misquoted a statement that Councilwoman Milady Tejeda at the February 7, 2022, Caucus Meeting.

In the past, the Amboy Guardian has always made corrections upon request. We were just surprised when we heard this particular misquote caused a division in the community. All I can say, if this is something that can divide our community, we are definitely going in the wrong

I have been to many festivals held in Perth Amboy (small and huge) and I when I saw a post on Facebook when a person said that they should uninvite Councilwoman Tejeda to the Puerto Rican festival, I almost fell off my chair. I've haven't to been to the Puerto Rican festival in a while, but I don't remember it ever being "by invitation only". People are too busy living their lives to be caught up in the politics of a small group of Let's get our priorities straight. people who will do anything to Carolyn M.

There was a misquote at the push their agenda. I know what a huge inconvenience it is to have some of these larger festivals in heavily populated residential areas. I remember when the Puerto Rican Festival was held on Hall Avenue, and it was on a bus route that many people took. But despite the crowds, the chaos, the traffic, the parking, the inconvenience, people still came to the festivals. After a long, stressful workweek, they just want to get out and enjoy the festivities with their families and friends. Include me in that

> Our problems are very minuscule compared to what is going on in Ukraine. Just think about this, because of our (Keystone) pipeline being shut down in America while getting supplies of oil from Putin is making him very wealthy. These sanctions are doing very little to hurt his pocket. Putin is the richest man Russia. All those who say they want to tax the wealthy people are basically taxing the lower class with consumer prices that are high and getting even

> We talk about green energy. There is nothing wrong with that, but it takes time to transition into green energy. You just don't flip a switch and the whole country is green. You also have to look at countries that tried renewable energy and wound-up fall back on fossil fuels when green energy didn't go as planned. This technology must be perfected before being implemented. The best laid plans of mice and men often go

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I am a resident of Perth Am-

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Woodbridge Council Meeting,

America **Supports** Ukraine

Looks like the Russian military invaded and attack the Ukraine for what reason we ask. Ukraine is a free and peaceful country with its own Govern-

Concern Over Buckeye Project

To: Sergio Diaz Chairperson Perth Amboy Planning Board Re: Buckeye Terminal -- Docket#3121/1175-1281 State Street

Dear Mr. Diaz:

Kindly express this letter of concern to board members regarding the project proposed by representatives of the Buckeye

of an emergency. The article attached describes the difficulties of community Fire Departments responding to such potentially huge explosive events. Provid-

February 2, 2022 meeting.

by supplying Ukraine with military weapons. The outstanding Orlando "Wildman" Perez certainly doesn't lesson my Perth Amboy Terminal at the

I appreciate a further review of the application as it affects the public and the community living in Perth Amboy. These ations at Buckeye in the event comments are further documentation of concerns made at the February 2, 2022 board meet-

part is the Ukraine's President

stayed put to defend his country

- a true leader. Plus, many or-

dinary Ukrainians are "Armed

and Ready" to fight back. So,

lets support those Ukrainians

and tell Mr. Putin "Get Out" of

Respectfully, Vincent Mackiel

Statement Calling to Denounce the Proud Boys in Woodbridge *NAACP* Perth Amboy Area Branch

We, the undersigned organizations, unequivocally denounce the Proud Boys, and condemn their hateful public comments made at the December 14, 2021 Woodbridge Township, NJ Council Meeting. We call for the elected and appointed officials of Woodbridge Township to join us in standing against this designated terrorist hate

While it was encouraging to learn that two members of the Woodbridge Human Rights Commission had the conscience and courage to publicly denounce the Proud Boys on the record at their February 7, 2022 HRC Meeting, it was discouraging to learn that the Proud Boys showed up in even larger numbers to the February 15th and that they were yet again welcomed by certain residents in attendance. One self-identified member of the Proud Boys again spoke anonymously during public comments, wearing a Proud Boys "POW J6 2021 You Are Not Forgotten" shirt, disgracefully comparing those rightfully arrested for the deadly January 6th Capitol Insurrection to our nation's military prisoners of war missing in ac-

As expressed by the Chair of the Woodbridge Human Rights Commission, the Proud Boys' involvement in the January 6th Insurrection alone should be enough to denounce them. Combined with the fact that the Proud Boys have been designated a hate group by both the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and also classified as a terrorist entity by the Canadian government, a refusal by community leaders to denounce them would be immoral, irresponsible, and inex-

And as the students of the Woodbridge Township School District recite in their Anti-Racism Pledge: "I pledge to honor

stand against racism wherever it appears." Our elected and appointed officials must be held to the same standard that we hold our children, and stand against this hateful attack on Woodbridge. We call on Woodbridge lead-

and embrace diversity and to

ers to follow the example of other communities targeted by the Proud Boys (such as Rockville Centre, NY and the Orange County Schools district, NC) that had the conscience and courage to denounce this defined terrorist hate group, and make it clear that they are not welcome- that hate has no home in Woodbridge Township.

Sincerely,

NAACP Perth Amboy Area Woodbridge Youth for Liberation and Equity (WYLE) Positive Change Woodbridge NAACP Rahway Branch NAACP of Southern Burling-

Branch NAACP Metuchen Edison Area Branch

NAACP - New Brunswick Area

Black Community Watchline NJ21United

I'll Gladly Pay You Tuesday for a Hamburger **Today**

Democratic Senators Mark Kelly of Arizona and Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire introduced a bill that would temporarily suspend the federal gas tax until the end of 2022. They remind me of J. Wellington Wimpy, who famously said "I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today." In this case,

it would be a discount for the ties. The loss of billions would Trust Fund. This is a critical and transit projects.

A federal gas tax holiday would result in Uncle Sam not collecting \$0.18 for every gallon of gas purchased.

The Highway Trust Fund already faced financial difficul-

cost of filling up your gas tank. have to be made up at a later Tuesday may never come for date. This kicks the can down motorists who have to pay for the road for members of the these proposed goodies. What 2023 Congress session. They neither Senator addressed is the will have to decide how to make result which would be billions up the lost billions. They will less going into the Highway either raise taxes, transfer revenue from another source or source of funding for highway reduce the scope or number of transportation funded projects. Motorists and transit riders will

> Sincerely, Larry Penner

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City Council, Caucus, 5:30 p.m. City Hall, High St. & Zoom

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www.amboyguardian.com to see if the meeting will take place via phone or video conference or for updates on meeting times, places, and details how to participate.



Mayor Caba Supports Study for Outerbridge Crossing

February 17, 2022

PERTH AMBOY- Mayor Helmin J. Caba released the following statement in response to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's decision to study the widening of the Outerbridge Crossing between central New Jersey and Staten Island:

"I support this study that intends to improve the quality of life of commuters and residents in this neighborhood. This bridge has connected people for over 90 years and has been a critical component to facilitate travel in our city and beyond. The expansion, regardless, will alleviate congestion, improve traveler safety, and economic growth."

Pallone Statement on Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Press Release 2/24/22 LONG BRANCH, NJ - Con-

gressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today issued the following statement on Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine:

"The premediated attack on Ukraine is nothing less than an all-out assault on a sovereign, independent democracy. This invasion has already endangered countless innocent lives and destabilized peace and cooperation in Europe. I stand with President Biden and the united coalition he has organized in condemning the unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces. The United States will act swiftly his actions will cause.'

and decisively with our allies to show Putin that this invasion has no place on the European

The United States has rebuilt our alliance and partnerships over the past year and our unified action will ensure steep consequences for this violent attack. I will continue to work with the Biden Administration, my colleagues in Congress, and our international partners to ensure we are acting in a unified front to address this threat head on. We must treat Putin as the bloodthirsty autocrat that he is and make him pay for the needless and unnecessary suffering 6. The Amboy Guardian *March 2, 2022 March 2, 2022 * The Amboy Guardian .7

TOP 21 HIGHLIGHTS IN 2021 LO MÁS DESTACADO DE LA GESTIÓN EN 2021 Honorable Mayor Helmin J. Caba

NO Tax Increase in 2021.



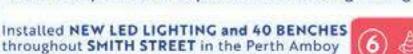
Almost 90% VACCINATION RATE through the COVID-19 Taskforce efforts (ages 18+ with one dose).

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LARGEST hire of 17 NEW POLICE OFFICERS in Perth Amboy History. In addition, hired (7) Auxiliary Officers, (5) Special One Officers and (1) Special Two Police Officers.



Expedited the REPAVEMENT of 14 streets and Marina parking lots. Repaired all co (ADA Compliance) and pedestrian crossings along the 14 streets, Market and Smith.



Added 400 NEW garbage and recycling collection STOPS with the automated side loader trucks.



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27 STREETS repaired using our equipment and technology for POTHOLE patch management services. Pruning of 63 TREES throughout the city, Removed 21 abandoned pay phones and kiosks across the city that



REPAINTED 185 postal mailboxes, 36 park walls, 5 bridges/underpasses, and approximately 300 fire hydrants through the Anti-graffiti Taskforce efforts.



Issued 1,926 BUILDING PERMITS and performed 3,392 CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS.



Performed 5,501 CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTIONS in areas of compliance, zoning, roads, dumpsters, variance, unsafe/illegal housing, rubbish, overgrowth and spot inspection.



Groundbreaking of PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL, the largest school build project by



New Jersey's School Development Authority.



Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Reform Bill signed into law, restoring the UEZ Program to benefit our local BUSINESSES with tax incentives for economic growth.



Conducted 4.578 FIRE PREVENTION inspections throughout the city.



Issued \$150,165.18 in TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE. Issued \$726,000.00 in SMALL BUSINESS direct grants.



Allocated \$1.8 Millon to WATER infrastructure projects.



Groundbreaking of BORINQUENEER PARK, 2nd Street.



Organized 13 citywide cleanups with the GREEN Team and 1,300 volunteers.



Made Perth Amboy HISTORY with Middle Passage Port Marker installation and FIRST Middlesex County Park dedicated to Thomas Mundy Peterson.



U15 WILDCATS as the United States Youth Soccer Eastern Presidential Cup Champions and finalist of National President's Cup.



Hosted 100th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony and Plaque Dedication of the 1921 Train Accident.



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Questions About the Budget, Parking Problems & Questioning PILOTS Among Topics Discussed

2/23/22 Caucus & Council Meeting

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student, a sophomore at Middlesex College studying education. I will be transferring to Rutgers University. I've been to some of the Green Team Meetings and participated at some of

their projects.' There was a brief discussion on Communication No. 4 -New Jersey Division of ABC submitted a notice of final determination (Offer in Lieu of Suspension). The Director having accepted payment of \$2,832 on February 2, 2022, in lieu of suspension of license for twelve days, and Notice of Disposition of Prima, Fache Contraband in the matter of the Division of ABC versus Royal N. Inc. for violation of executive orders.

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch explained, "This is the El Patio Bar and it separate from the other issue that the city has been having with them. This an executive order from the Governor."

Council President Petrick instructed Kupsch to please let the ABC know this is the El Patio Bar. "It seems that they may be using a corporate name." Public Comments:

Resident Ken Balut spoke first. "I know that there is something important going on when you go into closed session because Northgrave (former Law Director) is sitting here in the audience tonight. When you talk about giving out PILOTS, it's the taxpayers money. What about money for our schools and the library? There is no more money for anyone. You should have someone from the Board of Education here. There are a lot of people who are employed by the city who will not be affected by these PILOTS because they do not live in the city. There are new projects for housing, and they want a PILOT. We always go behind closed doors to discuss PILOTS, but you never give us the details or the cost to the taxpayers. We have a developer in town who got \$13.5 million from Atlantic City. We have so far received \$6.4 million from the America Recovery Act, but our Animal Control Officers let

Resident Junior Iglesia came up next. He read a report. "The city has \$1.6 million in surplus money and the property taxes pay 74% of the city's revenue and the city has collected 100% of the taxes from the residents for the last 5 years. We have also received \$1.1 million of Covid aid for the years of 2020 and 2021. We have received over \$8 million of the \$50 million that we are due from the America Rescue Act. As a taxpayer, I would like the council and the administration to use 5%-10% of the American Rescue Act to lower our taxes. We deserve a tiny bit of a break. We are paying more taxes than other towns.

Council President Petrick responded, "We always fought

for lower taxes when Diaz was being evaluated? There are a lot Resident Vince Mackiel came hard to breathe at certain times up next. He referenced Commuof the day. We should have an nication 5,6,7 all having to do

with Buckeye. "They are look-Resident Dave Szilagyi was ing to expand by adding a buildrecognized at the meeting for ing of 1,000 feet and will go his service to the community (as down to the Waterfront which a Councilman and a member of would encompass 6-7 blocks. the Planning Board). Szilagyi Right now, they are in tax court. thanked the council for recog-We need to be concerned about nizing him, especially Council the future safety of our com-President Bill Petrick, Councilmunity. Notify any resident that man Joel Pabon and also City will be affected by Buckeye's Clerk Victoria Kupsch. "Who expansion. We are trying to build a new future beyond fossil fuels. It is going into another direction in the future. In certain areas, it is a big mess. The Second Street Park is moving in the best direction. Will they (Buckeye) be using State Street? The county already approved the road that Buckeye wants to go to expand on. We need infrastructure for our future." Resident Virginia Morales came up to speak about her Uncle Manny Pacheco who recently passed away. Other family members joined her at the mike. Virginia said, "We are here to celebrate Manny Pacheco who dedicated 40 years of his life to Perth Amboy. I think it would be great to have murals of ordinary citizens (who have made contributions to the community) who were not politicians. We're

as the Pacheco Gallery of the Arts, and we are asking for your the butt." guidance to help with this." Elizabeth Pacheco, who is the sister of Manny Pacheco said, "At the viewing for my brother, Wilda (Former Mayor Diaz) made kind comments about my brother. My brother also taught a lot of poor children. Helmin (Mayor Caba) said he would

make this happen." City Clerk Victoria Kupsch spoke up, "I'm not sure if this would be under the ordinance such as honoring of people by naming a street after them."

Petrick spoke, "I guess the building could be the Pacheco Center.

Kupsch then reminded Petrick, "Right now, it is known as the Patten Center (The Building on where is it? Why were one of the corner of Fayette and Reade

> Councilman Joel Pabon said, "There are not many people who don't know him (Manny Pacheco). I always saw him as a happy going fellow. He is leaving a legacy behind, and he gave a lot to the children." Pabon then stated that Pacheco would teach people to play an instrument even if they didn't have any money to pay him, as long as you were willing to

The meeting was opened up to those on Zoom:

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke first: She referenced the communications referring to Buckeye and their plans for in 30 days to talk about what us are paying lower taxes." they plan to do. They seem to be very active. Is the air —quality

of pollutants and sometimes it is environmental commission."

were all there back in the day." He stated that the council was different back then because they would engage the audience (when they spoke) in long discussions back and forth often leading to meetings that lasted to 1 a.m. He thanked former Mayors Joe Vas and Wilda Diaz, former City Engineer Mike Carr, and former City Employee George Szetela, who were never recognized for their service. He stated of Mayor Vas, "Who I was in a 16-year journey with. In the beginning, we did many good things for the city. But unfortunately, it did not end in a very a good manner." He thanked Mayor Diaz for appointing him to the Planning Board for 13 years. He thanked Residents Ken Balut, Alan Silber, David Caba, and Reinaldo Aviles who always came to the asking to see if the Art Gallery meetings out of concern for the on Fayette Street can be known city and its residents. "Even if sometimes they were a pain in

> After Szilagyi spoke, the council went into closed session at 7:14 p.m. The council returned at 8:50 p.m. to adjourn the caucus meeting. The regular council meeting started at 8:51

Public Comments on Agenda

Resident Ken Balut came up first. He referenced R-111-2/22 Appointing Maria J. Rivera as a qualified purchasing agent. "She deserves a raise." Balut then addressed Communications regarding Buckeye. "Is there enough water pressure in the areas that they are located

Council President William Petrick answered, "No. There will be an installation of water tanks, but this is not addressing what they want to put in place which has to put to the Planning Board first."

Balut then asked, "Are you adding any late-starters on tonight's agenda such as adding PILOTS? And if you will be doing this, I would like to know the detailed facts, what money is coming in, and to whom. We will need to have studies to show how the PILOTS will affect our schools and traffic. It's taxpayers' money. I was born and raised in this town. You (the council) are looking out for yourselves and not the taxpayers. How much money will the taxpayers get? The children expansion. "The Buckeye ap- and elderly deserve the money. plication was supposed to be Towns that are much nicer than

> The next person to come up to speak was resident Vince Mack-



PERTH AMBOY - The family of Manny Pacheco requested the council to consider naming the Gallery of the Arts after Pacheco who did so much for the community of Perth Amboy at the 2/23/22 Caucus *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

iel. "With Buckeye, they store and after that, we hired an adhigh amounts of natural gas ditional 13 officers. We started and crude oil. You have to assure that this is safe. Now, this company wants to expand their tracks and facilities. Buckeye have illegal housing and are has to help this community to

Mackiel also read a letter to the council (page 4). He also read an article ("The Smoke Column: By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, B.A., M.S. in the South Amboy Sayreville Times) detailing an accident that happened in another state that during the transportation of crude

No one spoke on Zoom.

The council voted on the ordinances. Ordinance No. 1 -Entitled Designating Restricted Parking Spaces for use by Handicapped Persons regarding deletions. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 1 (First Reading) – Adopting amendments to the Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area No. 1. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. When polled individually, Pabon was the

only one who voted, "No." Ordinance No. 2 (First Reading) - Entitled Vehicles and Traffic. Regarding parking restrictions at the Public Safety Complex Parking Lot. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. For the consent agenda, R-109

was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. R-118 was removed. Resident Ken Balut spoke first. He asked, "Did the FBI come to the city to speak to

thru R-117; R-119 thru R-125

CFO Jill Goldy about city busi-Business Administrator Mi-

chael Green said, "The FBI was here about you."

Balut responded, "I called the FBI. I have a lot of information and have other investigations that will be coming up. PILOTS should be addressed. Where else is the money going to from the American Recovery Act?" Balut stated that if he were still on the council, former Business Administrator Fehrenbach would have put in a ten-year plan for this money. If I had \$16 million (for the city), I would have had a plan. In 1978, when I was on the force, we hired 21 police officers. Out of 21, only 19 graduated form the academy,

to make the city safe. Now, we have a homeless and drug problem." He then stated that people adding additions to their houses without permits, so you are not taxing them correctly. "You are responsible if there are fires in these illegal housing units."

No one spoke on Zoom. Council Comments: Councilwoman Rose Morales had no comments.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "I want to thank the city and also Jeanette Rios from the Parking Utility. The lights were finally fixed at the parking lot by the post office. One of the supervisors who works at the post office was thankful, especially when she has to go to work at 1 a.m. I was surprised when I read about the talks going on regarding the Outerbridge. We should have been involved, especially if they want to expand that bridge. They were pointing the fingers at us for not moving on this bridge and we were blaming the other side." Pabon then talked about the city's parks, "Some of them still have broken equipment. I hope they are fixed before they open up and the parks should be open now. Our Fire Chief has been doing inspections on Buckeye properties. I'll let him know to be here at the next meeting to answer questions regarding Buckeye's plans." Pabon then asked for the status on the proposed Thomas Mundy Peterson site.

Business Administrator Green said he would take care of that. Councilwoman Milady Tejeda said, "I thank all who attended the meeting tonight and those who spoke on Zoom." She was concerned also about some of the lights that were out and if PSEG could be informed.

B.A. Green said he would speak to PSEG.

Tejeda then talked about an article that was in the paper where she was misquoted, "That caused a division in our community. I encourage you to listen to the recording at the 2/7/22 caucus meeting to hear exactly what I said."

Councilman B.J. Torres asked if there was a plan on what to do

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Opinion: Russia vs. Ukraine

Russia has invaded Ukraine. I am part Ukrainian and a member Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption. As the priest in my church said in his homily, "It is David vs. Goliath". The President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky and his family had the option of leaving but he elected to stay with his people and fight knowing very well that he and his family will be the #1 target of the Russians.

Many Ukrainian citizens are bunkering down in the subways, basements, etc. While men of ages 18-60 are ordered to stay and fight, many women have also chosen to stay and fight. One cannot but admire the strength and resolve of the Ukrainian people. They would rather die than live under dictator Vladimir Putin who wants to bring back the so-called glory of the Soviet Union.

I had the opportunity to visit what was the then Soviet Union when was in college in the summer of 1986. Back then, Mikhail Gorbachev was General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Gorbachev staged a last attempt to save the communist system with his Glasnost policy with more openness and transparency of government in the Soviet Union. Recently I was asked if I liked it there, and I answered, a frank, "No." In my opinion, the people were empty and cared about little more than what they didn't have. Many on the trip sold their American blue jeans and sneakers to the local youth who I'm sure they resold for a pretty penny. One thing I do remember quite clearly is that the entire group of people I went with, many whom were students on the trip were singing "God Bless America" on the bus headed for the plane out

of there. The first thing we did when we got to Finland (our stop before flying back to the USA) was go to McDonalds

(progressives) seems to think that communism is wonderful. They should take a good look at their TV set. Many Ukrainians came over to America in the early 1900's in a search for a better life. From 1932-1933, the then ruler of Soviet Russia (General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union) Joseph Stalin initiated the Holodomor, a man-made famine to enforce his rule. Stalin wanted to replace Ukraine's locally owned farms with state owned collective farms, so he ordered all the Ukrainian people's land, personal property, and housing taken from them. 3.9 million Ukrainians died. The Soviet Union ruled Ukraine from 1939-1991. Many Ukrainian immigrants who were able to come to the United States after WWII, did so, escaping

After the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, Boris Yeltsin was president of Russia from 1991-1999, Vladimir Putin was president from 2000-2008, then Dmitry Medvedev from 2008-2012, then Vladimir Putin again from 2012 to (his term expires in 2024 (or life?)). The Ukrainian people do not want to live

As the United States impose more sanctions on Russia, China looks at Taiwan. People all over the world (including the people of Russia) are protesting the Russian invasion. Pray for Ukraine. Maybe it is David vs. Goliath but remember one thing - David won.

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nology when it comes to crime

investigations. There are things

that people can do from their

Torres ended his comments

with, "This money coming in

Council President William Pet-

rick thanked all for being there

tonight. "Maybe we can do

hope to install a video camera

system throughout the city."

B.A. Green responded, "We

Petrick concluded the meet-

The meeting adjourned at

ing "Cameras should be placed

all around the city hall building.

the budget.

9:30 p.m.

Channel 34 live.'

homes instead of going to the

Questions About the Budget, Parking Problems & Questioning PILOTS Among Topics Discussed 2/23/22 Caucus & Council Meeting

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with the money from the American Rescue Fund.

B.A. Green responded, "Part of it will be used to update the police department. city's technology and to use toward public safety.'

Torres suggested to use it to (from the American Rescue alleviate the hardships for the Plan) should be separate from residents who are out of work, or whose wages are low, and the water rates are high. "Have the public put in their input on how the funds should be used. The first portion of these funds should be to help our residents."

B.A. Green responded, "There is \$168 million in grants for the infrastructure. We applied for \$800 million for infrastructure."

Have a safe, healthy and happy Torres continued, "The council and the public should partici- 2022!' pate in what the money should be used for."

Green then added, "Part of the

and have a taste of home. A certain faction of congress

gressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) held a press conference today with local elected officials and environmental advocates on new funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Pallone recently announced that New Jersey will receive \$15,448,790 to build out the state's electric vehicle charging infrastructure, paving the way for a more robust and convenient network of chargers across New Jersev. The funding comes from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and will help boost domestic manufacturing, keep American automakers competitive in the global transition to electric vehicles, and fight the climate crisis through slashing greenhouse gas pollution.

jor step forward in our transition to a clean economy that will create local, good-paying jobs while simultaneously combating the growing climate crisis," save Americans tremendous money and help reduce carbon pollution at the same time. As their popularity continues to increase, it's crucial that we invest in the necessary charging and manufacturing infrastructure to ensure owning an electric vehicle is convenient and that consumers are able to reliably power their cars across the country. It's great to see towns like Asbury Park are already benefitting from this new technology, and I look forward to seeing our state build on this progress with help from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law."

"We are proud to support electric vehicles in Asbury Park and lead the charge along the Jersey Shore to help reduce our carbon footprint," said Mayor John Moor. "Being green and planning for a healthy future is important to the City of Asbury Park. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will definitely help to move the needle on achieving

"Greenspot is a New Jerseybased end-to-end electric vehicle charging infrastructure provider that works with the public, promote sustainable methods of transportation that mitigate the reliance on fossil fuels," said Joseph Desimone, Chief Operating Officer. "Our mission has always been to accelerate electric vehicle adoption by providing sustainable infrastructure that will be around for decades to come and will help make sure consumers are able to charge

"The New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition salutes and appreciates Congressman Pallone's leadership on bringing about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and his work to help boost domestic manufacturing, keep American automakers competitive in the global transition to electric vehicles, and fight the climate crisis by slashing greenhouse gas pollution," said

Pallone Celebrates Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Investment in New Jersey

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"The funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is a ma-Pallone said. "Electric vehicles

their cars wherever they go."



rector, New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition. "The funding that will be available to New Jersey is critically important, very timely, and will go a long way to accelerate the work of our Coalition in advancing the transition to cleaner transportation

"We are excited that the bipartisan infrastructure law will invest more than \$100 million over five years in charging station to expand the use of clean, electric vehicles in New Jersey," said Kai Mateo, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters Federal Climate Campaign Manager. "As the sector of our economy that causes the most carbon pollution, transitioning to a clean transportation infrastructure is absolutely vital to avert a climate catastrophe. However, this amount, while significant, represents only a small percentage of the investments needed to accomplish our climate reduction goals, and that's why we're proud to continue working with Representative Pallone on passing the rest of President Biden's climate plan through Congress."

"To electrify our transportation sector, we need to create a charging infrastructure network for electric vehicle drivers that can end range anxiety and make EV charging as omnipresent as gas stations. Electric vehicles are here but we need more places to charge them. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law delivered with a down payment to build this network so we can tackle our largest source of climate emissions – the cars and trucks we drive," said Doug keep American automakers private, and non-profit sectors. O'Malley, director of Environ- competitive in the global tran-Ultimately, our goal is to reduce ment New Jersey. "Thank you sition to electric vehicles, and greenhouse gas emissions and to Rep. Pallone for champion-fight the climate crisis.

for fighting for historic climate investment legislation in Washington - more places to plug in at Asbury Park and across the state means more ways we can fight climate change.

"Electric vehicles are here

to stay and building the necessary infrastructure to electrify them throughout New Jersey will help to take us to the imaginable day when we see more electric cars on the roads than gasoline and diesel. This infrastructure will help pave the way for cleaner air, cleaner communities who are suffering from a disproportionate amount of air pollution, and affordable and efficient vehicles for everyone, including the school buses our children ride on," said Anjuli Ramos-Busot, NJ Director for the Sierra Club. "We thank Congressman Pallone for his leadership role as Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee in ensuring that New Jersey gets the resources to continue the most important transition of our century, the transition out of fossil fuels.'

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law included a total of \$7.5 billion in grants for electric vehicle charging stations and alternative fuel infrastructure. The funding is part of the effort to construct the first-ever national network of EV chargers and will deploy chargers across both urban and rural areas. As Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, Pallone supported this funding in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that was signed into law last November to boost domestic manufacturing, help

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County Commissioner Charles Kenny Named Grand Marshal Woodbridge American Irish Assn St Patrick's Parade March 13th

By Ken Gardner Woodbridge American Irish Assn. Parade Committee

WOODBRIDGE - This year's honorees & their families have literally rose to the occasion by raising the Irish Flag & supporting the community. As a Middlesex County Commissioner, this year's Grand Marshal, Charles Kenny, started the County Irish Flag Raising. The program celebrates our Irish heritage & is at the heart of the American Irish Association of Woodbridge - Unite American Irish, promote Irish culture & commemorate every St. Patrick's Day. Charles is a 3rd generation American Irish. His family has been long time Woodbridge residents with the Walsh family going back to the 1800's.

Charles retired after 35 years as the first Career Fire Chief of the Woodbridge Fire Department. His father, Jack Kenny, and brothers John and Patrick have all served as Chief in the volunteer fire Co. His mother, Patricia "Pat" Kehoe Kenny worked the St. James Bingo along with Jack for many years.

Grand Marshal Kenny served as Council President in Woodbridge. While on the town council Charles was involved in many community projects such as the Skateboard Park and the Dog Park. Charles was also involved in starting the Support Our Troops Rally. He previously served as Grand Marshal for the Woodbridge Christmas Parade.

Charles lives in Woodbridge with his wife Darlene and daughters Alyssa and Jessica. While Charles gets to serve as Grand Marshal, he said, "This is a family designation for the Kenny, Kehoe, Walsh, and Mooney families."

You will never meet anyone who wants to be Irish & raise the flag more than our Irish Lady of the Year Karen Devlin. Karen grew up thinking that she was German. But fulfilled her lifelong dream of marrying an Irishman (the late Timothy Patrick Devlin).

She serves as a Committee-

woman for the Woodbridge Democratic Org. Karen was honored as Officer of the Year by the Woodbridge Elks lodge Amboy Ancient Order of Hithe Parade & Super 50/50 com-Dinner Dance, Half-way to St. Patrick's Day, Charlie Shaugh-Around the Town, Coin Collectfor Hunger & Menlo Park Veterans committees. In the Winbecame a millionaire when her 23andMe DNA came back disclosing that her dominate anand spending quality time with Kevin & her friends & family are an important part of her life.

the Year, resides in Colonia and is a lifelong resident of Woodbridge Township. He continues to raise the Irish flag by living another part of our Association's Constitution – Initiating service to other organizations furthering the objectives of the Jim is an active member of

Eucharistic Minister & counter. He and his wife Lee Ann have assisted at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Perth Amboy for many years. Jim & Lee Ann have been at the food pantry almost every Saturday since March of 2020. Each Saturday more than 150 families receive food. Recently Jim was recognized by the NJ Senate & Assembly for his commitment to fighting food insecurity. Jim established The Adopt-A-Turkey Program thru St. Vincent de Paul. Each year more than 125 families are given food for Thanksgiving at The St. James Food Pantry.

& coordinated many fundraisers. In 2018, Karen joined the Carteret Elks Lodge. She is a member of the Mayors Advisory Committee & the Perth bernians Auxiliary. Karen is our Financial Secretary & Chaired mittees where she continues to serve – as well as the Ad Book, nessy Park Cleanup, Tooling ing for the Veterans, Relay for Life, St. James St. Fair, Bowl ter of 2021, Karen felt like she cestry is Irish. Karen loves her dogs & laughing, socializing Jim Leathem, our Irish Man of

St. John Vianney Parish as a

As a member our Assn. Jim has



Charles Kenny, Irish Lady of the Year Karen Devlin, Irish Man of the Year Jim Leathem, Miss American Irish Sarah Olexa, Lady in Waiting Victoria Gomez.

been active in Tooling Around Town and the food pantry. She the Township, The Shaughnessy Park Clean-up & building free handicapped ramps for more way. than 15 years. In Jim's leisure time he enjoys camping, reading and spending time with his family. Jim and his wife Lee Ann have been married for 37 years. They have two daughters

Jennifer and Michele. Our Miss American Irish, Sarah Olexa, said her honor wouldn't have been possible without her Popa K, Sean Keaveney. Sean was born in Galway, Ireland. He is a current Director with the Association (& a Past everything else you can imagine for us). He would educate her on their Irish heritage.

Sarah is pursuing a major in Psychology and minor in Criminal Justice and Law at Rider University. She is passionate about her aspiration to become a Forensic Psychologist. She received a Community Service Award from Woodbridge. Sarah has participated with Sunshine Summer at St James Church, nity's special adults. Victoria bingo and picnics at the Vet- plans to become a special Ed. erans Home, Tooling Around teacher.

has learned that some kindness and a smile can go a really long

Victoria Gomez is our Lady in Waiting. The parade has always been a big family event, with everyone gathering on Main Street. Victoria's grandparents are Assn members Connie (from County Donegal) and Fran O'Donnell.

Victoria graduated from Colonia High & was inducted into the National Honor Society, National Thespian Honor Society, Ouill and Scroll Honor Society, and the National Spanish Honor Society. In addition, she was involved with school choirs & at St. John Vianney church. She was in the Color Guard, so this is not her first Woodbridge parade! She was also involved in Student Council and Interact Club. Victoria was awarded a top honor of having nearly 500 hours of community service. Many hours were spent at Hand in Hand dances for our commu-

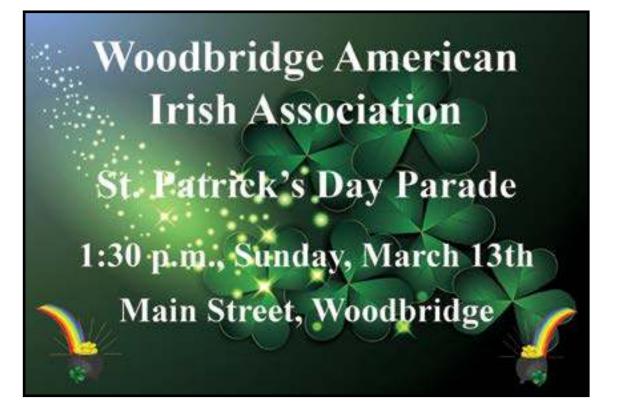
The Woodbridge American Irish Association is a civic organization that meets monthly feeds the homeless, sponsors the Justin McCarthy Scholarship, maintains the Charlie Shaughnessy Park, visits our Menlo Park Veterans Home, tools around town etc.

Our Parade Chair is Ben Campbell, who in 2021 suggested & led our first ever "Parade of Food" campaign that made donations to local pantries. Ben said, "Our club's parade committee includes some of the most dedicated and resourceful people and I am so happy to work with this team."

The parade is funded with ads from local businesses & donations. To participate please go to Amerirish.com. Like us on Facebook at American Irish Association of Woodbridge.

This year's parade is March 13th at 1:30 pm. It starts at Woodbridge High School & ends at Town Hall





Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Delivers Baby on 2-22-22 at 2:22 p.m

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center's Dr. Jonathan Turkish delivered a baby boy, Starlin Lugo Carrera on 2/22/22 at 2:22p.m at 7lbs 1.1oz. Mother is from Perth Amboy, NJ.



Not Your Parents' Colonoscopy...

From a Virtual Scan to a Robot You Swallow The Future of Colon Cancer Screenings is Here





Press Release

NEW JERSEY - Since the 1990s, the rate of colorectal cancer has more than doubled among adults younger than 50, according to the National Cancer Institute. Not only that, but more younger people are now dying from the disease.

This rapid increase is especially puzzling because the rate of colorectal cancer has plummeted among older adults.

One reason could be that while Baby Boomers have come to accept the need for regular colonoscopies - thank you Katie Couric - Generation X has been a bit more reluctant to get

"Although a colonoscopy is considered the "gold standard" for colon cancer screening, it's one of those things that people really dread," says Rosario Ligresti, M.D., chief, Division of Gastroenterology at Hackensack University Medical Center.

Thankfully, Dr. Ligresti says scientists have been working on recorder the patient wears on a new options. In honor of Co-belt. Ion Cancer Awareness Month. which starts Tuesday, March 1, Dr. Ligresti can talk about some of the new screening choices that may make colon cancer screening easier, faster and in some ways, more pleasant for patients:

-First up, there's FIT, fecal immunochemical testing which is a stool-based test. This annual test can be done at home and doesn't require bowel prep. FIT can detect colon cancer early, at a treatable stage.

-How about a Virtual or CT colonoscopy? This consists of a CT scan of your colon placed inside your rectum and able.

filled with air or carbon dioxide. The procedure takes about 10 minutes, and if your results are normal you'll be asked to come back in five years. There's no sedation or colon cleansing needed. You will need to drink a solution of a contrast medium for the scan, and there's a very low level of radiation exposure. -You've probably already heard of Cologuard which uses a stool sample. With this test, you collect the sample at home and mail it to the laboratory for testing. The results show whether you have DNA changes in cells, which could mean you have colon cancer or precancerous pol-

-The future of colon screening could be as easy as swallowing a pill. With this new option, the patient ingests a capsule containing two miniature cameras on either end. As the capsule travels through the digestive tract, it captures images and wirelessly transmits them to a

-There's also a robot in a cap sule, guided by magnets that maneuver through the GI tract to perform diagnostics, it is also able to perform therapeutic maneuvers, such as biopsies of tissue or polyp removal.

-If you want to have a traditional colonoscopy but gag at the thought of having to drink the liquid prep, in 2020, the US Food and Drug Administration approved prep in the form of tablets, which makers say can be an alternative to liquid colonoscopy preparations.

-Finally, getting paid up to \$575 might also make a traditional and rectum; a small catheter is colonoscopy a bit more tolerThis Week in the Civil War 160 Years Ago

By Phil Kohn March 2, 1862 - March 15, 1862

Phil Kohn can be reached at USCW160@yahoo.com.

On March 2, 1862, Brig. Gen. John Pemberton takes over the Confederate Department of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida from Gen. Robert E. Lee, who returns to Richmond. In the New Mexico Territory, Confederate troops enter Albuquerque.

Maj. Gen. Henry Halleck on March 3 levels accusations at Maj. Gen. Ulysses Grant regarding Grant's "tardiness" and other misconduct at Fort Donelson. (Halleck may have been motivated by ealousy over the adulation being heaped on Grant, whom Halleck felt was his inferior, both militarily and intellectually.) Deciding that Grant does not deserve the responsibility of further field command, Halleck appoints Brig. Gen. Charles F. Smith to lead the Union troops out of Forts Henry and Donelson on the incipient Shiloh Campaign and confines Grant to Fort Henry.

On March 4, President Lincoln, appoints — and the U.S. Senate approves — a Democrat, U.S. Senator Andrew Johnson, from Tennessee, as a brigadier general and military governor of Tennessee. Johnson is the only U.S. Senator to have retained his position in the U.S. Congress after his state had seceded from the Union. Almost 1,900 miles west of Washington, D.C., Union troops withdraw from Santa Fe, the capital of the Federal Territory of New Mexico, and head for Fort Union, some 60 miles to the northeast, as Sibley's Army of New Mexico approaches.

At Jackson, Tennessee, Gen. Pierre Beauregard assumes command of Confederate forces in the Mississippi Valley on March 5. Federal troops begin to position themselves around Savannah, in southwestern Tennessee, while Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston's Confederates move to prevent further Union positioning in the area. At Savannah, along the Tennessee River, Brig. Gen. C.F. Smith's Union troops are bolstered by the arrival of three gunboats and 80 troop transports.

In Washington, D.C., President Lincoln on March 6 appeals to the states to devise ways to abolish slavery. To encourage those in the border states, he notes that federal funding is available to help finance emancipation efforts by individual states. In northwestern Arkansas, Confederate troops commanded by Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn clash with a Union force led by Brig. Gen. Samuel Curis in some moderate fighting. Anxious to gain advantageous ground (the Union troops are wellentrenched, facing southward), Van Dorn moves his soldiers via a night march around the Federal positions, and settles in north of them, at Pea Ridge.

On March 7, a two-day battle at Pea Ridge, Arkansas, commences between around 12,000 Union soldiers under Brig. Gen. Samuel Curtis and 17,000 Confederates — including Missouri State Guards and three regiments of Native American troops from the Indian Territory — led by Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn. The clash is the Civil War's biggest battle west of the Mississippi River. Helped by superior artillery and a series of poorly coordinated attacks by the Confederates, the Union holds the field, and the Southerners withdraw. Federal troops suffer some 1,384 casualties to Confederate losses of 800, but two CSA generals — Ben McCullough and James McIntosh are killed during the fighting. The defeat likely means the loss of Missouri to the Confederacy and more difficulty holding the Mississippi River. From his base in Jackson County, Missouri, William Quantrill leads his band of irregulars on a raid of Aubry, Kansas.

On March 8, Capt. Sherod Hunter, leading a detachment of Arizona Rangers from Tucson, Confederate Arizona Territory, reaches the Pima Indian villages (near present-day Phoenix). There, his force captures Unionist miller Ammi White. Hunter sends a squad of 16 Rangers under 2nd Lt. John Swilling westward along the former Butterfield Overland Mail route to find and destroy caches of flour, hay and other supplies that White and others had positioned for Union troops heading east-

In Virginia, on March 9, the modern era of naval warfare begins. At Hampton Roads — the waters between Norfolk and Ft. Monroe, on the southern tip of the Virginia Peninsula — two heavily armored ironclad vessels, USS Monitor, newly arrived from New York, and CSS Virginia battle – often at point-blank range — for two hours with neither causing significant damage to the other. The pattle is a draw, but both vessels withdraw because of injuries to their commanding officers. (On the previous day, Virginia — built on the recovered hull of the sunken USS Merrimack and known widely by that name — had caused havoc at Hampton Roads by engaging a squadron of federal wooden vessels, putting two out of commission and badly damaging a third.) Maj. Gen. Henry W. Halleck, at St. Louis, Missouri, is put in charge of all Federal armies in the west.

Confederate troops enter Santa Fe, the capital of New Mexico Territory, on March 10. Back East, Gen. Joseph Johnston, wary of large numbers of Union forces in the area, pulls his Confederate troops back from Manassas, Virginia, to a new line along the Rappahannock River.

On March 11, President Lincoln removes Maj. Gen. George McClellan as general-in-chief of the U.S. Army, leaving him as commander of the Army of the Potomac and allowing him to concentrate on his upcoming movement on Richmond. In the Shenandoah Valley, Union troops under Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Banks advance toward Winchester, forcing Confederates commanded by Maj. Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson to abandon the town and move southward. In Richmond, President Davis receives the reports of generals Floyd and Pillow, both of whom fled from Fort Donelson, leaving their junior, Brig. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, to surrender to Union forces. Davis rejects both reports and removes both Floyd and Pillow from their commands.

The aggressive moves and skirmishing of Brig. Gen. John Pope's Union troops force the evacution by Confederates of New Madrid, Missouri, on March 13. The Federal force captures arms and provisions worth an estimated \$1 million. From St. Louis, Missouri, Maj. Gen. Henry Halleck issues a proclamation that guerrillas, such as William Quantrill and his men, are to be shot rather than taken as prisoners of war.

Union forces numbering 11,000 soldiers led by Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside, supported by 14 gunboats, capture New Bern, North Carolina, on March 14, after a daylong battle with 4,000 Confederate infantry and a single cavalry regiment.

In Missouri, Maj. Gen. Halleck, in a turnabout, on March 15 exonerates Maj. Gen. Ulysses Grant on charges of misconduct in the Fort Henry-Fort Donelson Campaign. Grant resumes field command of Union forces in Tennessee, replacing Brig. Gen. C.F. Smith, who has suffered a leg injury. The Union Army begins concentrating at Pittsburg Landing, on the Tennessee River south of Savannah, Tennessee. From Fort Yuma, California, U.S. Army Col. James Carleton, commanding the California Column, dispatches a detachment of the 1st California Cavalry, commanded by Capt. William McCleave, eastward to "surprise" the Confederates reported to be at Tucson.



Plays-in-the-Park Returns for their 60th Season to Middlesex County This Summer with Three Popular Broadway Musicals

Auditions to be held April 1-3

Press Release 2/2/22 MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ Middlesex County's Plays-inthe-Park is returning to the stage this summer, with performances of SOMETHING ROTTEN!, The SpongeBob Musical, and A Chorus Line at the Stephen J. Capestro Theatre in Edison, part of Plays-in-the-Park's 60th

"Plays in the Park is one of our most celebrated programs, and we're thrilled to be able to present our favorite Broadway musicals once again, after CO-VID-19 conditions required us to produce smaller shows last year," said Director of the Board of County Commissioners Ronald G. Rios. "With three lavish musicals in the works, the goal for this season is to come together to laugh and connect, and what better place to do that than sitting under the sunset on summer evenings enjoying Broadway-caliber shows? On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I would like to encourage residents to join us this season for a variety of live entertainment that will appeal to the whole family."

"Our parks and open spaces have been a lifeline for many during the COVID-19 pandemic. And with Plays-in-the-Park returning to the stage again at Roosevelt Park in Edison this summer, there is much to celebrate this season," said County Commissioner Charles E. Tomaro, chair of Infrastructure Management Committee. "Since opening in 1963, Middlesex County's Plays-inthe-Park has been cited for the excellence of its theatrical productions thanks to its consistent Something Rotten! (June standard of quality and its appeal to all audiences. I wish to extend my gratitude to the cast, crew, and production teams for, without their hard work, none of this would be possible. In addition to enjoying the many productions planned, we encourage everyone attending these events to bring a non-perishable food item as a donation for RE-PLENISH."

"Plays-in-the-Park is thrilled to bring such wonderful shows to life in this our 60th Anniversary season! We believe this summer truly offers something for everyone," said Playsin-the-Park Artistic Director, Margaret Davis. "Whether it s a hilarious romp through the Renaissance with the likes of the zany Bottom brothers in Something Rotten!, or a trip down to Bikini Bottom to visit SpongeBob and his friends in The SpongeBob Musical, or the ultimate singular sensation of A Chorus Line – individuals will enjoy some exhilarating entertainment out under the stars. We have heard from so many of you and are so grateful for your support. We look forward seeing you this summer at

Plays-in-the-Park!" In partnership with REPLEN-ISH, Plays-in-the-Park will also be collecting nutritious food for residents in need throughout the season. If you would like to help, please bring a non-perishable food item when attending

Plays-In-The-Park 2022 Schedule

Stephen J. Capestro Theater, Roosevelt Park in Edison, 1 Pine Dr, Edison, NJ 08837.

22-July 2) – Welcome to the 90's— the 1590's —where brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a show that will rival the Renaissance Rockstar of the day, William Shakespeare. This star-lit, bighit show tells the story of the Bottom brothers as they attempt to write the world's very first musical. Nominated for 9 Tony Awards, SOMETHING ROT-TEN! is a hysterical ode to musicals and an uproarious dose of pure Broadway fun. Your sides

will ache from laughter! The SpongeBob Musical (July 13-23) – Since its launch on July 17, 1999, SpongeBob SquarePants has reigned as the number one kids' animated series on TV's Nickelodeon, and now we can enjoy those beloved Bikini Bottom characters LIVE ON STAGE in this Tony award-winning Broadway musical. Come play with Eugene Krabs, Patrick Star, Squidward, Sandy Cheeks, Sheldon J. Plankton and of course the eternal optimist himself, Sponge-Bob SquarePants as they fight to save their undersea world. And just when all hope seems lost, a most unexpected hero rises up and takes center stage!! The power of optimism really can save the world! Don't miss this dynamic stage musical chronicling the nautical and sometimes nonsensical adventures of your favorite Bikini

A Chorus Line (August 3-13) – Exploring the inner lives and poignant ambitions of professional Broadway gypsies, the show features one powerhouse number after another, captur-

stantly recognized as a classic and has been an audience favorite for decades.

AUDITIONS FOR



ing the spirit and tension of a Broadway chorus audition. Memorable musical numbers include "What I Did for Love, "One," "I Can Do That," "At the Ballet," "The Music and the Mirror," and "I Hope I Get It." A brilliantly complex fusion of song, dance, and compellingly drama, A CHORUS LINE is in-

TICKET SALE

PROTOCOLS: The Box Office opens at 5:30 pm and patrons are admitted to the seating area immediately after purchasing tickets. All shows start at 8 pm. The box office closes at 8:30 pm each show night. All you need to bring is your favorite lawn chair.

Ticket price is \$7.00 per adult; \$5.00 per senior citizen 60 and over, children twelve (12) and under enter for free. In the case of inclement weather, save your ticket stub as it will allow you to see another performance this

PLAYS-IN-THE-PARK **2022 SEASON:**

Plays-in-the-Park will hold auditions for its three shows on April 1-3. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing approximately 16 bars of music. An accompanist will be provided. Actors should also bring their own sheet music in the proper key, marked with any cuts. Auditions will be held at Plays-in-the-Park Theater in Roosevelt Park at 1 Pine Drive, Edison, NJ 08837.

Audition dates are: • Friday, April 1: 7-10 pm

• Saturday, April 2: 12-3pm

• Sunday, April 3: 12-3 pm Video submissions are welcome and are due by March 15. A vocal and dance clip should

be sent to: Margaret.davis@ co.middlesex.nj.us. Plays-in-the-Park encourages actors of all ethnicities, gender identities, ages, as well as those with disabilities, to audition. If you have any questions, please

call 732-548-2884, ext., 221 or 222, or email Margaret.davis@ co.middlsex.nj.us.

Pallone Announces Virtual Guests for State of the Union Address

Pallone Invites New Jersey Climate Leaders Anjuli Ramos-Busot and Kai Mateo as Virtual Guests to resident Biden's State of the Union Address to Congress

Press Release 2/28/22 LONG BRANCH, NJ - Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) announced today that Anjuli Ramos-Busot and Kai Mateo will serve as virtual guests to President Biden's State of the Union Address to Congress 1850. The pin highlights the uron Tuesday. Ramos-Busot is gency for the climate and justice the Executive Director of the provisions of Build Back Bet-New Jersey Sierra Club. She ter to be passed. As Chairman is a former climate change re- of the Energy and Commerce search scientist at New Jersey's Committee, Pallone led pas-Department of Environmental Protection and now leads one of the state's top climate advocacy organizations. Mateo is the Federal Climate Campaign Mansponsible for coordinating policy in the fight for strong federal

climate legislation in Congress. "We know that the climate criinvite two of our state's climate Pallone said. "I look forward to Jersey. We thank him for pri-

working with both of them to combat the climate crisis."

Pallone will wear a climate pin during the State of the Union Address that represents the "warming stripes," a visualization of global warming since sage of key climate provisions in the Build Back Better Act that passed the House last year. "This is our last decade to act.

The imminent effects of cliager for New Jersey League of mate change are already here, Conservation Voters. He is re- and massive climate action in these coming eight years is the only way to go in order to avoid more catastrophic effects and the destruction of our environsis is here and that coastal states ment. We urge President Biden like New Jersey are on the front to continue his work on climate lines. That's why I'm honored to and to push for the whole-ofgovernment approach with the leaders as virtual guests to Pres- Build Back Better package," ident Biden's State of the Union said Anjuli Ramos-Busot, New Address. Anjuli and Kai are ex- Jersey Director for the Sierra actly the partners we need as we Club. "Congressman Frank Palwork to pass legislation to tran- lone has been instrumental in sition to a clean economy and the Build Back Better work and slash greenhouse gas pollution," in climate action here in New tor, particularly offshore wind."

oritizing the protection of our environment and for his leadership in ensuring that New Jersey receives the necessary resources from the Infrastructure Act to tackle climate change. Every action makes a difference, we need more Climate Action Now."

"I am honored to stand with Representative Pallone at the State of the Union as part of the environmental community,' said Kai Mateo, Federal Climate Campaign Manager for New Jersey League of Conservation Voters. "Congressman Pallone is one of our nation's strongest champions for environmental protection and is aggressively fighting to head off a climate disaster by supporting policies that build a sustainable 21st century economy. We look forward to continuing our longstanding partnership with Congressman Pallone, fighting tirelessly to realize President Biden's environmental vision for our nation and seizing this historic opportunity to create union jobs cleaning up Superfund sites, replacing lead pipes, expanding electric vehicle infrastructure and turbocharging our clean energy sec**Bipartisan Resolution Expresses** New Jersey's Solidarity with the **Ukrainian People and Government, Condemns** Aggressive Russian Invasion

Press Release 2/28/22

TRENTON – Responding to the unprovoked and aggressive Russian invasion of Ukraine, in violation of the country's independence and sovereignty, the New Jersey Assembly voted on Monday unanimously 75-0 passing a bipartisan concurrent resolution (ACR-115) to stand in solidarity with the people and government of Ukraine. The resolution is sponsored by Assembly Speaker Coughlin and Assembly Minority Leader DiMaio.

Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex):

"The Assembly stands firmly behind President Biden and global allies acting cooperatively to enforce comprehensive sanctions against Putin's regime.

"New Jersey is home to one of our nation's largest Ukrainian-American populations and we echo concern for the safety of family members and friends impacted by the unlawful and violent Russian aggression within Ukraine.

"Already costing hundreds of lives, injuring thousands more, and displacing over half a million Ukrainian residents, we support an immediate cease-fire and the recall of all Russian troops from

"As we express solidarity, supporting intensive economic penalties imposed on Putin and sympathizers, I would equally call for

unity, understanding, and compassion to prevail." Assembly Minority Leader John DiMaio (R-Hunterdon, Somerset, Warren):

"It is a day of unity in the N.J. General Assembly as we collectively denounce Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the escalating violence. We support Ukraine's fight for sovereignty.

"For the more than 73,000 Ukrainian-Americans living ir New Jersey, for their families and friends, for world peace, and in the name of freedom and democracy, we call for a diplomatic resolution that protects the independent borders of Ukraine. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ukrainian people standing strong in the face of Russian aggression."

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

South Amboy's 45th St. Patrick's Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on Sunday, March 20, 2022, at 2 p.m. Grand Marshal is Tom Dempsey. This family friendly event includes 23 bands, fire apparatus, civic organizations, music and more. For updated information, please visit www. southamboyparade.com



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Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting at the Children's Library, 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy Tuesday, Mar. 15, 2022 at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



You're Invited to Sunday Worship

PERTH AMBOY - Please join us on Sunday mornings: 9:00 AM for English Worship and Sunday School; 10:30 AM for Hungarian Worship and Sunday School

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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 help-

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

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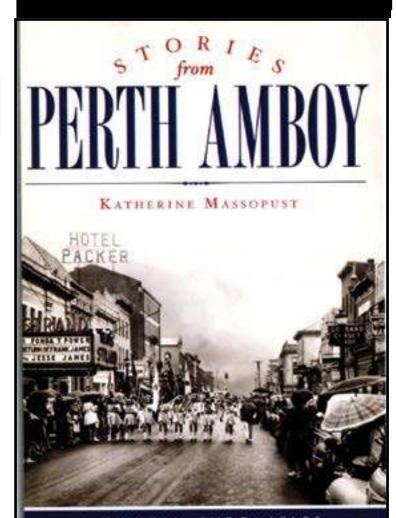
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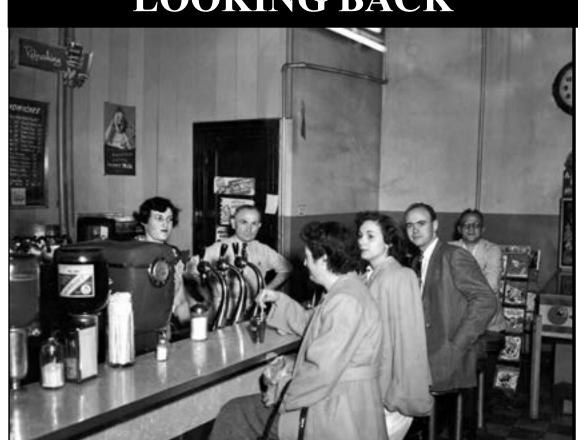
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PERTH AMBOY – Berefeins on State Street late 1940's

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Criterions for Successful Telemarketing

There are countless numbers of do's and don'ts to successfu telemarketing. Although the goal is to sell your product and/or service, you must understand and respect that there is a process or journey towards that endeavor. The reality is that it is human nature to get turned off by a sales call. We have all been there, that is why it is important, as a telemarketer, to put yourself in the place of the recipient, and that means to give that

person a reason to want to listen to you. Your other choice, if you can't devote the time or it is not your forte, is to hire or outsource telemarketing specialists.

A successful telemarketer will do the following in order to sell your product:

1) Know your products and services so they can start educating potential clients

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4) They are good listeners, speak with clear and professional voices and ask for the best time to follow-up.

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Milton's insights and philosophy have also helped people and their business results. Milton travels with salespeople to visit potential clients. This is all to be accomplished within an environment that puts a premium on taking personal responsibility for results.

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SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy High School Interact Club (Rotary Club) and the City of South Amboy is holding a food drive to benefit local families. If you are able to donate, there will be a collection of non-perishable food, personal hygiene products and paper goods. Donations can be dropped off at the side door of the South Amboy Senior Center on Henry Street, Mondays – Friday's from 8 a.m. to 3p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Jaclyn at (732) 525-5965. You can also contact Cathy at the Nurse's office in the South Amboy Middle/ High School at (732) 316-7668 option 3 to arrange curbside drop off.

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Friends of the Perth Amboy Library Book Sale Return!

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are once again having a book sale every other Saturday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center/Teen Center at the corner of Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy. I know many people have been starving for reading material for these long months we were at home. We will be wearing masks and providing hand sanitizer and bags if needed. We also insist that anyone coming to peruse our collection also wear a mask. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardcovers are \$1, \$5 for a bag full, oversize bags or boxes are \$10, no lawn or garbage bags. We have best sellers by popular authors that are like new. The money we raise goes to support the library with providing programs, promoting literacy or to provide funds to the library with their needs beyond their budget. We are now accepting donations. We look forward to your visit.

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Woodbridge Public Library Events

Some of our programs this month will be in-person although most will be virtual. Please make sure to check which format the presentation will be presented in.

March 2 | 7PM | Virtual **Exploring the Night Sky**

Join member of the New Jersey Astronomical Association Paul Cirillo to learn techniques on how to identify constellations and locate planets and more in the night sky. Registration Required https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?Eve ntId=12418&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/03/01

March 3 | 7PM | Virtual

Basics of Watercolor

Join local artist Komal Mehra via Zoom to learn the basics of watercolor painting, and make a beautiful flower painting yourself! Supplies will be provided by the library. Participants must pick up their kits from the Main Library. Registration Required - https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?Ev entId=12271&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/03/01

March 8 | 3PM | Main Library (In-Person) **Mystery/Thriller Book Club**

Join us for an in-person discussion of Rock, Paper, Scissors by Alice Feeney. No Registration Required.

March 10 | 7PM | Main Library (Hybrid) The World of Saint Patrick

Through art and archaeology, Michael Norris will examine ancient Britain that was ruled by Rome for centuries. Then he'll consider the autobiography and letters of its most famous citizen, a Roman Briton named Patrick, and the fifth-century Ireland he knew as a slave and as a missionary. Registration Required - https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?Ev entId=12151&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/03/01

March 15 | 7PM | Virtual

Going to Extremes: An Adventure Travel Presentation

Join nationally-known adventure travel journalist and author Peter Mandel as he takes us through a slideshow of his most extreme travel experiences including Antarctica, India, Egypt, Patagonia, the fjords of Norway, the mountain pathways of Japan, and the deserts of Africa. Registration Required - https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12381&backT o=Calendar&startDate=2022/03/01

March 22 | 7PM | TBA (Location still being decided, check website for updates)

Alzheimer's Association presents Healthy Living for Your **Brain & Body: Tips From the Latest Research**

Join Nicolette Vasco of the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter to learn more healthy living for your brain & body. Registration Required - https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced. info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12261&backTo=Calendar&st artDate=2022/03/01

March 25 | 3PM | Main Library Maker's Day Afternoon

Join us for a Special Makers Day event specifically for teens and adults. Drop in and make your own buttons, magnets, perler beads and more! Please note participants MUST be teens or adults. No Registration Required.

March 31 | 7PM | Main Library (Hybrid) **Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring**

This presentation will cover— planning and cleaning up your garden, pruning, soil/soil test, fertilizer and compost mulches for the garden, planting spring vegetables, and seed packets. Presented by Master Gardner Shyamala Sharma. Registration Required - https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?Ev entId=12309&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/03/01

Movies at Main | Fridays at 2PM

Join us every Friday at 2PM to catch a free movie! This 3-week series is themed is Sci-Fi Movies!

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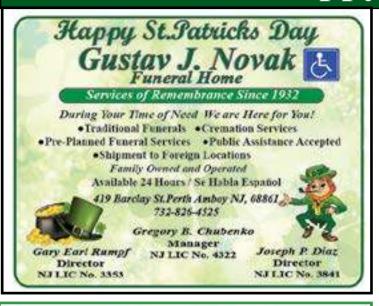
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Lenten Fish Fry's

SOUTH AMBOY - SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy are having Lenten Fish Fry's starting Friday, March 4th thru April 15th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Eat in or take out. For more information, call 732-727-7170 or find us on Facebook for a full menu.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

SAYREVILLE - St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Sayreville United Methodist Church. There will be a St Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner at Sayreville United Methodist, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ, on Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 6 - 8 p.m. Cost: \$12.00; Corned Beef Dinner; \$10.00 Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner Includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Roll, Beverage and Dessert. Dinner will be takeout.

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South Ambov **Seniors**SOUTH AMBOY - The South

Amboy Senior Citizens club is looking for new members. Anyone 60+ years old that lives in South Amboy or has a 08879 zip code is eligible to join. The meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 12:00 Noon at the Senior Building on Stevens Avenue. Come have fun and join the members for lunch and see if you're interested in joining the club. Social activities include trips to local shopping centers and restaurants, lunch and learn seminars, bingo, chair yoga, senior clubs, book club, Medical transportation within a 10 mile radius of town is also available. If interested or seeking more information, please call or additional information please call the center at 732-525-5960. Visit www.southamboynj.gov/page/senior-citizen for calendar of monthly activi-



SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks 784 Hosted a dinner for our Citizen of the year. Awards were presented to Edward Marczak (2019-2020) and Micky Gross (2020-2021). Their awards were celebrated late and together due to the pandemic. South Amboy Elk Members, Americanism Chairperson Phyllis Letteriello District Americanism Chairperson Carol Bonuraalong with our District Deputy Barbara Mueller, and other dignitaries were in attendance. Congratulations to Mr. Marczak and Mr. Gross on their awards. And Thank You for your dedication and exemplary service to the community. (LtoR) - Ed Marczak, Micky Gross, Phyllis Letteriello and Exalted Ruler Ginger Olszewski

Happy St. Patrick's Day!







Trinity Treasures

Thrift ShopSOUTH AMBOY - Trinity
United Methodist Church Trinity Treasures Thrift Shop located at: 815 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. through 12 p.m. weather permitting. Household items, clothing, appliances, and much more. Any questions, please call 732-763-6232.

Join the Cub Scouts!

FORDS - Pack 53 wants you to join the cub scouts! For boys K thru 5. Our 70th year. Sign up now! Be ready to start up in September! Our 2021-2 Plans are done and ready for the Scouts to have lots of fun! These pictures are our scouts and some of the numerous activities they participated in last year. Fishing, hiking, BB guns, archery, service time (planting, Scouting for Food, Cleanups, and toy collections), parades, Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta and much, much more.

We are Pack 53 Fords Clara Barton, but scouts are from all over. We are Sponsored by Fords Fire Department, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and Fords Middle School. See our website: pack53fordsnj. shutterfly.com for more information! Send me your email to pack53cs@gmail.com for more information.

PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FOR PERTH AMBOY RESIDENTS ONLY:

NEED HELP WITH REGISTRATION? IN-PERSON HELP DESK AVAILABLE:

MARCH 29, 30, & 31 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM EDMUND HMIELESKI, JR: 925 AMBOY AVENUE **IGNACIO CRUZ: 601 CORTLANDT STREET**

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VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION DATES:

February 22nd 10:00 - 11:00 AM & 6:00 - 7:00 PM February 24th 1:00 -2:00 PM & 6:00 - 7:00 PM March 1st 10:00 - 11:00 AM & 6:00 - 7:00 PM March 3rd 1:00 -2:00 PM & 6:00 - 7:00 PM

SCAN THE CODE TO FIND OUT HOW TO JOIN **OUR VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS!**



CHILD FIND:

Families who are concerned about their child's development, aged three to five, may access the Child Find website located below. The link will also provide information on community services available, and it will assist the Perth Amboy School District to identify unserved children who need special education and related services from age three to twenty-one. You may also contact the District's Department of Special Education Services at (732-376-6200) ext. 30-224 to answer any questions regarding the evaluation process:

www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/childfind/

Coffee With Cops, Don Manuel, Perth Amboy, 2/12/22













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PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SOLO PARA RESIDENTES DE PERTH AMBOY:

ANO ESCOLAR 2022-2023

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Para obtener más información sobre la inscripción preescolar, llame al-(732)-376-6200 EXT 30-160 o visitenos en linea en www.paps.net

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- COMO INSCRIBIR A SU HIJO EN NUESTRO PROGRAMA PREESCOLAR
- LOS FORMULARIOS Y DOCUMENTOS NECESARIOS PARA EL REGISTRO

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22 de febrero 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM y 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 24 de febrero 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM y 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM 1 de marzo 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM y 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM 3 de marzo 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM y 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

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CHILD FIND / IDENTIFICACIÓN DE ESTUDIANTES:

Las familias que estén preocupadas por el desarrollo de su hijo/a de tres a cinco años de edad, pueden acceder al sitio de Child Find/Identificación de Estudiantes que se encuentra abajo. El enlace le proveerá información de servicios comunitarios disponibles y le permitirá al Distrito Escolar de Perth Amboy identificar estudiantes de tres a veintiún años que necesiten. beneficios de servicios de educación especial. También puede contactar al Departamento de Servicios de Educación Especial del Distrito al (732-376-6200 ext 30-224) para preguntas relacionadas al proceso de evaluación.

www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/childfind/

Soy Awesome **BOGO Sushi** Deal for Lent

EDISON - The Lenten season is right around the corner, which means many will be swapping meat for fish on Fridays, beginning March 4th.

In case you're considering a round-up of meat-free deals, l wanted to let you know about Stop & Shop's sushi offer for the Lenten season. Stores with a fresh sushi department will offer buy one roll, get one for 50% off throughout the Lenten

Rainbow, shrimp tempura, salmon avocado, California and many more made fresh instore daily, the mix and match options are endless.

St. John's Orthodox Church Winter/Spring Pierogi & Cake Sale Schedule PERTH AMBOY - Orders for

Potato/Cheese and Jalapeno Cheddar Pierogi at \$10.00 a dozen may be called in on March 7, 8, &9 to 732-826-7067 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Orders may be picked up on March 15 or 16, 2022 after 2:00 PM at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. NJ

Orders for Cakes (Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune (Lekvar), and Apricot at \$14.00 each by calling in March 28, 29, & 30, 2022 to 732-826-7067 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Orders may be picked up on April 6 or7, 2022 after 2:00 PM at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy NJ

Orders for Potato/Cheese and Jalapeno Cheddar Pierogi at \$10.00 a dozen may be called in on May 9, 10 & 11, to 732-826-7067 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Orders may be picked up on May 17 or 18, 2022 after 2:00 PM at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. NJ

Please be sure to call early before we meet our quota.



Happy St. Patrick's Day! from Petra Best Realty



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PERTH AMBOY - This two-family lies in the hard to find section of Hopelawn close to most major highways, shopping centers and Parks. Great opportunity here to live in one unit while renting out the other or could be a great investment. Separate utilities. Come & see today! Will not last!!!! \$485,000



PERTH AMBOY - Great 2 family investment opportunity in Perth Amboy, good condition, fully rented, separated utilities. \$375,000



PERTH AMBOY - Well maintained 2 family house. Hospital section and minutes away from NYC. Showings begin 1/17/2022. **\$480,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Welcome to a great opportunity to be a business owner with a amazing property that includes a 3 bedroom apartment on 2nd floor and your very own business of a fully operating Bar along with liquor license. The bar was completely renovated, it has a amazing luxurious design with TV's, VIP seating area, a dance floor, DJ booth, 2 bathrooms, and so much more! This building has been 100% meticulously remodeled from top to bottom. No expense was spared. This is a very rare opportunity to own a corner property with so much potential! Thousands of cars pass by this building weekly coming over from New York right off the 440 highway. Take over the bar and business and cater it to fit your needs. Must come to see in person to truly appreciate all the details that went into the remodeling process of this property. Parking for multiple vehicles and two amazing garages for extra storage. Huge basement with everything brand new! The apartment on the 2nd floor has 2 full bathrooms and 3 bedrooms! Come see asap! Will not last, showings start 2/13/2022. \$949,900



PERTH AMBOY - Very clean two-family close to high school and most public transportation off street parking, separated utilities and much more. A must see. \$454,000



PERTH AMBOY - A great opportunity to own this cozy house. Single family home with three bedrooms. **\$269,000**



MIDDLETOWN - Garage was converted into a family room; buyer need to do due diligence. \$439,000



EDISON - Don't miss this opportunity to own this move in ready 1-bedroom mobile home built in 1990. Home sold partially furnished! monthly land fee of \$917/month includes sewer/water, garbage removal and common area maintenance. Must be approved by Edgewood properties Management. **\$34,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Beautiful 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms condo. The master bedroom has a full bathroom. Formal dining room. Spacious living room. Move-in condition. Located close to downtown, public transportation and major highways. \$\frac{929900}{229900}\$