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Budget Hearing, Presentation by JRF and Recognizing Heroic Act by a Resident and Congratulating a Top Student Athlete 4/11/22 & 4/13/22 Caucus & Council Meetings

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – The first order of business at the Caucus was awarding a Proclamation to Rosemary Crist for her heroic act when she saved her husband's life. Crist and her husband are members of the Olive Street Seniors, and several other seniors were present along with Lissette Martinez Deputy Director of Human Services/ Office on Aging and Dianne Roman Director of Human Services.

There was a presentation by Sherri Goldberg, Director of Community and Family Services of the JRF (Jewish Renaissance Foundation) Programs and Services. She stated that she has been with the organization for twelve years. She proceeded to read the JRF's Mission Statement: "The Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JRF) is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization founded by individuals who feel compelled to act upon the teachings of the Jewish faith. With two federal designations: as an Anti-Poverty Agency and as a Federal Qualified Health Center, we believe as citizens in a democratic society, we must respond to the needs of our neighbors and share our talents and resources. The JRF is committed to helping individuals/families become healthier and stronger." She then explained some of the JRF programs how they help various members of the community by offering employment and providing services: "The JRF brings innovative ideas and culturally competent programs and services to advance the health and well-being of all people and we work to address barriers to economic self-sufficiency. JRF's programs include, but not limited to: AmeriCorps, Comfort Partners (PSEG), Perth Amboy Alliance for Community (PAAC), Alternative Education Program (AEI), School Based Youth Services (SBYS), Youth Entrepreneurial Program (YEP), Step-Up (AUL Charter School), the Community Health Center (CHC), Emerging Leaders, the Family As-



Rosemary Crist was honored with a Proclamation from Mayor Caba at the 4/11/22 Caucus *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Champion Female Wrestler Ahsia Torres was honored with a Proclamation from Mayor Caba at the 4/13/22 Council Meeting

sistance Center (FAC), and the Bayside Family Success Center (FSC). We make hope happen through our hard work and our amazing partnerships!" (Also found on <https://www.jrfnj.org/>). She continued, "Our office is located in Edison and besides Perth Amboy, we also serve Edison, Union, and the surrounding areas. We are governed by a diverse Community Action Board. We have multiple funding streams, and some of our funding comes from Block Grants. PRAHD, The Salvation Army, and the City of Perth Amboy are just some of the entities that refer residents to us. They have to meet certain income guidelines (depending on the type of program that they were looking to get accepted into). Most of the lion's share of the funding that we get goes to the City of Perth Amboy. If there is any money left over after servicing the other cities, that ad-

ditional funding will go to Perth Amboy. We have several testing centers and training for people to get diplomas. There are certain aspects for medical training. In Perth Amboy, we have an Alliance for Community Services (The Family Success Center) that has been in effect since 2008. This is located in the George Otowski Gardens Apartment Complex. We also patronize the local businesses in the neighborhood where we have events held. We have the Alternative Education Institute for ages 16-24 where we have virtual classes, and we are looking for a building in Perth Amboy to hold those classes in person. We provide rides if needed for those who need to get to the Learning Center. Another program that we have is called LEAP (Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Achievement

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Honoring Citizens, Need for Volunteers, Ferry Slip Terminal, Budget, and Grievance Committee Topics Discussed 4/6/22 Council Meeting



Councilman Reilly presents a Resolution to Janet Kern for her service to South Amboy *Photos by K. Massopust



Councilman Reilly presents a Resolution to Mark Herdman for his service to South Amboy



(L to R) Mayor Fred Henry, City Council President Mickey Gross, South Amboy Police Chief Darren Lavigne, South Amboy Fire Chief David Szatkowski, South Amboy First Aid Squad Captain Tim Walczak pose for photo in a thank you for help with coordinating a successful St. Patrick's Day Parade.

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Celebrating Government Week, Councilman Tom Reilly read two resolutions honoring two citizens of South Amboy: Janet Kern and Mark Herdman. Councilman Reilly stated, "When you volunteer, you gain confidence, you feel like part of the community, you learn new skills, have a challenge – this town does not function without volunteers."

Reilly then read the two resolutions:

Janet Kern
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of South Amboy would like to acknowledge South Amboy resident Janet Kern; and
WHEREAS, Janet has dedicated countless hours to this community and has demonstrated in many ways her deep and genuine love for this City; and
WHEREAS, Janet has been a lifelong resident of the City of South Amboy along with her two sons, George and Keith;

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Program). Some of the students that have finished that program have been recognized nationally with businesses they have started. We also have the AmeriCorps Program where people can volunteer their services to help those who are unfortunate. There are 21 slots available for those who want to serve. The minimum amount of hours to serve is 300 and up to a maximum of 1600 hours depending on the assignment, and they can receive a modest stipend. 621 families received assistance from the JRFC Program. Those who qualify after completing the AmeriCorps Program can apply to schools and colleges with the stipend they have received with the service for AmeriCorps. Those schools and colleges can match those funds."

After Goldberg spoke, Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up to give the PAFD's presentation on their budget. "For the year 2021, there were 4,500 inspections which we met our goal on. We made sure that all safety measures were in place. Our 2022 budget is the same and we are fully funded which was a savings on money and benefits. We keep educating business owners (in regards to keeping their businesses safe). Any violations that we spot are reported to Code Enforcement. Anytime we find illegal housing, that is Code Enforcement's responsibility."

Council President Bill Petrick spoke up, "I was hoping that the Fire Department would address the illegal housing problems and problems with the social clubs."

Mullen responded, "There was one basement fire this year, and we find most of the illegal housing is found in one and two-family units. When it comes to fire inspection, we are responsible for businesses and large multi-family units. If we spot violations, they have 30 days to make corrections. They can request extensions depending on how extensive the repairs are. If we find that it is too dangerous of a situation, we can shut down those buildings and businesses. The biggest causes of fires are discarding smoking materials, faulty electrical wiring, and overburdening extension cords and in the wintertime, space heaters."

Councilman B.J. Torres spoke up, "Records need to be shared between Code Enforcement and the Fire Department."

Mullen responded, "We use the same SDL System."

Business Administrator Michael Green spoke up, "This was suggested by the Strategy Group."

Mullen said, "The new SDL Citizen App lets people report any problems."

Mullen then talked about the Fire Department's operating expenses which would be in-

creased by \$20,000. He also gave out the phone number: 732-376-5419 where residents can call to get free smoke/carbon monoxide detectors installed for free. "The Fire Department will come and install them for you (it depends on if you meet the criteria). We have 100 now and are applying for more through grants. We keep records of all the places we put detectors in. We preach fire safety through community events and show people how to use fire extinguishers. We currently have 67 firefighters, and we have 2 new recruits that will be starting in the academy for training in May. We are hoping to get a total of 72 firefighters, and we put in funding for an additional 16 firefighters. There are 6 Battalion Chiefs, 12 Captains, and 3-4 firefighters per apparatus."

Acting Police Chief and OEM Coordinator Larry Cattano came up next. "In 2021 we responded to 58,000 calls. So far this year, we responded to 18,000 calls. There is a total of 250 staff members which includes office staff. We have 128 full time officers and 100 civilian members. 27% of our police officers who left the city came back. We need to replace 4 officers. The next Academy Class will start in August. In 2021 some of our accomplishments were that we doubled the amount of Field Officers, and we have new equipment with advanced technology. We have new tasers and virtual training environments using goggles which would show an officer being in a situation to escalate or deescalate a problem. They can review what was done. The training takes place in an office downstairs in the police station. Our accreditation has lapsed."

Council President Bill Petrick suggested that maybe that money can be used elsewhere."

Cattano then talked about the different community programs, "We have the Child Safety Car Seats, Narcan Kits when needed, Teen Programs, Outreach Programs, Lunch with Cops, Cocoa with Cops." Cattano further explained that the Narcan Kits were received through grants and other sources. "We will cross train the employees under us on how and when to use Narcan. 5 to 8 people O.D. a month and we have to provide a report on each call that we get. We might have the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education (Fifth Grade and up)) or L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (Kindergarten and up)) Programs come back to the classrooms possibly in 2023. The L.E.A.D. addresses a broader scope of problems. We will evaluate (the effectiveness) both programs. There are 14 instructors involved in the L.E.A.D. Program which includes Regular Officers and Community Officers from different divisions (Drug, Juvenile, etc.) We work closely with

the schools to see what grades are having the most problems and what kind. Problems that happen outside of the classroom, our regular police will be called."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, "I thought you would have put something together to address the recent incidents."

Cattano responded, "The police are deployed at all the schools after hours to address those problems. Our intent is to address this in the schools before it gets out of hand and we have to put them (problem students) in the system."

Pabon spoke up again, "The YMCA has tremendous programs which we need to activate in our schools. The Y has people in place to address bullying and other issues."

Cattano responded, "We have multiple programs and two counselors on board and several programs geared toward serving our youth. We also have programs run by the Prosecutor's Office which teaches entrepreneurship, mentoring, and a clean slate program. Schools will call us to help. Depending on the situation, we will dispatch the proper officer that is needed. State and National Programs have reached out to us to help out our youth."

Pabon continued, "There are so many programs that are involved in the police budget. There seems to be a disconnect between all of the different agencies."

Cattano responded, "We make sure that all the youth that are reported to us (the police) get the help they need."

A Council Member then asked about the K-9 units and how those dogs are housed.

Cattano answered, "The dogs live with their handlers, but in case that person goes on vacation, housing is available for the dog. The price of training has increased. The dogs are trained to detect opioids, PCPs, and Fentanyl. Some dogs can be in service for as long as 10 years. After they are retired, the officer can adopt their dog, or they can be given to others. There is a Power Shift at night to put out more officers during certain hours. Parking revenue has increased, and we get the most revenue out of the parking meters and not for violations. People usually pay by using mobile apps."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda said, "A lot of times, the machines won't accept the app for payment."

Cattano explained, "The machine in the lots by the library needs to be replaced because of connection failures. They are using 3-G versus the 4-G or 5-G in the other lots. Once you put those new meters in, that will correct the problem. We still use the Cape May Training Academy. It's the only Community Academy and the officers are

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interacting with the people in the community.”

Councilman B.J. Torres spoke up, “Cape May is much different than our town and what kind of results are we getting versus going to other academies?”

Cattano responded, “Most Middlesex County towns use Cape May for training. Atlantic City hired 100 officers and 50 stayed overnight at the Cape May Academy and the other 50 didn’t. Those who stayed overnight in Cape May performed better.”

Torres countered, “Firefighters stay overnight at firehouses while (police) officers always go to individual homes.”

Cattano continued, “Police interact with nursing home residents in Cape May, and we have been using Cape May for 6 years and we get reports every day of each of our officers’ activities. We and the county have an agreement with Cape May to use their facilities.”

Council President Petrick then remarked, “All the distractions are taken away when police get training away from home.”

Torres then made a comparison, “When students go to college, some that commute do better than those students who live on campus. Are there measurements to show comparisons between academies?”

Cattano said, “It’s hard to pinpoint.”

Cattano then talked about Animal Control, “There are 2 full-time employees and we’re looking to add 2 part-time employees. This is a no-kill shelter and adoptions are high. Animals are only euthanized at the Veterinarian’s recommendation. Sometimes we deal with other wildlife. Many people feed outside cats, and when they do, those cats are their responsibility. We have people who can set traps to capture feral cats. When animals are pregnant, we may have to leave them alone until they give birth.”

Councilman Petrick asked if we can leave wildlife at the Runyon Watershed.

Cattano answered, “You will have to ask animal control.”

After Cattano made his presentation, Petrick asked if they could still make amendments to the budget. City Clerk Victoria Kupsch said, “The budget has been already introduced.”

Law Director William Opel then answered, “Yes,” (after the public hearing).

Business Administrator Michael Green answered a question pertaining to R-188-4/22 - A grant from the Department of Transportation in an amount not to exceed \$780,000. “This is for roadway improvements for certain roads.”

Petrick then asked, “Are they going to make repairs to the bulkheads that will connect the promenade between the county park and Harbortown?”

Green said, “We are having a

meeting to clean the sidewalks near Buckingham Avenue.

Public Comments:

Resident Ken Balut came up first. “We heard from the Jewish Renaissance and all of these other people who get money from government agencies. The YMCA does great things, but we subsidize them. We send more money to Washington then we get back. We need to know the stats from Fentanyl deaths. No one talks about it, but if it did, it will stop. If you print crimes, and people who die on the front page, it will stop. When I was cop, we would do that, and that activity would stop. The Board of Education needs to come to our meetings to discuss the budget. If the money came out of your pocket, you would care. In 2012 we had an arbitration scheduled to see how much the Y owes us and it stopped. Copies of all the budgets should be here.”

Business Administrator Green spoke up, “All of the budgets are online.”

Resident Vince Mackiel Came up next, “People should be aware of Communication No. 8 – Elizabethtown Gas submitted a notion of public hearing to increase Base Tariff Rates and charges for gas services. “There is a public hearing to be held on April 21st and the number for people to call in to participate virtually. Elizabethtown Gas said their revenue is \$346 million and they needed to use it for capital improvement. They want to increase their tariff from between 17%-24%. They always put down why they have these increases. At another meeting, at the Office of Economic and Community Development, said they could have Code Blue set up at the Salvation Army, but I still see people sleeping in hallways.”

Council President Bill Petrick spoke up, “The Salvation Army used to have an intake facility. Olive Street has been used the past. The Salvation Army is a separate corporation and can’t move the homeless to the facility on their own.”

Councilman Torres said, “I was at a meeting with the Salvation Army and the City of Perth Amboy dissolved their partnership with them.”

Tashi Vazquez from the Office of Economic and Community Development spoke via Zoom, “The Salvation Army moved away (from housing people) because of changes in their policy. We have received \$500,000 from the county for housing and \$1.9 million from HUD which has a sheltering component from the County involved. There is a possibility for housing to be included. We will be having a public hearing to get feedback.”

No one from Zoom spoke during the public portion.

Council President Bill Petrick then asked the council if they wanted to do a Resolution opposing Elizabethtown Gas’s

proposed rate increase.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “I want to applaud Mr. Mackiel for bringing this to our attention.” You can’t blame the war for the increase in our food and gas prices.”

The council closed the public portion and went into closed session at 7:57 p.m. with no further action being taken. All council members were present in person.

The 4/13/22 Council Meeting’s first order of business was a presentation of a Proclamation to Ahsia Torres who earned athletic achievements as a top female wrestler. Academically, she is a current Honor Student with a 3.9 GPA, a member of the ROTC and the National Honor Society, a high school wrestling record of 50 wins and 8 losses, and a two-time Greater Middlesex County Champion and voted twice as the Most Outstanding Wrestler.

The Department of Public Works presented their budget. Acting Director of DPW Matthew Nieves came up before the council, “There are currently 71 employees in 6 divisions. We have repaved 14 streets, several commuter lots and restored the Ferry Slip. We want to order electric garbage trucks. In 2021 we had 13 community cleanups. From July 30th to December 31st of 2021, we sold 9,754 tons of solid waste and over 21,000 tons so far this year. We’ve also painted parts of the Jankowski Center and on April 16th, there will be a city-wide cleanup at 6 locations. We’ll continue our Patch Program of city streets. People can go online to schedule appointments for refuse pickup. All this information will be on the city’s website.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “We need to get this information to the residents besides just putting it on the city website.”

Nieves continued, “We ordered a smart-can which is self-contacting that will send a signal when it is full. This will first be set up at the Brighton Avenue Community Center. It will be just for trash, and we will have to pay for the Wi-fi hookup.” He also wanted to thank all the supervisors, DPW employees, and the council. “The total cost for getting this smart-can is \$4,000 and that includes the Wi-fi and shipping. We have 7 automated vehicles for trash pickups and 2 spare vehicles. We are waiting for an order to come in, but right now, there is a backup of equipment. We are in the process of putting in a Resolution to get a contract for parts that we need.” He then talked about improvements for 2022.

DPW Supervisor Danny Cleaver came up and talked about vandalism that happened in one of the city parks. “One slide that was vandalized, we turned it over on the other side which saved us \$10,000.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “I’ve talked about repairs

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that needed to be done for the parks for years. I was even given a due date for when the park would get fixed, but it wasn’t done. The Jungle Gym in Rudyk Park never got fixed. Why talk about next year if repairs have not taken place for this year in the park?”

Nieves then explained, “The fencing is back up. Sometimes it is weeks or months. We have been waiting for 2 months for a part to come in to repair one of our doors.”

Pabon still wasn’t satisfied, “There are a lot of local fence companies around. It is unacceptable for Wilentz Park not to be open. A lot of people use Rudyk Park, and a lot of that equipment is rusted. The railing at the Marina was supposed to be painted, but that never happened. If something happens to a child (using faulty equipment) at a park, then there will be a lot of finger pointing. In spite of everything, I think you are doing a great job.”

Council President Bill Petrick asked Nieves, “How are we on salt usage?”

Nieves answered, “We used the estimated amount. When you see some of the salt spills, it may come from the cracks where the hinges are in the trucks.”

Petrick was concerned about the rebatement by the park near Water and Lewis Streets.

B.A. Green said he would contact the engineer.

Danny Cleaver came up to respond, “The problem is with the bulkhead. We need an exploratory explanation by the contractor. I will reach out to the City Engineer Jeff Rauch.” He then addressed the problems brought out by Councilman Pabon regarding the fencing, “We have replaced fencing in the past and just did Washington Park. That fence is heavy duty and because of the softball teams using it, and the bats hitting the fencing causes a lot of wear and tear on it.”

Pabon said, “I disagree! I see the invoices. We replace the fencing in Wilentz Park recently and we can get fencing replaced for the bigger fields. A lot of

equipment in the parks are being vandalized. If that is happening, I will apologize for my statement.”

Cleaver said, “We are also looking to have a beach maintenance plan.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada told Nieves, “You are doing a great job. I know there are a lot of troubles with the parks, but overall, your department is doing a good job.”

Councilman B.J. Torres asked, “What are the CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) Plans and the dollar amount?”

B.A. Green said he would get back to him.

The next department to speak about the Budget was Code Enforcement. Director Irving Lozada was unable to be there. Construction Official for Code Enforcement Scott Melski came up to speak. “In 2021 we conducted 3,550 inspections. This includes electric, fire, and plumbing and over 1,000 permits were issued. Most of the inspections were on buildings. When people apply for a permit, they are required to pay with 2 checks: one is for the DCA Surcharge, and the other is for the general account. If you just need a permit for demolition, you only need to write out one check.”

Petrick then questioned, “Can this be done online?”

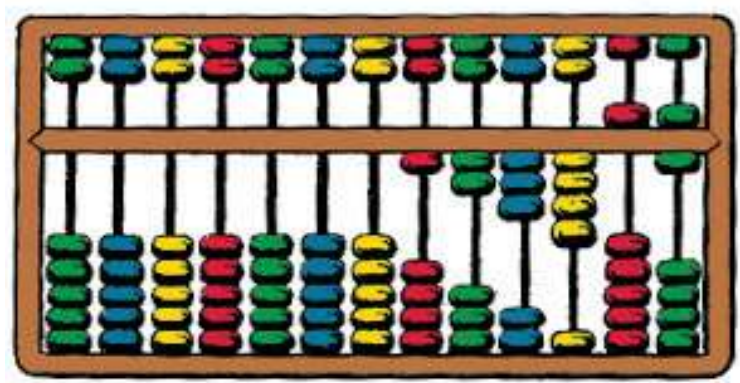
Melski answered, “Only for single-family homes because contractors are required to use a raised seal. We can see if one check can be submitted, but we always requested two checks. From January thru March of this year, we’ve had 650 inspections and 816 so far up to date. We have seen work done without permits being issued and there is probably a couple one very block. Any that we receive, I am holding them accountable. For emergencies, they have to get their permits filed as soon as possible. This happens a lot when we sell properties. We will need more help with new developments coming in. We are self-funded and self-sufficient and cover the cost of en-

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Simpler Times



Let's take a trip back and I will take you along with me.

When I was growing up and going to school, when I look back, the most important teachers to me were not the ones who looked like me but cared about me. I don't understand what is going on, when the only way a student could learn is by a teacher who looks like them and had a similar background. At the time I graduated, I remember every single teacher who cared about me. The teacher's race wasn't even in my thought process. I remember Mrs. Gleason who would add in green coloring in her grey hair for St. Patrick's Day. Mrs. Sappington who was very diminutive and loved to hug her students. Mrs. Daisy who always dressed impeccably. I remember for Valentine's Day we'd have a party with little candy hearts and every student had a list of everybody in the class to make out valentine's cards for everyone in the class. I remember we made paper hats out of newspapers. We would cut out Valentine Hearts. One of our biggest thrills is when we got a pot with soil and put seeds in it and put the flowerpot in the window-sill and watch the plant grow. I remember how proud it was to do our alphabet on our own, then learning how to write penmanship and add numbers. My mother was always a stickler to say your handwriting should be clear. I remember for Halloween dressing up in school and having Halloween Parties and parading around the schools in our various costumes. When we went out for recess outside, it was on a hard surface with no soft sponges. Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic were very important and still should be. As we got a little older, I remember opening up a savings account at banks that had a special student

account. We would open up a small passbook so you could learn how to manage your money. Computers were nowhere to be found and no barcodes to scan your grocery items. I remember when we go to a Chinese Restaurant, and they would use an abacus to add and subtract. I've seen an article in the Research Digest British Publication called, "Teaching Children the Ancient Mental Abacus Technique," boosted their math abilities more than normal extra tuition. There was a comment by a parent who said, "Abacus has proven that it not only improves the ability to calculate faster, but also gives the students the confidence to tackle math problems with ease."

You know the old saying, "Everything old is new again." Just think about the things that you did growing up: the games you played, old arcade games that students of today have no clue about. Try taking away their tablets, cell phones, or laptops for an hour. Try an old fashion pinball machine and see how quickly they gravitate to it.

I remember one time watching the "Ellen DeGeneres Show," and she had a competition between an older person and a teenager. She plopped down a phonebook and asked the teenager to look up a certain business. The Teenager was finally able to do it, but it took them a while. What was even stranger is when I saw another video when they asked two teenage boys to call up a phone number using a rotary phone. Needless to say, they had a hard time doing so.

Maybe it's time to have a little fun in life. If I had a wish, I would have a time machine and take a bunch of kids back when I was growing up and let them experience the simpler things in life before computers. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Gasoline Tax Considered

There are suggestions to end the gasoline tax to lower it price.

But this tax is used to pay for the costs of roads. Electric vehicles do not pay this tax. Their heavier weights from batteries puts more stress and wear on roads. If an acci-

dent spills battery acid on roads that is also extra wear. Who will pay their share?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Look Up, You'll Never Know What You'll Find!

Last year I wrote about the prolific number of dwellings in Perth Amboy that have air conditioning in their attics and basically, I left it at that. Does anyone ventilate an attic if there's no one living there?

Did the owners of these homes get permits to have electrical work and/or construction done to make these places habitable? If so, did they use licensed contractors? Are there smoke detectors there? Do they claim rental income on their state and federal taxes? Are they receiving credits on their taxes for mortgage payments using the money received from these more than likely illegal units? I'm sure that there are a whole host of other

questions I could think of if I strained my brain. So, I'll just advise the city's code inspectors to look up, you'll never know what you'll find! The possibility of fines could be a bonanza to the coffers of Perth Amboy and tax penalties to the state and federal governments! Thank you!

The Honorable
Michael Rusznak

Statement by Viridian Partners Regarding New Residential Complex Surprisingly Unveiled by City of Perth Amboy

April 6, 2022
PERTH AMBOY- "It is both disappointing and unconscio-

nable that the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Authority (PARA) announced a new redevelopment plan for the Downtown Gateway Project at last night's meeting, when no such proposal has gone through the public process or included the redeveloper that has been publicly designated since 2015. Also shocking, is the fact that this new plan calls for substantial housing, which City Council and the residents of Perth Amboy have vehemently opposed for the

past ten years, due to increased traffic and the detrimental impact to Perth Amboy's already overcrowded school district."
"In stark contrast, Viridian Partners, who has been the designated developer for this site since 2015 and who invested more than \$2 million while securing over 99% of this property, has been prepared to deliver a development that will produce millions of dollars of new tax revenue for Perth Amboy taxpayers."

Statement by Viridian Partners PARA'S Back-Room Surprise Plan is Costing Perth Amboy Taxpayers

April 11, 2022
On Monday, April 5th, the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency (PARA) unveiled a surprise plan for the redevelopment of the Gateway Redevelopment Area. PARA's plan, prepared by architect Dean Marchetto, features 6,000 units of housing, 7,000 parking spaces, and approximately 200,000 square feet of retail. PARA spent \$17,500 of public money on this plan. Incredibly, PARA, by its own admission, has no

idea whether the plan is economically feasible to be built or what the impacts of such a large housing development will be on current Perth Amboy residents.
Viridian Partners is the contract purchaser of over 95% of the area and is the designated redeveloper for this site. Inexplicably, PARA has refused to meet with Viridian regarding a plan for this site which will benefit Perth Amboy. Viridian engaged Robert Powell and Richard Reading, two of New Jersey's most renowned real estate economists, to study PARA's plan. Their independent conclusions are that PARA's plan: 1. Will never be built because it is not financially feasible; and 2. Even if it were built, the impacts on school overcrowding, traffic, water, sewer utilities and the like would be a disaster for Perth Amboy.

Viridian has formed a website, saveperthamboy.com, to educate and engage the public. Detailed financial reports by Mr. Powell and Mr. Reading will soon be accessible to the public on Viridian's website.
There's an old saying, "doing nothing is doing something." By doing nothing, PARA is costing Perth Amboy residents \$5,997 every day it fails to work with Viridian on a redevelopment plan that will get built and benefit Perth Amboy. Since Viridian has been attempting work with PARA on a viable redevelopment plan for this site, Perth Amboy has lost \$5.643 million in tax revenue from this site.
The time is now for PARA to engage with Viridian to work on a plan that benefits Perth Amboy.

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THURS. Apr. 28 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
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THURS. May 5 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.
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MON. May 9 City Council, Caucus, 5:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St. & Zoom
TUES. May 10 BID, 4 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
• Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.
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WED. May 11 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
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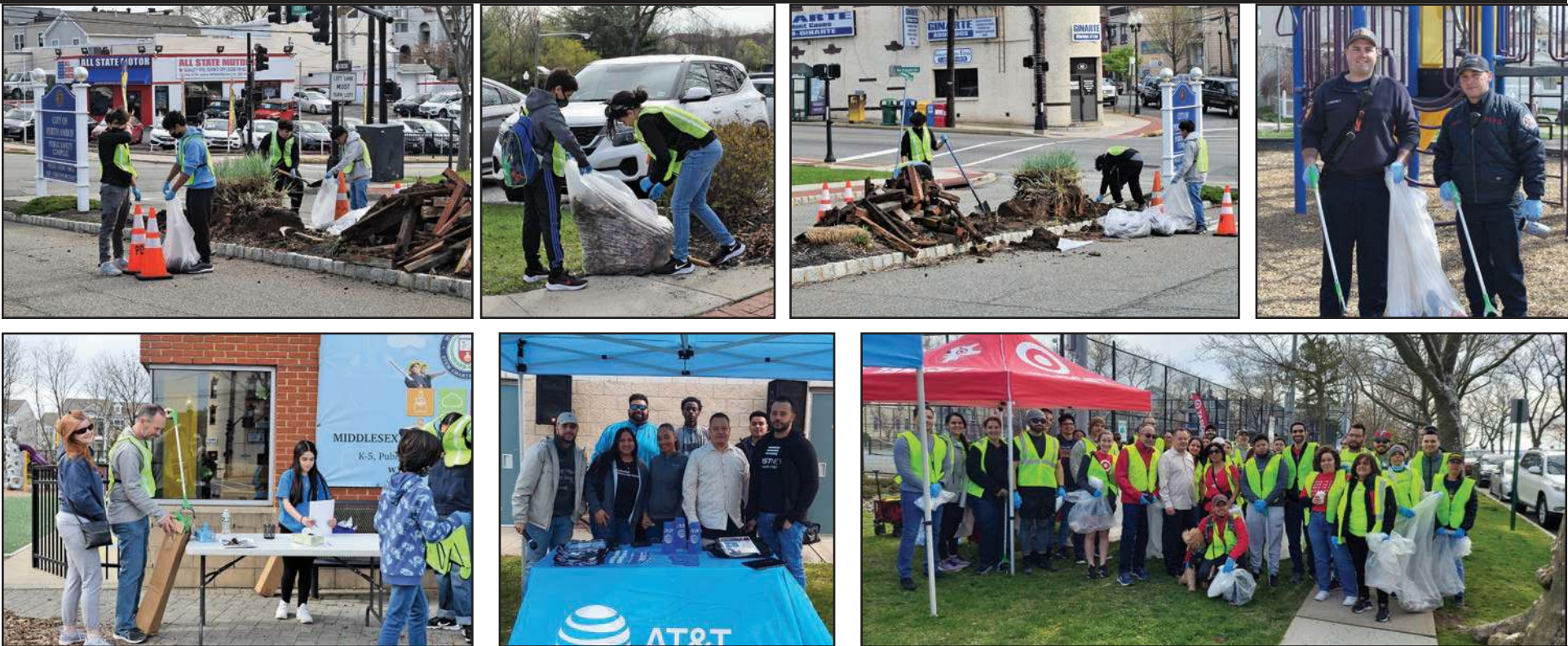
Easter Egg Hunt, Waters Stadium, Perth Amboy, 4/16/22

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Street Artwork, Perth Amboy, 4/16/22

*Photo by Paul W. Wang



Budget Hearing, Presentation by JRF and Recognizing Heroic Act by a Resident and Congratulating a Top Student Athlete 4/11/22 & 4/13/22 Caucus & Council Meetings

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forcement.”
Petrick asked if fees can be carried over after future developments are completed.

Melski answered, “Yes.”
Supervising Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer Rudy Rodriguez spoke next, “We have 5 Inspectors, and they have 565 Code Compliance Inspections. There are 319 Zoning Permits, 8 Road Openings, 7 Dumpster Rentals, 19 Variances, 109 Illegal Housing, and most of them were called in by tips by the Police Department and Fire Department complaints. There were 924 debris removal and 1,000 complaints with overgrown grass or hedges on properties. We have 5 Fire Inspectors.”

Pabon spoke up, “If people with large lots are charging people to park commercial vehicles, the Tax Department should get involved.”

Rodriguez responded, “Summonses were issued regarding illegal parking and 16 of those summonses have expired. They were all given 30-day notices.”

Council President Petrick questioned, “How was this list formulated?”

Rodriguez answered, “I looked at the old list. Also, inspectors see violators, or sometimes people call in when they see violations going on.”

Councilman Torres spoke up, “Illegal housing doesn’t give us all the details. We need a breakdown on how the violations were discovered or some of the repeat violations.”

Law Director Opel spoke up, “A certificate of compliance is issued when a property is sold. We can amend the ordinance to see what is needed.”

Torres continued, “If families are relocated, we need to know when, where, and for how long.”

Petrick questioned, “How many of the 109 Illegal Housing Units are repeat offenders?”

Rodriguez answered, “I will get back to you.”

Pabon spoke up, “The people who suffer are the ones who park small school buses in the driveways and not the corporations who have the big trucks (they can afford the fines).”

Petrick continued, “All the private school bus companies should have their own private lot to park their busses.”

Matthew Nieves returned to the mike when Rodriguez was done speaking and said, “We are getting the job done with our 71 employees.”

Public Comments on Ordinances:

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak about Ordinance No. 2 – Entitled, “Vehicles and Traffic” regarding truck parking regulations.

“Does this include busses and commercial vans?”

Petrick answered, “Yes.”

Balut continued, “Those numbers are terrible for inspections. Those inspectors don’t see everything. I can easily show 4 to 5 places that are in violation of codes.”

Public Portion (Agenda Items Only):

Resident Ken Balut spoke first. He talked about a house in his neighborhood which is listed as a Mother/Daughter property which has a 2-car driveway that was built around a telephone pole. That property was given a C/O (Certificate of Occupancy) after that driveway was built. “When I went to OPRA that property, the paperwork was missing on the C/O before and after the selling of the house. Irving (Lozada) may be nice, but he is not qualified as a Code Enforcement Director. This is why we are losing a lot of court cases. Before he became Code Enforcement Director, we lost tax appeals regarding the Chevron Property because of a person not being qualified. How many employees are getting \$8,000 raises? What is the price of the billboard on State Street (that has a picture of the mayor with a background picture of parts of the city and nothing else)?”

B.A. Green said he would look into both of those items.

The meeting was opened up to Zoom participants.

Resident Maria Vera spoke, “I have been a resident here for 40 years and own a Victorian House. I see so many houses that have air conditioners in their attics. How can Code Enforcement miss this? People are underpaying their taxes with illegal units in their basements and attics. It is unhealthy and you can’t find parking with all these illegal units.”

The next person to speak was Jose Amarante who lives on Cortlandt Street. “I’m Chair of the Zoning Board and some people were let go and some new people came on. Meetings were cancelled because of our attorney being absent – not because of having a quorum.”

Council President Petrick said, “If you cancel two meetings, the attorneys have to renotify the public.”

Amarante responded, “Attorneys are mishandling it.”


Petrick continued, “If you have a quorum, a meeting can still take place to discuss business.”

Amarante said, “There is only one resolution before us.”

Petrick ended the discussion, “A resolution has to be passed for the applicant to proceed.”

Councilman B.J. Torres then asked, “Can we have the Code Enforcement Director come in person to go over some of the budget items that could not be explained tonight?”

Green answered, “It’s my mistake. I should have said at the beginning of the budget hearing



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that Code Enforcement Director Irving Lozada will not be here tonight because his wife just had a baby.”

The meeting was opened up to the public to speak on the Municipal Budget.

Ken Balut came up first. “Is the Board of Education raising taxes? Is the County raising taxes?”

Petrick answered, “Yes to the Board of Education, and probably to the County.”

Balut continued, “The Board of Education should not pay to use the Y. We are subsidizing the Y and paying for the Recreation Department. I don’t see the salary listed for the new attorney.”

Law Director Opel responded, “I am not salaried.”

Balut said, “You are in violation of your own ordinance.”

Opel responded, “My contract was approved by the council for a flat fee by the month.”

Balut ended, “We need paperwork and all the handouts that directors gave out during the budget hearings.”

Opel then made one more comment, “The law firm I work for is given the money, then they pay their attorneys.”

For the consent agenda, R-177 thru R-186; R-188 thru R-190

was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. For R-187 - Authorizing a settlement of the Workers Compensation Litigation via an order approving settlement in the matter entitled, “Anthony Colon vs. The City of Perth Amboy” for the amount of \$31,692. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Torres voted “No.”

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales thanked all who spoke tonight. She congratulated Wrestler Ah-sia Torres on her accomplishments. She wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “I respect all council members – those who came before I served, and those after, but I am asking when council members speak, that we be fully heard (and not interrupted). We pay a lot of taxes, and the residents should fully enjoy everything they pay for, especially our parks. I don’t like people B.S.-ing me, especially when I complain about the parks. I see that they started working again on Second Street Park, but I want to know if phosphorus was cleared.”

B.A. Michael Green said, “I will find out if the mitigation was done.”

Pabon continued, “I want to commend the city on a lot of

the lights being fixed in the city’s parking lots. Although there are a lot of neighborhood lights being fixed, the lights on New Brunswick Avenue and Division Street still need their lights fixed. Remember, Covid is still not over, and I am still against large gatherings. Mask Mandates are going back into place. Most people have Covid tests that they can take at home. I hope that the Little League is able to open up soon.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

Councilman B.J. Torres had no comments.

Council President Bill Petrick wished everyone a Happy Easter. “Stay safe and well.”

After Petrick spoke, OEM Coordinator and Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to speak on Covid numbers, “The Covid numbers are down in town. There are many people who do home tests that are probably positive, and we’ve had no deaths.”

Councilwoman Tejeda said, “The hospital numbers are down, also.”

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m. All council members were present in person.

Hackensack University Medical Center Offers New, First of its Kind, Genetic Screening for Pancreatic Cancer

Press Release 4/6/22

HACKENSACK, NJ — Hackensack University Medical Center launched an innovative surveillance program that screens individuals who are at high-risk for developing familial or hereditary pancreatic cancer.

This new initiative is the first of its kind in New Jersey and patients who are eligible will receive both an imaging test and a recently approved biomarker test that measures the immune system’s response to diseases in the blood.

Biomarker testing is a way to look for genes, proteins, and other substances that can provide information about cancer. Each person's cancer has a unique pattern of biomarkers. Some biomarkers affect how certain cancer treatments work.

The pancreas is a small organ in the abdomen that produces insulin and other important enzymes to promote the digestion of food and the regulation of blood sugar. Pancreatic cancer is often called the silent killer, and with good reason – most patients don't experience symptoms until the cancer is big enough to impact the surrounding organs. Even then, the symptoms are often vague which is why this testing is so important.

According to the American

Cancer Society, an estimated 56,770 Americans will receive a pancreatic cancer diagnosis this year alone. This type of cancer accounts for nearly eighty percent of all cancer-related deaths in the United States, making it one of the most lethal forms of malignant diseases.

According to Dr. Rosario Ligresti, chief of Gastroenterology at Hackensack University Medical Center, the incidence of pancreas cancer has been significantly rising since 2000, especially in women younger than 55.

“Pancreas cancer is predicted to become the second-leading cause of cancer death in the world by 2030, overtaking colon cancer,” explains Ligresti. “We absolutely need a better way to screen for it.”

Patients are encouraged to speak with their doctors to see if they meet the criteria to be considered for the screening. Those who are qualified can make an appointment quickly and will typically be seen within one week.

Screenings are available one morning each week at Hackensack University Medical Center between the hours of 9 AM and 12 PM and will run from April 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022.

For an appointment call 551.996.3091.

Pallone Announces Middlesex County Will Receive Over \$1 Million to Preserve the Metuchen Meeting House Battlefield

Press Release 4/11/22

EDISON, NJ – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that Middlesex County will receive \$1,086,306 to preserve the Metuchen Meeting House Battlefield. The grant will cover half of the acquisition cost and allow Middlesex County in partnership with Edison Township to create the new public Battle of Short Hills Park.

The funding comes from the U.S. National Park Service Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant Program, which enables state and local governments to acquire and preserve historic battlefield lands on American soil and receives support from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The LWCF reinvests revenue from offshore oil and natural gas leasing to help strengthen conservation and recreation opportunities across the country. Pallone cosponsored the Great American Outdoors Act, which fully and permanently funded the LWCF in August 2020.

“New Jersey has a rich history in the foundation of our nation. I’m pleased to see that the National Park Service has awarded Middlesex County with funding to help preserve this history for future generations,” said Pallone said. “This funding will

go a long way toward helping Middlesex County and Edison protect green spaces and honor our state’s important history.”

“This new funding addresses two key goals for Middlesex County—to protect our green space and to preserve our history,” said Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners, Director, Ronald G. Rios. “Our deep roots in the Revolutionary War are part of our rich identity and attract new visitors each year. We want to ensure precious sites like the Metuchen Meeting House Battlefield can be enjoyed for many generations.”

The money will be used to acquire 7.49 acres of property and connect it with the adjacent Edith Stevens Wildlife Preserve. It will also be used to expand a local park and help prepare for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War. During the 1777 Battle of Short Hills, areas near Edison were occupied by the Continental Army when General George Washington's forces engaged British forces before the movement of both armies south to Philadelphia. The engagement at Short Hills marked the start of the Delaware Valley campaign that led to the capture of Philadelphia in September 1777.

Hackensack Meridian Old Bridge Medical Center Opens New State-Of-The-Art Emergency Department To The Public



OLD BRIDGE - Hackensack Meridian Health executives, Old Bridge Medical Center team members and Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry celebrate the opening of the new Emergency Department at Old Bridge Medical Center. *Photo Submitted

Press Release 4/5/22

OLD BRIDGE, NJ – Hackensack Meridian Old Bridge Medical Center has recently opened its brand new state-of-the-art Emergency Department to the public. A \$39 million investment into the community, the new 24,000 sq foot facility will serve every patient from pediatric to geriatric.

“At Hackensack Meridian Health, our focus is to provide the best healthcare experience possible and we see Old Bridge Medical Center is doing just that by officially opening their new Emergency Department to

our community,” said Robert C. Garrett, chief executive officer, Hackensack Meridian Health. “This expansion will allow unprecedented access to a full continuum of care.”

The new Emergency Department enhances care with safer, faster arrivals by expanding the number of ambulance bays, newly designed pediatric rooms, on-site technology that provides faster diagnostics and treatment, 20 private Emergency Room patients beds, a brand new concourse that connects all three buildings on the hospital’s campus, and more.

“At Old Bridge Medical Center, we are committed to serving our neighbors, friends and families by providing the best care for our growing community,” said William DiStanislaio, interim president, chief hospital executive, Old Bridge Medical Center. “We look forward to serving more patients by delivering the highest quality care to every person who comes through our doors.”

The project team for the expansion included Stantec Consulting (Project Management), FCA and Turner Construction.

Letters to the Editor

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Why Leave Discretionary Federal Transit Administration Funding on The Table?

On April 6, 2022, the Federal Transit Administration published Federal Notice of Available Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2022. The accompanying tables by funding programs make for very interesting reading. Governor Murphy, Senators Booker and Menendez, the Congressional delegation and other elected officials constantly complain that Washington shortchanges New Jersey. Yet none of them has ever said a word about the following.

Why have the following recipients all been unsuccessful in applying for the following older FTA discretionary funded project allocations that are worth a total of \$17,592,076 dollars? Under Table 14 Prior Year Unobligated Section 5307 Passenger Ferry Grant Program, (1) FY 2018 NJD2018-PFGP-010-

City of Bayonne, ferry mooring platform deck and landside improvements - \$656,800, (2) FY 2018 NJD2018-PFGP-013 Port Authority of NY&NJ - Commuter ferry vessel power and propulsion retrofit program - \$2,480,000, (3) FY 2019 NJD2019-PFGP-009 New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection - Ferry slips, reconstruction upgrade at Liberty State Park - \$5,900,000 and (4) FY 2020 NYJD2020-PFGP-010 City of South Amboy - Radford Ferry project - \$5,300,000. Under Table 17 Prior Year Unobligated Section 5309 Low or No Emissions Program, (1) NJD2021-Bus LWNE-027-New Jersey Transit - Purchase battery-electric buses and associated infrastructure - \$3,255,276.

Why have they failed to see funds obligated under approved grants? Have NJ Transit, Port Authority, NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection, City of Bayonne and City of South Amboy entered formal grants in FTA's Transit Award Management System (known as "TrAMS") used to award and manage federal grants? Have they addressed all of FTA's concerns and issues as part of any ongoing grant review? These funds

will eventually lapse and be lost.

As each year goes by, the project costs increase. The dollar value of the earmark does not. In the end, taxpayers and commuters are the losers. With a \$30 trillion and growing long term federal deficit, every dollar counts. When will NJ Transit, Port Authority, NJ Environmental Protection, City of Bayonne and City of South Amboy make this a priority and secure their respective FTA earmarks?

Sincerely,

Larry Penner
(Larry Penner is a transportation advocate, historian and writer who previously worked for the Federal Transit Administration Region 2 NY Office. This included the development, review and approval of billions in grants to NJ Transit, NY MTA, NYC Transit bus, subway, Staten Island Railway, Long Island Rail Road and Metro North Rail Road which funded capital bus, subway and commuter rail improvement projects and programs along with 30 other transit agencies in NY & NJ.)

New Jersey Schools Development Authority Celebrates Construction Milestone with Beam Signing Event for the New Perth Amboy High School



Press Release 4/8/22

PERTH AMBOY, NJ – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) joined Perth Amboy School District students and officials, as well as State and local officials, at a ceremonial beam signing for the new Perth Amboy High School. Today's event highlights the construction progress of the new school, with the steel structure nearly complete.

"This is an exciting time for Perth Amboy as the framework of the new High School takes shape and the community can begin to envision the lasting impact this facility will have for thousands of students in the years to come," said SDA CEO Manuel Da Silva. "This event affords us an opportunity to stand alongside our District, State, and local partners to highlight this important milestone and the SDA's continued commitment to deliver a state-of-the-art learning environment that will enhance the education of Perth Amboy students as they become college and career ready."

"This ceremony marks another milestone in the largest project undertaken by the New Jersey School Development Authority," said Dr. David A Roman, Superintendent of Schools. "The future of this school district is promising. Our collective signatures placed upon this beam today is a pledge and

commitment that we have earnestly been entrusted with to leave a future foundation for generations to come. The new Perth Amboy High School, where the roots will be strong, the foundation will have love, and inspiration will follow."

"The beam signing at the new Perth Amboy High School represents the State's continued dedication to the Perth Amboy student community. Our students will benefit from the 21st Century education provided by this state-of-the-art facility for generations to come. We are proud to continue supporting this project and look forward to the High School's completion," said Senator Joseph F. Vitale, Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez.

The new Perth Amboy High School will be an approximately 576,000 square-foot, three-story facility designed to educate a maximum of 3,300 students in ninth to twelfth grades. In addition to general classrooms and science labs, the school will include specialized educational spaces such as an automotive lab, culinary arts lab, black box studio, dance studio, ROTC Classroom, world languages classroom, life skills lab, and a daycare center. The new school will also be equipped with 1:1 student technology, an educational necessity now more than ever.

With the steel structure nearly complete, work to enclose the building (exterior walls, masonry, roofing) has commenced. The project is anticipated to open to students in September 2024.

The \$283.8 million school is being built using the design-build approach. Terminal Construction Corporation/Dinallo Construction Corporation (Joint Venture) was awarded a design-build contract for the design and construction of the new school. As part of the design-build contract, Terminal Construction Corp./Dinallo Construction Corp. is working with RSC Architects on the design. Answer Advisory is the Construction Manager on the project.

As a result of SDA's commitment to building energy-efficient buildings that consider the surrounding environment, this school will be built to be LEED (United States Green Building Council – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified.

Once completed, the school will be the sixth Capital Project built by the SDA in Perth Amboy since the inception of the school construction program. The SDA previously invested more than \$150 million in completed projects in the Perth Amboy School District, including the Rose M. Lopez Elementary School that opened in 2019.

Middlesex County Improvement Authority Presents Recycling Award to Elyse Barone of Sayreville

Press Release 4/13/22

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – The Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) honored Sayreville's Recycling Coordinator Elyse Barone with its annual Curbside Recycling Coordinator of the Year Award for 2021.

Ms. Barone has a long career of working with local youth on the importance of a clean environment. In 2016, she received the Education award from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council for these efforts. Additionally, in 2019 Ms. Barone worked with Pathway to Adult Living (PAL). This group of students with various disabilities including autism, walked the neighborhoods of Sayreville educating residents on how to recycle properly.

"Climate change is impacting our planet and smart recycling

efforts are one way we all can make a difference," said Ronald G. Rios, Director of the Board of County Commissioners. "Middlesex County has a long record of success in New Jersey because of hard work by people like Elyse Barone, and we congratulate her on this well-deserved award."

"Middlesex County is consistently recognized as having one of the best recycling programs in the State. This is possible because of our strong local partners who go the extra mile in educating the public to ensure we do our part to have clean communities and fight back against climate change. Elyse's commitment and contributions have greatly impacted our County-wide success and we are proud to honor her today," said H. James Polos, Executive Director of the MCIA.

"Middlesex County can pass savings in our curbside recycling program to our taxpayers because of people like Elyse. Public education on how to properly follow recycling guidelines is a key component of this success," said James P. Nolan, Chairman of the MCIA. "Partnerships and local volunteerism are essential to maintaining a strong recycling program and Elyse's leadership continues to help us remain one of the best."

The MCIA offers the curbside recycling program as a shared service to County municipalities. Currently, the program has 17 participants and due to the challenged recycling marketplace, it has been successful in offering a stable and affordable disposal services compared to many municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey.

Middlesex County Digitizes Public Deeds from 1950s Back to 1923

Office of the County Clerk Makes Historic Records Searchable and Viewable Online, All Public Deeds for Nearly a Century Now Available Digitally



Press Release 4/12/22

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – As part of its commitment to making information more easily available to the public, the Middlesex County Clerk's Office has digitized public deeds from the 1950s back to 1923. The records can now be searched and viewed online through the NewVision Systems' Official Records system.

Deeds are the first documents to be converted to digital records. Other records available at the Office of the County Clerk include mortgages, maps, liens, releases, easements, powers of attorney, trade names, assignments, medical licenses, and veteran peddler licenses. Recording deeds were previously digitized back to 1950. The older records were available only in large books stored in the Public Search Room in the Office of the County Clerk. These records are aging and increasingly fragile, and do not have an electronic index for locating documents.

The digitization of these deeds is a key step in modernizing the deed retrieval process, which enables the public to quickly and securely locate, view, download, and print deeds based on common search criteria while protecting and preserving the data. The need for this project was made abundantly clear during the Covid-19 pandemic when searchers and members of the public were able to access the public deeds that were available electronically back to 1950.

"The digitization of public deeds from the 1950s all the way back to 1923 is a project of tremendous scope and impact," said Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners Director Ronald G. Rios. "Here in Middlesex County, we strive to make public information and records as accessible as possible to residents and businesses. Modernizing the records management process is integral to that goal. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I thank Clerk Pinkin and every-

one in the Office of the County Clerk for all of their hard work and dedication in making this a reality."

"Digitizing these deeds, and all public records, is an ongoing project and a high priority for the County and for my office in particular," said Middlesex County Clerk Nancy J. Pinkin. "We are working hard to ensure that all public records are accessible to everyone who needs them, when they need them. Our partner, NewVision Systems, has extensive experience with this work and a high quality of performance with the County to date. I expect that to continue."

Located within the Office of the County Clerk, the Registry Office is where records pertaining to land ownership are recorded. The Registry Office is open to the public and services individuals who have purchased or sold property in Middlesex County. Copies of land records including deeds and mortgages recorded since 1683 are on file and accessible to citizens, attorneys, title searchers, historians, and genealogists.

Funding for the digitization project was provided by the County Clerk Trust Fund which is designed to set aside resources to invest in technology that can increase access to public information in an efficient manner.

In addition to digital access to public deeds dating back to 1923, Middlesex County offers the Middlesex County Property Alert Service. This free service is designed to protect property owners against fraudulent property issues such as false ownership documentation and claims, etc. After registering for the service, Middlesex County property owners will receive email alerts if a document with their name or property description is recorded in the Middlesex County Clerk's Office. More information about this free service can be found at <https://mcrecords.co.middlesex.nj.us/propertyalert>.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Buckeye Perth Amboy Terminal LLC, located at 380 Maurer Road, Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, NJ submitted an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for a modification to the facility’s Title V air permit on 12/20/21 to allow the installation of two natural gas fired hot water heaters. Estimated maximum potential emissions to be permitted are 0.38 tons per year (tpy) volatile organic compounds (VOCs), 2.45 tpy nitrogen oxides, 2.66 tpy carbon monoxide, 0.04 tpy sulfur dioxide, 0.52 tpy particulate matter, and 0.005 tpy Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs).

In accordance with NJ Administrative Order No. 2021-25 the facility intends to hold an in person Public Information Session at the ZPA Crystal Ballroom on 281 Grace Street, Perth Amboy, NJ from 6PM to 8PM on June 1, 2022 as part of a modification to the Title V Operating Permit for Program Interest No. 18058 and Permit Activity No. BOP200001 issued on November 13, 2020. The facility’s location has been identified as part of an overburdened community pursuant to NJSA 13:1D-157. For additional information regarding the information session or to express interest in attending please email BuckeyeNJAirPermitting@buckeye.com or visit our website at www.buckeyecommunity.info. Copies of the application are available at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ.

The facility is an existing bulk fuel storage facility and is seeking approval to install two 8 MMBtu/hr Hot Water Heaters firing Natural Gas to heat railcars for the off-loading and storage of B100 biodiesel in existing aboveground storage tanks. B100 biodiesel is a biofuel derived from vegetable oils, yellow grease, used cooking oils, or animal fats. The facility is an existing major source for VOCs and HAPs emissions.

The facility encourages public participation from interested parties either through attendance at the public information session, or by submitting written comments to david.pepe@dep.nj.gov and BuckeyeNJAirPermitting@buckeye.com. Both the facility and the NJDEP encourage these comments to include information regarding existing environmental and public health stressors that could result in adverse impacts on the affected community. This notice opens the initial minimum 60-day comment period for this project. The comment period begins on April 20, 2022 and concludes on July 1, 2022. Each written comment must contain the following:

- Name, address, and telephone number (and email address) of the person submitting the comments.
- Identification of Program Interest Number: 18058 or facility name (Buckeye Perth Amboy Terminal LLC).

AVISO

Este aviso es para notificar que Buckeye Perth Amboy Terminal LLC (la terminal), ubicada en 380 Maurer Road, Perth Amboy, condado de Middlesex, NJ, presentó una solicitud para modificar su permiso ambiental de aire el 20 de Diciembre de 2021. La solicitud presentada al Departamento de Protección Ambiental de Nueva Jersey solicita permitir la instalación de dos calentadores de agua caliente utilizando como combustible gas natural. Las descargas máximas que se permitirán están estimadas en 0.38 toneladas por año de compuestos orgánicos volátiles, 2.45 toneladas por año de óxidos de nitrógeno, 2.66 toneladas por año de monóxido de carbono, 0.04 toneladas por año de dióxido de azufre, 0.52 toneladas por año de material particulado y 0.005 toneladas por año de contaminantes atmosféricos peligrosos.

De acuerdo con la Orden Administrativa N° 2021-25 del Estado de Nueva Jersey, la terminal realizará una sesión de información pública el día 1 de Junio, 2022 de 6 de la tarde a 8 de la noche. La sesión se realizara en el ZPA Crystal Ballroom localizado en 281 Grace Street, Perth Amboy. La sesión pública se realizará como parte de una modificación del Permiso Operacional Título V para el Programa de Interés N° 18058 y Actividad del Permiso No. BOP200001 emitido el 13 de Noviembre de 2020. La terminal está ubicada en un área que ha sido identificada como parte de una comunidad sobre cargada según la definición de los Estatutos Anotados de Nueva Jersey capítulo 13 secciones 1D-157. Para más información sobre la sesión pública o para expresar su interés en participar en la sesión pública, envíe un correo electrónico a BuckeyeNJAirPermitting@buckeye.com o visite nuestra página de web (internet): www.buckeyecommunity.info . Copias de la solicitud presentada por la terminal están disponibles en la Biblioteca Pública Gratuita de Perth Amboy 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ.

La terminal está actualmente en funcionamiento y se dedica al almacenaje de combustible al por mayor. La terminal solicita la aprobación para instalar dos calentadores de agua caliente de gas natural de 8 millones unidades Británicas (MMbtu) por hora. Estos calentadores servirán para calentar vagones de tren que serán descargados en la terminal y luego se transferirá el biodiésel B100 a los tanques existentes de la terminal para su almacenaje. El biodiésel B100 es un combustible biológico derivado de aceites vegetales, grasas amarillas, aceites de cocina usados, o grasas animales. La terminal ya es una fuente fuerte de emisiones de compuestos orgánicos volátiles y contaminantes atmosféricos peligrosos.

La terminal pide la participación de la gente interesada, ya sea mediante la asistencia a la sesión de información pública o mediante el envío de comentarios por escrito a david.pepe@dep.nj.gov y BuckeyeNJAirPermitting@buckeye.com La Terminal y el Departamento de Protección Ambiental de Nueva Jersey solicitan que estos comentarios incluyan información sobre los factores ambientales y de salud pública que existen y que podrían resultar en impactos adversos en la comunidad. Con este aviso se comienza el período inicial mínimo de 60 días para hacer comentarios sobre este proyecto. El período de comentarios comienza el día 20 de Abril, 2022 y concluye el 1 de Julio, 2022. Cada comentario presentado por escrito debe contener lo siguiente:

- Nombre, dirección y número de teléfono (y dirección de correo electrónico) de la persona que envía los comentarios.
- Identificación del número del programa de interés: 18058 o nombre de la terminal (Buckeye Perth Amboy Terminal LLC).

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The Dowdell Library Joins Libraries Statewide in Telehealth Program

Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY — The Dowdell Library received a grant to provide the community with telehealth services. The ongoing pandemic has spotlighted inequities in the healthcare system, especially among the most marginalized members of the community. Those who suffer most are new immigrants, the elderly, and people from lower incomes who lack access to medical care, technology, and health information necessary to make informed choices about their health.

They are confronted with barriers to health equity, such as finding health information in a language or reading level that they can understand to ask their medical provider the right questions. Other barriers, such as the high cost of medical insurance or the need to work irregular shift hours, exclude some people from seeing a doctor during normal office hours. The Dowdell Library is playing a role in leveling the playing field through NJHealthConnect@Your Library so that everyone has an equal chance to live the healthiest life possible.

NJHealthConnect@Your Library addresses health inequities in the community by providing iPads that are preloaded with apps and links to telemedicine sites for doctor appointments, multi-lingual health information, places for mental health support for adults and teens, the latest COVID updates, and crisis hotlines in New Jersey.

Telemedicine is a more affordable, portable, and convenient lifeline for people with or without medical insurance to connect with a doctor. Telehealth is a skyrocketing trend that grew out of the pandemic and is here to stay with its proven patient satisfaction. It allows people, especially those most vulnerable, to obtain an early-stage diagnosis, prevent illness, seek early treatment intervention, and obtain and renew medications so that health equity is within the grasp of everyone.

Telehealth iPads are available for private telehealth appointments for South Amboy Library cardholders. Just make a reservation to ensure a time slot. Contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. Additional information about this state program can be found online at www.njstatelibr.org/njhealthconnect.

Library Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am-8 pm, Wednesday & Friday 10 am-5 pm, and Saturday 12-4 pm. Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O’Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

these barriers and ensure people have access to our services.” Social Security’s Equity Action Plan includes:

- Increasing collection of race and ethnicity data to help understand whether programs are equitably serving applicants and beneficiaries,
- Revising policies and practices to expand options for service delivery,
- Ensuring equitable access for unrepresented claimants in the disability application process,
- Decreasing burdens for people who identify as gender diverse or transgender in the Social Security number card application process, and
- Increasing access to research grant programs for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions and procurement opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses.

To learn more about the actions outlined in the Equity Action Plan, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/open/materials/SSA-EO-13985-Equity-Action-Plan.pdf. For more information about efforts to redress systemic barriers in policies and programs to advance equity for all, visit www.whitehouse.gov/equity.

WASHINGTON D.C. - Today, the Social Security Administration released its first Equity Action Plan, supporting President Biden’s whole-of-government equity agenda to advance equity, civil rights, racial justice, and equal opportunity for all.

On January 20, 2021, The President signed an Executive Order, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government. The Executive Order requires all Federal agencies “to pursue a comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all, including people of color and other people who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality.”

“Social Security’s programs touch the lives of nearly every American, providing income security for the diverse populations we serve, including people facing barriers, people with disabilities, people who are widowed, retirees, and their families,” said Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. “Systemic barriers may prevent people who need our programs the most from accessing them. Our Equity Action Plan will help to reduce

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Social Security Administration Releases Equity Action Plan

Honoring Citizens, Need for Volunteers, Ferry Slip Terminal, Budget, and Grievance Committee Topics Discussed

4/6/22 Council Meeting



Tim Walczak - South Amboy First Aid Squad Captain



John Dragotta - First Assistant Fire Chief SAFFD



Kathy Kudelka - South Amboy Senior Services



Brian Noble - South Amboy Youth Association



Darren Lavigne - South Amboy Police Chief

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and
WHEREAS, Janet graduated from Hoffman High School was employed by the school system for twelve years and has worked the last 16 years as a paraprofessional for special needs students; and
WHEREAS, Janet has received the Middlesex County Education Association Award for Public Education/Community Partner and has been on the Board of Education for 21 years a member of the PTO having held positions of Secretary, Vice President and President and
WHEREAS, Janet has spent many years involved in various local organizations such as the SA Youth Center, SA Elks, SA Juvenile Comm JCC's Center of Life Long Learning, SA First Aid Squad, and the SA Lions; and
WHEREAS, presently Janet is active in the Friends of South Amboy, SA Board of Education, SA Planning Board the Food Pantry.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey do acknowledge and thank Janet Kern for her selfless efforts.

Mark Herdman:
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of South Amboy would like to acknowledge Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Mark Herdman; and
WHEREAS, Mark has dedicated countless hours to this community and has demonstrated in many ways his deep and genuine love for this City; and
WHEREAS, Mark has been a resident of the City since 1980 along with his wife Sue, daughter Andrea and son Steven and has a grandson named Austin; and
WHEREAS, Mark was Deputy OEM Coordinator from 2003 through 2013 and has been OEM Coordinator from 2013 through the present; and
WHEREAS, Mark became a volunteer fireman in 1982 and rose through the ranks over the years and served as Fire Chief from 2000-2003 and has been an Honorary Member of the First Aid Squad since 1988 and this March marks his 40th year in the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Mark has spent many years since 1995 coaching girls and boys softball, baseball, basketball and football for various local organizations; and
WHEREAS, Mark, during the entire COVID pandemic, has worked tirelessly with the Food Pantry and First Aid Squad to provide food and supplies for families in need
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey do acknowledge and thank Mark Herdman for his selfless efforts.
After the presentation, there were four speakers. The first speaker was Tim Walczak from the South Amboy First Aid Squad. The First Aid Squad has been in South Amboy for 131 years. We need members. We've got people who started their career at the South Amboy First Aid Squad. There, we have common goals – to serve the community. You will become part of the team. It is not easy – sometimes you are interrupted in the middle of Thanksgiving dinner. No one volunteers thinking they save the town a lot of money, but they do. Members are regular people. Some people from 50 to 60 years old are members. I've met my best friends of my life when I joined. If you know someone, tell them to get off the couch and volunteer."
John Dragotta, First Assistant Fire Chief of the South Amboy Fire Department spoke next. He thanked everyone who came to the open house at Independence Firehouse on Broadway Avenue which occurred earlier in the day. "I joined the Fire Department in 1979. I've been 20 years in the South Amboy Fire Department, Ex-Chief in Madison Fire Department, I've been on the Old Bridge Board of Education and I am on my fifth term of the Board of Directors at Dupont Credit Union. We need people. Some of our younger members are 56-68 years old. We need people to step up. It can be a stepping-stone for job opportunities. There is nothing greater than community service. I'm elected Chief. We responded to 308 fire calls last year and everyone came home safe."
The next speaker was Kathy Kudelka from Senior Programs. "We transport seniors to downtown twice a week to bingo,

Lunch Bunch Trips to local restaurants, and other trips down the shore. We have Chair Yoga which went from 4 persons to 14. We may have to add another class. We have speakers on topics such as Scam Awareness and are introducing a Book Club once a month. We have luncheons such as The Mayor's Christmas Party. Lunch & Learn features different topics by collaborating with local businesses and presentations such as Estate Planning and Hypertension Awareness. Next week we will have walking clubs where we will walk in the park with seniors. We are planning a community cookbook and will have taste testing at the Senior Center and plan to sell the cookbooks."
Brian Noble of the South Amboy Youth Association (SAYA) spoke next about Recreation Programming in South Amboy. "We have baseball, softball, a summer travel program. In winter, we have soccer and basketball. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me."
South Amboy Police Chief Darren Lavigne spoke next. "We (the SAPD) are open 24/7 - 365 days a year. We live in a very safe environment. I want to thank the mayor and council for grant money for a camera program in the city. Wearing body cameras are now mandatory. The Police Department has many outstanding members who reside here. It is an outstanding career to be proud of. I am proud to be Police Chief."
Councilman Tom Reilly noted that some people signed up to volunteer during the Open House earlier in the day.
Mayor Fred Henry stated, "We are extremely proud of what you do. We all thank everyone for their participation in City of South Amboy."
The council then took a brief break and resumed at 6:43 p.m.
Council President Mickey Gross made it clear that the council was introducing the budget, not voting on it. Gross stated it would take hours to go over every detail. Councilman Brian McLaughlin noted that if anyone wants to review it, they can come to city hall and do so. There are no increases in municipal taxes.
Resolution 22-099 awarding the contract for construction engineering for the South Amboy Intermodal Transportation Center/Radford Ferry – Colliers

Engineering & Design. The resolution passed.
Council Comments:
Councilman Brian McLaughlin said, "The St. Patrick's Day Parade was great. Good job, Mick! We started cross training, so everyone knows how to do other things." He then asked about the new committee of which he was a member of that was to handle any grievances with the Police Department.
Council President Mickey Gross answered, "You (Councilman McLaughlin), the mayor, Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski will be on the committee."
B.A. Skarzynski stated that he would deny the grievances unless he gets another member of the council on the committee.
Councilman Tom Reilly was then asked to be on the committee. He responded that he would discuss that later.
Councilman Tom Reilly thanked the Food Pantry and First Responders. He noted the passing of Volunteer Fireman John McNeil. He stated that he wanted a firm commitment form businesses in town for the upcoming Business Breakfast. He asked City Clerk Deborah Brooks to speak to the local businesses to make sure they commit to the breakfast. He also repeated from the last council meeting that the Handicapped Parking Ordinance is severely outdated and needed to be updated.
Council Vice President Christine Noble thanked Mark Herdman and Janet Kern and all the volunteers on the Parade Committee.
Council President Mickey Gross thanked Mark Herdman for the great job he does all year round. He thanked the Police Department and Fire Department, and First Aid Squad and everyone who helped with the parade. "We will do it again next year." He reminded everyone of the Irish Festival on October 1st and thanked everyone for the concert at the High School.
Mayor Fred Henry thanked the Parade Committee and congratulated Mickey Gross who was recently named Elks Citizen of the Year. He congratulated the South Amboy Police Department on the good job they do and for getting accreditation. He congratulated Colliers Engineering who received the

contract to construct the Ferry Terminal. He thanked Kathy Kudelka for what she does with Lunch & Learn. "The council is doing the first step in getting the budget passed. There is 0% increase in municipal taxes. Thank you to Dan Balka CFO and B.A. Glenn Skarzynski. We try to give our Police Department, Fire Department and First Aid Squad all the equipment they need. They are keeping our residents safe."
Public Portion:
Police Chief Darren Lavigne thanked the Parade Committee and Mark Herdman. He noted there was a change in the parade route, but the police handled it. He thanked the New Jersey State Police, Perth Amboy Police Department, Middlesex County Police. "Everything went seamlessly." He also thanked the OEM for all their meetings.
A Representative from Collier's Engineering thanked the mayor, council, and B.A. He assured everyone that that they will do the best job and make this a worthy project come to fruition.
Another Representative stated that Colliers Engineering will complete the project on time and on schedule.
Police Officer and Union Representative Brian Noble voiced his disapproval that B.A. Glenn Skarzynski on the Grievance Committee.
Council President Mickey Gross stated he would discuss this.
Law Director Francis Womack stated that once the Grievance Committee made a decision, it would be it.
Gross stated he would remove Skarzynski from the committee if a second council member would be appointed to the committee.
Law Director Womack said, "I didn't think from a legal perspective to have all the council members on the committee. It would put the council at a disadvantage and on the spot in full public domain would make them uncomfortable. We will have a 3-step process and give the body the decision."
The council did not make a final decision on the committee and adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Councilwoman Zusette Dato was not present.

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.

April 26 | 7PM | Virtual Program
Holocaust Survivors Speak
In order to remember, and most importantly, learn from the past, the Holocaust Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest has offered its Survivor Speak program. We will hear from a Holocaust survivor followed by a question-and-answer session. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12453&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/04/01>

Annual Friends Book Sale!
April 28 - May 1 | Main Library
The Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township Annual Book Sale is back! Friends of the Library members get special early bird access on Thursday evening! Join early or right at the door!

April 30 | 1PM | Iselin Branch Library
Meet the Author: Deepti Paikray
Middlesex County author and resident Deepti Paikray will read and discuss her new book, Stories at My Doorstep. No Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12441&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/04/13>

May 3 | 7PM | Virtual Program
Meditation: Connecting Body, Mind and Spirit
Join Arvind Naik, Long time Meditator to learn about how meditation can be used to minimize the effects of stress and speed healing. Learn the tools needed to make meditation part of daily life. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12311&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/05/01>

May 4 | 6PM | Virtual Program
Paper Quilling
Join local artist Komal Mehra via Zoom to learn the basics of paper quilling! 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?EventId=12467&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/05/27>

May 9 | 7PM | Main Library (Hybrid)
Outdoor Rock Climbing
Get an introduction to outdoor rock climbing! President/Owner of Northeast Mountain Guiding Joey Vulpis will introduce us to the basics of rock climbing and how to get started. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12439&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/05/01>

May 10 | 3PM | Main Library (In-person)
Mystery/Thriller Book Club
Join us for an in person discussion of The Push by Ashley Audrain. No Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12156&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/05/01>

May 17 | 7PM | Virtual Program
Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors
Review caregiver tips and strategies to respond to common behaviors exhibited by individuals living with dementia, such as agitation, confusion and more. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12263&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/05/01>

May 23 | 7PM | Main Library (In-person)
Drying Herbs & Flowers
Attendees will learn simple techniques of how to grow, dry, and store herbs for use all year. Attendees will also learn how to create sachets and works of art using dried flowers and other inexpensive materials. Presented by Rutgers Master Gardener Pat Donahue. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12308&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/05/01>

May 26 | 1PM | Main Library (In-person)
Effective Doctor Visits for Seniors
A free cholesterol screening will be available to program attendees. This presentation walks people through the steps to prepare for a doctor visit. No Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12955&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/05/01>

Movies at Main | Fridays at 2PM
Join us every Friday at 2PM to catch a free movie! This 9-week series is themed is Spring into Movies!

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Employment Opportunities

TAX COLLECTOR – Perth Amboy. Seeking Full Time Tax Collector. Must have five (5) years’ experience or equivalent, possess a current State of NJ Certified Tax Collector’s License. Submit resume and cover letter via e-mail to: Employment@perthamboynj.org

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANT – Perth Amboy. Seeking Full Time Social Service Assistance. Position responsible to perform paraprofessional work involved in the operations of a social service program. Submit resume and cover letter via e-mail to: Employment@perthamboynj.org

SEASONAL MARINA ATTENDANT – Perth Amboy. Seeking a part-time Seasonal Marina Attendant. Position responsible to perform janitorial responsibilities, assist with boating needs, and other related job duties. Submit resume and cover letter via e-mail to: Employment@perthamboynj.org

ZONING OFFICER – Perth Amboy (Middlesex County). Seeking Full Time Zoning Officer. Must have three (3) years Zoning Officer experience or equivalent, clean driver’s license. Position responsible to enforce zoning and property maintenance laws and regulations. Submit resume and cover letter via e-mail to: Employment@perthamboynj.org

Poll Workers Needed

Press Release
MIDDLESEX COUNTY - John Anagnostis regional Chair of the Middlesex County Republican Organization, is seeking poll workers for the June 7, 2022, Primary Election. This year is scheduled to be an in person election so the need for poll workers is great. Poll workers are needed for Perth Amboy, Old Bridge, Sayreville, and South Amboy. There is paid training for poll workers.
If interested, please call 732-371-9967 and leave a message.

Wind Creek Casino Trip

San Salvador Seniors
PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, P.A. on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephen's Church (St. John Paul II) Parking Lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy at 11 a.m. Cost: \$35 per person; \$25 back in slot play For more information, call Joe at 732-826-0819. Masks are required to be worn on the bus.
You Must Reserve Your Seat! You must pay before you board the bus.

May Spotlight at the Dowdell Library

Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY — Whether you're looking to read the latest graphic novel, join a book club, become healthier, or become more involved in the community, the Dowdell Library is waiting to help you. Here's a tiny taste of what the Dowdell Library offers South Amboy this May!

The Dowdell Library received a grant to provide the community with telehealth services. The ongoing pandemic has spotlighted inequities in the healthcare system, especially among the community's most marginalized members. NJHealthConnect@Your Library addresses health inequities in the community by providing iPads that are preloaded with apps and links to telemedicine sites for doctor appointments, multilingual health information, places for mental health support for adults and teens, the latest COVID updates, and crisis hotlines in New Jersey. Telemedicine is a more affordable, portable, and convenient lifeline for people with or without medical insurance to connect with a doctor. Telehealth iPads are available for private telehealth appointments for South Amboy Library cardholders. Contact the Dowdell Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org to make a reservation to ensure a time slot. For a complete list of healthcare apps available on the iPad, please visit Dowdell.org.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meets on May 6 and 20 from 3:30 to 4:30. TAB is a teen-led club that invites local teenagers to get more involved at the Library. TAB is for teens ages 13 - 17 that live in South Amboy. To join, please fill out an application at the Library.

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers: give yourself the gift of some much-needed R&R by bringing your little ones to the Dowdell's toddler programs! Toddler Storytime with Ms. Maryanne runs Monday, May 9 from 10:30 – 11:30 am and May 20 from 1-2:00 pm. Your little learner can join Ms. Maryanne and have fun with magnets, felt board characters, crafts, and listen to delightful stories.

As students begin preparing for the end of the school year, the Dowdell Library is working to support them! Stop by the Library or log onto Dowdell.org and use Brainfuse for free! Brainfuse offers resources for school-age individuals & adults, including powerful study tools, homework help, live academic support, access to job search tools, and live job coaches. Visit Dowdell.org today and click on the Brainfuse logo. All you need is your library card number to access the site.

March Madness continues through MAY! Each slam dunk will earn a chance to win a new basketball! Stop by the Library, take your shot and earn a ticket. The drawing will take place on the last day of the month.


After a 72-year wait, the National Archives just released the 1950 Census since the U.S. government does not publish identifiable information about individuals until 72 years after it was collected. Currently, the National Archives offers 1790 to 1950 = 160 years' worth of data. Census records include invaluable resource information that can help make connections across generations and provide your family history research building blocks. As a strategy for locating earlier generations, family researchers generally find it most helpful to begin with the most current census and work backward. It was also suggested to search for the last/first name of the head of the household (plus state and county of residence if known), as that surname was usually written on the form. Multiple filters can be selected to narrow your search. To access the 1950 census, visit <https://1950Census.Archives.gov>. The community is welcome to drop in the Library for assistance.

In partnership with the city of South Amboy, the senior book club will meet on Monday May 23 at 10:30 am at the Library. Social distancing will be practiced. The city can provide transportation if needed. Please fill out a registration form in the Library to join.

The Library offers programs through our community partners, such as RWJ/St. Barnabas Hospital. Attend online programs like, Stretch It!!! A stretching and flexibility workshop with chair exercises or Stress Reduction thru Guided Imagery to help you relax and destress. A new limited weekly nutrition series will be held virtually every Wednesday. Topics covered will include how to read nutrition labels and learn about healthy beverages. On May 16, The RWJUH Stroke center will present two virtual workshops. One on learning about strokes and the other on how to help prevent them. To register for any of these programs, please email Kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org. For a complete list of programs, visit Dowdell.org.

Finally, the Dowdell Library will switch to summer hours on Saturday, May 28. Summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm; and Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm.

Current Library Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am - 8 pm, Wednesday & Friday 10 am - 5 pm, and Saturday 12-4 pm. Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O’Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.



Getting Ahead in Business By Milton Paris





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Networking – it’s the latest business trend. Or is it?

Actually, business owners have always engaged in the art and science of networking.

Only years ago it didn’t have a name. Business owners would get together, shake hands, and smile and chat about themselves and their businesses. Same thing with “coaching.” I’ve been a sales trainer for 40 years, but it wasn’t until five or six years ago that someone said, “Milt, you’re not a sales trainer, you’re a coach.” I always thought coaching was leading your kid’s soccer or baseball team. Turns out I’ve been a “coach” for 40 years.

The buzzwords, however, aren’t important. What counts is what you do. And if you’re a business owner looking to grow your business, then networking should be a way of life for you. It’s how you climb the ladder of success. But if you don’t actually climb that ladder, you won’t go anywhere. That’s why it’s called networking!

While you can network anywhere – I’ve met some really great clients while eating at the local diner – a good place to begin is by joining a networking group. It’s an excellent way to meet a lot of potential “suspects” who have the potential to become “prospects.”

Here you will have a brief opportunity to stand up and talk about yourself and your business to a group of people who share the same goals you do. In essence, you become a 60-second commercial. When given the opportunity to “sell” yourself, be sharp and to the point. Look directly at your audience, not at the ground or up at the ceiling. Make eye contact. It lets your peers know that you’re confident.

Once your commercial is over, get out in the crowd and talk to people. Work them like a politician works a crowd. But don’t be pushy; don’t use fancy words – not everyone is a Princeton graduate, and make sure you give a firm handshake. Trust me, you can tell if a person is positive or negative by their handshake. And be a good listener. Listen 80% of the time, talk 20%.

But most importantly, don’t make this an “it’s all about me” affair. Remember, you’re not the only person there networking. You’re all in the same boat. When you introduce yourself, don’t hand someone your business card and immediately tell them what you do. Show an interest in others – talk about what they do. Ask them questions about themselves and their families; develop a rapport. In other words, don’t kiss on the first date!

You’ll know if there’s any “chemistry” between you. If there is, make arrangements to meet at another time and place to discuss your mutual interests. Why eat lunch by yourself? And always ask for a referral.

While there’s no harm in speaking to everyone, do target your audience – seek out people who you know would benefit your business. But even if you determine there’s nothing worth pursuing, a particular business owner may have other clients that can help you. You may speak to a business owner with whom you have no mutual interest, but you’re also talking to his/her 30 “suspects” who may become “prospects.”

As for that business card – make sure it describes what service you are offering. Your card is your billboard. I suggest putting your photo on it. If I don’t remember what you do, chances are I will toss the card. When you receive someone’s card, don’t wait a week or three weeks to make contact. Follow-up in a day or two.

The key to successful networking is practicing your presentation. Write down your message and key points and practice it over and over. Repetition leads to confidence. Practice in front of your spouse or friends and neighbors. Practice is especially important for people who are terrified to speak in public, which is about 99% of the total population. You may even want to consider hiring a coach.

There’s also the “likeability factor” to consider. In order to sell your product or service, you have to sell yourself. And if people like and trust you, they’ll sign that contract. Conversely, if they don’t like you, you can be selling gold in your pockets, but they won’t buy.

Networking is the best way to build your business. You can read a million books about it, but unless you get out there and do it, you’ll never even reach the first rung of that ladder.

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**Friends of the
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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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Review: Benjamin Franklin:
A Documentary by Ken Burns



**BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN**
A FILM BY KEN BURNS

By: Anton Massopust III

In the latest documentary from Ken Burns, he tells us of the extraordinary life of Benjamin Franklin. He was an inventor, Statesman, ambassador American Hero, Postal Inspector, and the starter of the first volunteer firefighter regiment in America. In Part 1: Join or Die he talks about Franklin's early life. He ran away from Boston as a teenager from the Puritan lifestyle. He fled to Philadelphia where he became a Quaker and then became a newspaper printer, eventually becoming an columnist, and writing his most famous work, Poor Richard's Almanac where he wrote his most famous quotes such as: Guests, like fish stink after 3 days and “Three can keep a secret if two are dead,” and, “Time is money,” and “Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy wealthy and wise,” and so on. His young son William who became the Royal Governor of New Jersey helped him with the first lightning experiments to harness electricity. The idea of the battery came from a military term with the way cannons were placed. Benjamin Franklin helped invent the lightning rod protecting many businesses and churches from getting struck by lightning. He helped to redesign the stove and called it the Franklin Pot Belly Stove. Franklin never patented his inventions because he wanted to benefit mankind. Franklin lived in London for a short time and consider himself an Englishman at first. When struggle started to happen in the United States, he tried desperately the end any conflict between the Colonies and Great Britain. His son, William went on to become a Royal Governor, attending King George's coronation and returned to New Jersey (Not mentioned, but shown in the Proprietary House, Perth Amboy). Benjamin Franklin was still highly praised but went to a place called the cockpit in Great Britain and Franklin was ridiculed by the British. He was dismissed from his post as Postmaster General, so he went back to his family in Philadelphia although his Common Law Wife, Deborah Reed had passed away.


In Part 2: The American Dr. Franklin became a diplomat for the United States when they started to begin the framework for the Declaration of Independence. At first, many people did not think that he would even side with the Patriots because of his British influence, but he was so quiet that John Adams thought that he was asleep in his chair at the First Continental Congress. Franklin eventually tried to get Canada on our side when he was still in Great Britain, but he heard about the Boston Massacre and the Battles of Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill. He heard his daughter about what the British had done, and he was outraged. He believed that America should become independent of Great Britain. One of these old friends, Lord Admiral Howe tried to negotiate peace before the Revolutionary War got started. Howe tried to convince Franklin with a delegation of John Adams and Mr. Rutledge met with Lord Admiral Howe in order to try to avoid bloodshed. After a long meeting, the men parted with good company but with no results. Benjamin Franklin signed the Declaration of Independence along with the founding fathers, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. He is eventually made ambassador to France and convinced the French to bring them in on the Patriot side. He brings to Marquis De Lafayette who becomes a second son to George Washington and Barron Von Steuben who trained the American Army. After a huge victory at the Battle of Saratoga, the French are finally convinced to have an alliance of friendship and a military aide and give America exactly what they needed in order to defeat the British.

On the other hand, son William eventually arrested by American Soldiers and taken to Connecticut, but because of his dealings with the Loyalists he's eventually sent to the public jail where he stayed until he was eventually traded for other prisoners of war.


Benjamin Franklin's diplomatic skills helped the Americans win the American Revolution. After a huge victory at the Battle of Yorktown, the French Fleet prevent their escape and the British are defeated and forced to surrender. The French love Benjamin Franklin and he stays in France for a long time and eventually he returns home. Doctor Franklin is present at the Treaty of Paris which officially ends the Revolutionary War. He returns home a hero and becomes an abolitionist against slavery.

Ken Burns documentaries are always interesting and his use of photographs, letters and good choice of the voice actors who portrayed historical figures. Mandy Patinkin voiced Benjamin Franklin and reprising his role from the Television Miniseries is Paul Giamatti as John Adams, Josh Lucas as William Franklin, and Peter Coyote as the narrator. This is a good start to finding out about Benjamin Franklin and understanding the man he was and how valuable he was to our democracy. The documentary is available on PBS and on DVD. I highly recommend this documentary and it is a good lesson for kids.

Donation to Children's Hospital, New Brunswick 4/11/22 *Photo Submitted



NEW BRUNSWICK - On Monday, April 11, Middlesex County leadership and members of the Police Benevolent Association Local 214 and Superior Officers Associations Local 214, both associated with the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, presented to the Bristol-Meyers Squibb Children's Hospital (at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital) a check in the amount of \$6,260.




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New Local History Book

Perth Amboy's Historic Neighborhoods

By Gregory Bender, Albert Jekelis,
Marilyn Dudash Anastasio, and Mona Shangold
Available: Monday, May 9, 2022

PERTH AMBOY About the Book

Perth Amboy, New Jersey, has always been a wonderful and unique place in which to live. Centrally located in New Jersey on Raritan Bay, the city has a deepwater seaport, a marina, white sand beaches, many historical landmarks, and proximity to New York City. The residences, businesses, and industries intertwined in each neighborhood gave the areas their own identities. Industrialization and immigration changed the land and lifestyle of its residents. As immigrants moved into areas with those of similar ancestry and culture, their descendants studied, worked, and played with people from other cultural backgrounds. The resulting assimilation created a strong, unified community in which all Perth Amboy residents accepted, respected, and celebrated their diversity without racial, religious, or ethnic disharmony.

About the Author

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, Gregory Bender, Albert Jekelis, Marilyn Dudash Anastasio, and Mona Shangold are proud members of the Perth Amboy High School class of 1964. Although they have retired from their primary careers (in engineering, science, education, and medicine, respectively), their interest in and passion for Perth Amboy have not diminished. They prepared this book to share their images, knowledge, and appreciation of Perth Amboy's history, landmarks, and unique features.

This Week in the Civil War

160 Years Ago

April 20, 1862 – May 3, 1862
By Phil Kohn

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

On April 20, 1862, U.S. Navy vessels bombard Forts Jackson and St. Philip, situated across from each other on the Mississippi River south of New Orleans, with the goal of taking the Crescent City. The bombardment is not particularly effective. In the West, Col. William Steele, hearing reports of Brig. Gen. Sibley's detour to the west, moves the headquarters of his battalion of the 7th Texas Cavalry (the rear guard of the Army of New Mexico) to Doña Ana, about 7 miles north of Mesilla. He sends out scouting parties to look out for the arrival of Sibley's troops.

In Richmond, Virginia, on April 21, the Confederate Congress passes the "Partisan Ranger Act," which authorizes commissioned officers to raise groups of partisans behind Union lines.

Federal reinforcements arrive at Yorktown, Virginia, to join Maj. Gen. McClellan's already huge Army of the Potomac as he continues to besiege — rather than attack — the small Confederate garrison.

On April 23, U.S. Flag Officer David Farragut — frustrated by his ships' inability to reduce Forts Jackson and St. Philip on the Mississippi River by artillery bombardment and the impossibility of conducting land operations to get around them because of the swampy terrain — orders his Federal fleet to move past the two forts and head to New Orleans. In Confederate Arizona Territory, Capt. Sherod Hunter's prisoners — Unionist miller Ammi White, Capt. William McCleave, of the 1st California Cavalry, and eight of his troopers — arrive at Doña Ana.

Despite valiant Confederate efforts to stop them, the Federal ships of Farragut's fleet manage to sail past Forts Jackson and St. Philip on April 24. The achievement comes at a cost of vessels lost, but New Orleans — undefended — lies open ahead.

On April 25, U.S. Navy forces under Flag Officer David G. Farragut — without firing a shot — seize New Orleans. The next day U.S. Army troops under Maj. Gen. Benjamin Butler begin occupying the city (the largest in the Confederacy), which remains in Union hands for the remainder of the war. In the New Mexico Territory, Brig. Gen. Henry Sibley's invasion force — after an excruciating trek 20 miles west, then 60 miles south through the unforgiving Magdalena Mountains, then 20 miles back east again, with stragglers continually set upon by hostile bands of Apaches — finally regains the Rio Grande, some 40 miles south of Fort Craig.

In North Carolina, the 450 Confederate troops at Fort Macon, after being besieged for a month, on April 26 surrender to Brig. Gen. Ambrose Burnside, commanding 17,000 Union soldiers. Riding in an ambulance ahead of his troops (who are strung out for 50 miles behind him), Brig. Gen. Henry Sibley arrives at Mesilla, Confederate Arizona, and immediately departs for Fort Bliss, in Texas. From the Cherokee Nation in Indian Territory, Col. Stand Watie, commanding the Confederate 2nd Cherokee Mounted Rifles, launches a surprise attack on the Federal garrison at Neosho, Missouri. The result of the assault is inconclusive.

Seeing the inevitability of the surrender of Fort Jackson, on the Mississippi south of New Orleans, part of the Confederate garrison mutinies on April 27, and flees the fort. The main body of Sibley's invasion force begins arriving in Mesilla, Confederate Arizona, with the bulk of the men arriving over the next three days. All are in poor shape. After resting in Mesilla, they continue their retreat, moving on to Fort Bliss, in Texas.

On April 28, both Forts Jackson and St. Philip are surrendered to Union authorities, thus ending any Confederate control of the lower Mississippi River.

Along the Tennessee River near Pittsburg Landing, Maj. Gen. Henry Halleck on April 29 continues to prepare his 100,000 Federal troops for an attack on the roughly 55,000 Confederates under Gen. Pierre Beauregard at Corinth, Mississippi.

In the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, Brig. Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson leads his Confederate troops on April 30 toward Staunton, Virginia, a trade, transportation and industrial hub in the Shenandoah Valley.

Princeton, in western Virginia, is occupied by a Federal force under Brig. Gen. Jacob Cox on May 1. At Yorktown, Virginia, Maj. Gen. George McClellan begins preparations to attack the city in the next several days. In the Trans-Mississippi West, Brig. Gen. James Blunt takes command of the Federal Dept. of Kansas. In Confederate Arizona, the roughly 400 men of the Second Battalion of the 7th Texas Cavalry, under the command of Col. William Steele, learn that they are to remain in the area until further orders are received. Their mission: "Hold the Territory."

Faced by the overwhelming numbers of the Federal Army of the Potomac, Maj. Gen. John Magruder's Confederate forces on May 3 evacuate Yorktown and begin pulling back through Williamsburg towards Richmond. In the Western Theater, Maj. Gen. Henry Halleck's force from Tennessee heads slowly southward toward Corinth, Mississippi, where Gen. Beauregard's Confederates are holed up. In the Far West, the last of the 1,250 survivors of Brig. Gen. Henry Sibley's invasion force (of 2,515 originally) arrive at Doña Ana, Confederate Arizona. Once the last of the stragglers are fed, treated medically, and sent on their way, Col. Steele moves his five companies of 7th Texas Cavalry to a more-defensible position at Fort Fillmore, near Mesilla.

Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Martyrs

PERTH AMBOY – St. John Paul II Parish, Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Church, 188 Wayne St., Perth Amboy celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Martyrs.
Saturday, April 23, 2022:
12 Noon: Commencement of Feast with food, beverage and musical presentations.
6 p.m.: Musical Presentation by Sound Voyage
7 p.m.: Presentation of Folclore group **Raizes de Portugal** de South River, NJ
10 p.m.: Continuation of the Dance.
12 a.m.: End of Feast of Celebration outdoors.
Sunday, April 24, 2022
11 a.m.: MASS celebrated by Pe. Eugeniusz Fasuga CSsR of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Church in Perth Amboy, NJ
12 Noon: Procession then Feast commencement immediately following with food and beverages.
4 p.m.: Musical presentation by **Daniel & Bruno**
5 p.m.: Presentation of Folclore group Barcuense de Newark, NJ
8 p.m.: Ceremony of Passing of the Feast Flag of 2023.
8:30 p.m.: Raffle results & Continuation of the Dance until 10 p.m.

The Perth Amboy Community invites everyone to attend this Grand Celebration. Don't miss the homemade traditional desserts, traditional Portuguese foods, games, raffle, etc... Banquet tent protects the festival site to guarantee better climate conditions for the festivities.
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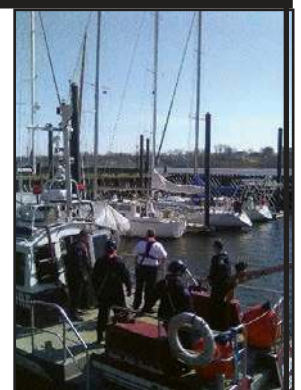
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Prayer To Holy Spirit

Novena To St. Anthony

Prayer To Blessed Virgin

Thanksgiving Novena

Novena To St. Joseph

St. Jude Novena

Pray The Rosary

OTHER

Novena to St. Rita

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

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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

A Petition to St. Jude

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

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 19

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Cruise Nights on Broadway

SOUTH AMBOY – Join us for fun, music, prizes, 50/50's. Great people and their cars. 2022 Cruise Nights on Broadway will be the second Wednesday of every month on May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, and October 12th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All parking on Broadway. Sponsored by the City of South Amboy. For more information, call 908-930-3497.

Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 19, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (Children's Library), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 732-261-2610.

Church Yard Sale

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a One Day Only Church Yard Sale on Saturday, May 7th. All items will be priced to go and feel free to make an offer. You never know what treasures you may find! We have everything from accent pieces to furniture to yard tools. The Church is located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville, directly across from the Borough Hall. The hours are from 8 a.m. until Noon.

Pets of the Week



PERTH AMBOY - It's raining kittens! Please help us find them homes. Open up your heart and home to these little angels rescued from Perth Amboy. They need love and a chance. This kitty or another will be waiting patiently for you. Can't adopt, then become a foster. Each kitty is fixed, vaccinated to age, dewormed, defleaed, tested for FIV and leukemia, microchipped and fully vetted. Visit Allforthepaws.org for adoption application and email to Vmoralespps@yahoo.com. Donation fee applies. Upon approved application, adoption will take place at adopter's home. Rescue will transport. Text 1.732.486.6382 for questions.

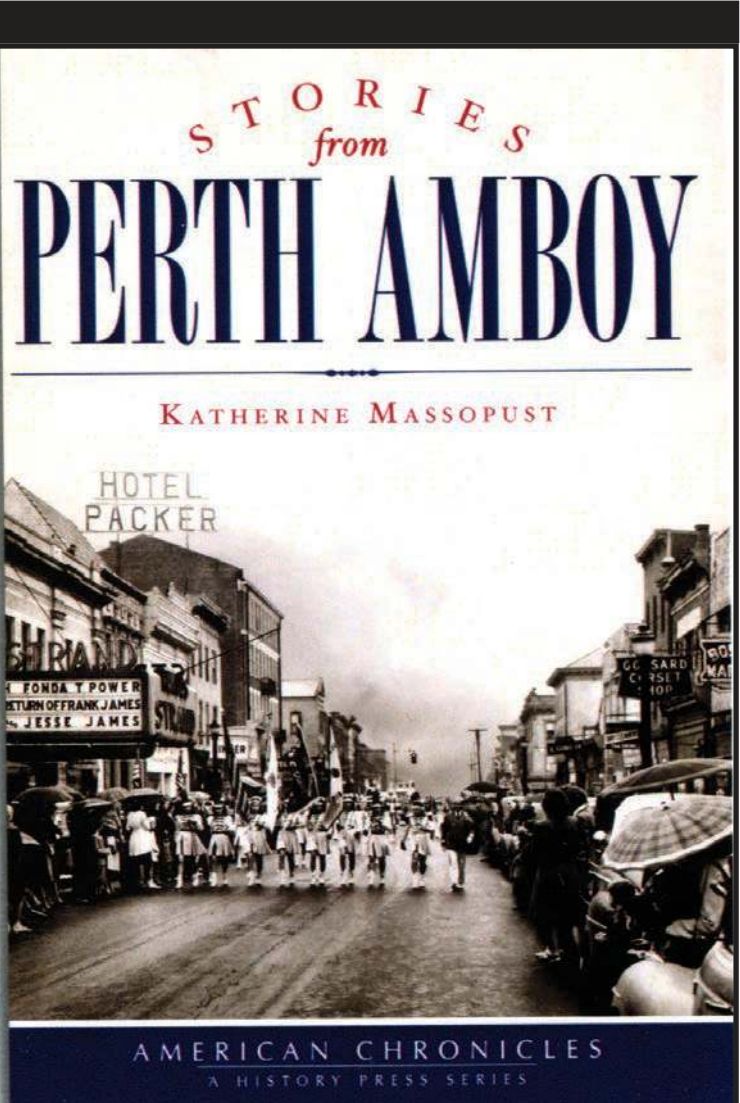
Have a Special Pet?
E-mail us your Pet Photos to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Tennis lessons at St. Mary's High School.
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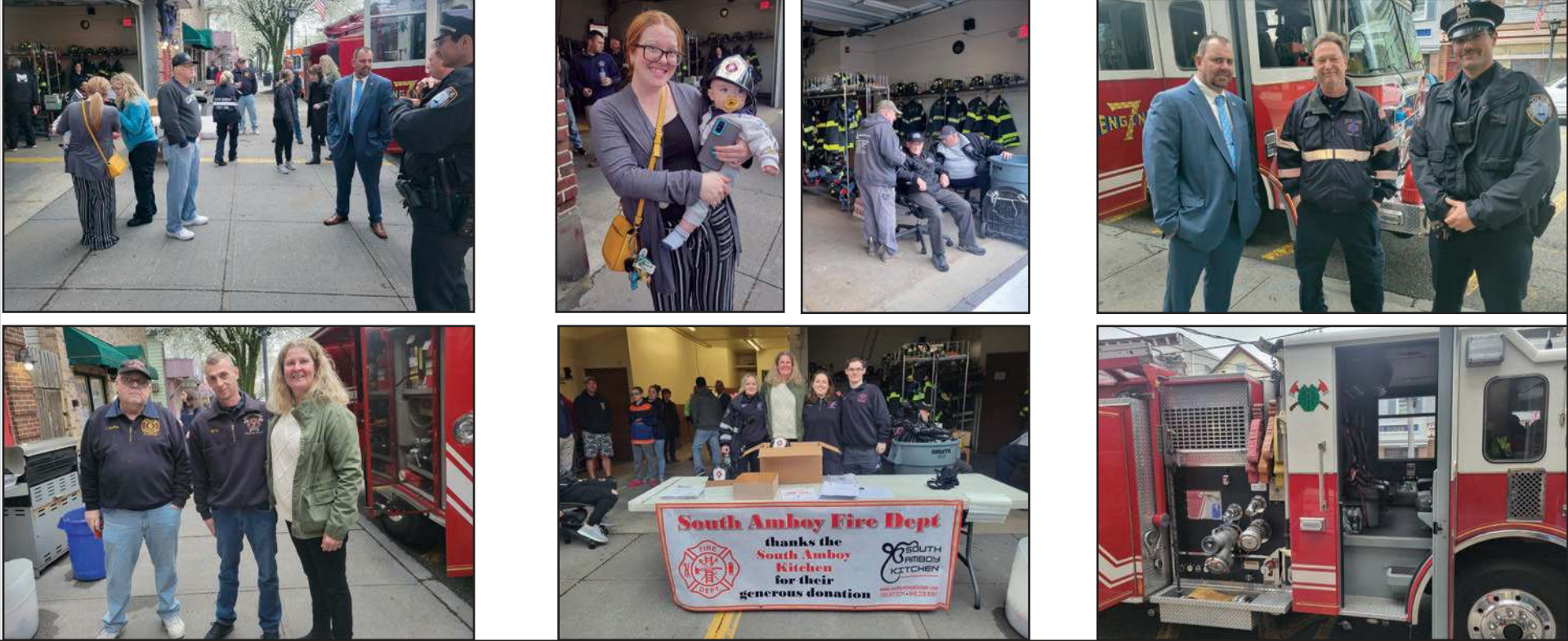


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Thomas Mundy Peterson Day, Raritan Bay YMCA & St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy 3/31/22
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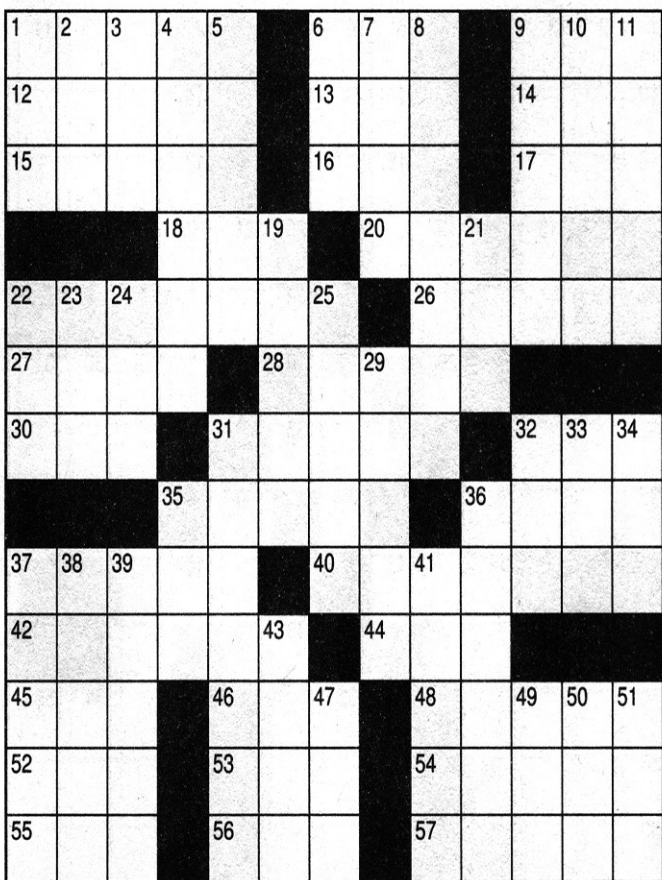
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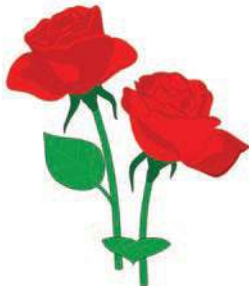




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PERTH AMBOY - Enjoy the panoramic Raritan Bay from the back upper deck overlooking the entire Raritan Bay area. Within close proximity to finest restaurants in the waterfront area. This property is full of potential a must see. **Hurry!!!! \$389,000**



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



KEASBEY - Very well-kept property, granite counters top, stainless still appliances plus a big deck in second level. **SOLD AS IS BUYER RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INSPECTIONS REPAIRS AND C/O. ALL APPLIANCES AS IS. \$400,000**



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 starts 2/13/2022. **\$949,900**



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



PERTH AMBOY - Beautifully updated 3rd floor unit. 2bd & 2bth gives anyone plenty of space to enjoy this gem in the heart of Perth Amboy. Kitchen updated with all stainless-steel appliances. **\$240,000**



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. **\$225,000**



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