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Budget Hearings Continued 4/25/22 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) Assistant Director Tashi Vazquez presented their budget first. “There are four people in the office, including myself. We also share offices with the UEZ and the BID. We offer a diversity of services with a decrease in cost. So far, we have received \$2.5 million for park improvements and Covid related items. \$1.4 million was received from HUD for Homeless Prevention Services. We also get funding from HUD to use for other various services. We help the Office of Aging in offsetting some of their costs and to help them with some of their housing. We have received \$500,000 from the United Way. Some of this money was used for library renovations. We put out a request of \$7 million for new money. Some of the money will be for historic renovations in city hall, road repairs, and transportation.”

Councilman Joel Pabon asked Vazquez about some of the grant money that was on the handout given to the council provided by the OECD office. One item was about the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety Bolstering Police – Youth Trust Grant Program.

Vazquez explained that it was for three bicycle events with the police and our youth. She then explained the money for the renovation of the Youth Complex Facility and Rudyk Park. “Equipment is needed for our parks. With the Rose Lopez School, safety improvements were needed. The amount requested for that was \$650,000. It was a safety improvement route because students that attended that school come from all over the city. There needs to be improvement with the lighting, the bumps, and the public schools gave us many students that either walk or use public transportation to get to the Rose Lopez School.” She then talked about some of the money requested. “We need to make the parks more disabled friendly, and the Board of Education is taking looking to make the parks more friendly for disabled kids.”

Someone questioned what group they are using to get these grants.

Vazquez answered, “We are getting grants through the Millennium Strategy Group whom we pay \$4,000 a month. They are consultants.”

Councilman B.J. Torres asked if they would be able to put in more skate parks.

Vazquez said, “We are hoping to relocate one of the skateboard facilities to the Second Street Park when it is finished.” She briefly talked about the Youth Complex Park (Located behind Wendy’s on Convery Boulevard). “It has not been updated since the 1980’s and it is heavily used. Last year, we received a Congressional Award for the improvements to Washington Park. Any grant money that we received from HUD is managed by the OECD.”

Council President Bill Petrick asked if there is any oversight to the make sure the grant money is spent for the purposes they were requested for.

Vazquez responded, “The Purchasing and Finance Department and the B.A.’s Office also keeps an eye on our funding. We also applied for a \$500,000 grant from the DCA (Department of Community Affairs) to acquire the Fink Park Property. We can follow up on updates on the Second Street Park and see if a portion of it can be set aside to add skateboarding to it.”

Petrick then said, “I am impressed with the money coming in through the OECD.”

Vazquez added, “A portion of any grant money also goes to management.” She said, “The Second Street Park will also need additional site investigation. We are also looking at municipal parking lots for putting in charging stations. We have the funding to add connections (for those stations). There are also requests that any residential buildings coming in to include charging stations.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda asked about the money from United Way for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program for \$530,000.

Vazquez explained, “It will help the Salvation Army and PRAHD to help stock their food pantries. They could also even hand out food vouchers. It will also help those organizations who help people when it comes to Code Blue Sheltering and Mental Health Services such as

the YMCA, the Office of Human Services, and the Jewish Renaissance.”

Judge Kenneth Gonzalez came up next to speak about the budget for the courts. “There are two aspects of the court system. One is personnel and the other one is the operating expenses. I am going to compare the same 3-month timeframe of January 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2021 to January 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2022. Our budget last year was \$91,650 and for 2022 we are asking for \$111,410. For 2021, we spent \$30,000 for professional services. For the first three months of 2022, we’ve already spent \$50,000 so far this year. In the same timeframe (2021) for our contractual services, we spent \$3,100. For the same timeframe of 2022, we have spent \$3,260 and this is for Zoom Services. The processed tickets that were written up by the Police Department in 2021 was \$91,660. This year, so far it is \$111,410. In 2020, the Supreme Court closed us down and we had reduced services. In 2021 we started using Zoom which was a big learning experience. For now, the Supreme Court wants Zoom to continue. I don’t know how likely that it will be used permanently. When we had courts in-person, we could move quicker due to less technical problems. We have a big backlog of cases and Zoom increased the number of cases. There are a lot of cases involving traffic, criminal, and restraining orders. Sometimes we will hear five restraining order cases in one day. In the timeframe of January through March 2021, the police issued 5,068 parking tickets. In the same timeframe this year, they’ve issued 5,244. Moving violations went from 1,677 in the three-month time period in 2021. In 2022 it increased to 1,865. In 2021 there were 541 criminal cases and there are 702 so far this year. We are looking to have additional court sessions this year. Cases resolved have been threefold. In 2021 from January through March we collected \$188,000. So far this year, we’ve collected \$343,598. We are still drowning in old cases and now we have new cases. If we added more court

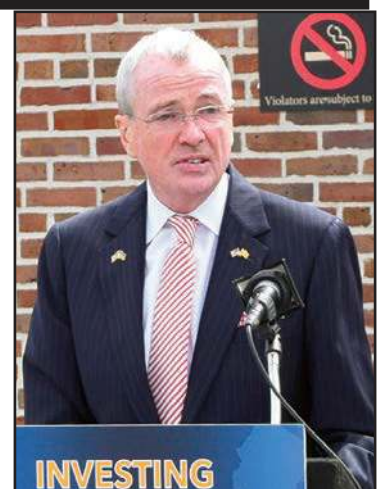
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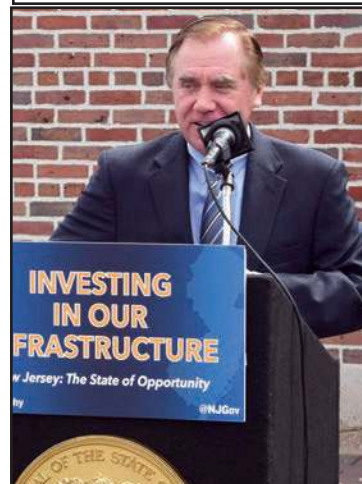
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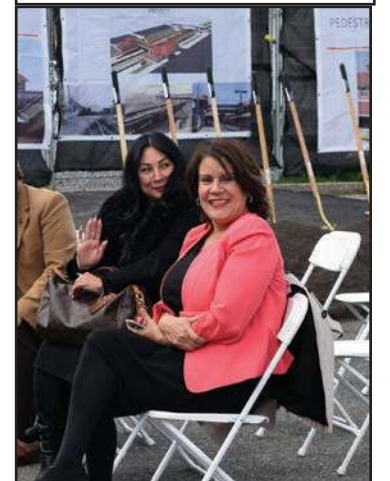
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New Superintendent Introduced 4/20/22 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust

SOUTH AMBOY - The first order of business was the Introduction of the new Superintendent of Public Schools in South Amboy. The outgoing Superintendent Jorge E. Diaz spoke first, "Thank you for the opportunity to address the members of the council. Five years ago, our Middle High School ranked last in New Jersey. There was chronic absenteeism and a poor graduation rate. We did a number of presentations to the community in order to get the entire community behind the school system. There are a number of accomplishments we realize over the years. I want to thank the Board Members for their support which is critical to a Superintendent. Our proficiency in standardized tests went from 85.9% to 96.4%. The State Benchmark is 95%. A lot of the work with students maintained in the term of finances. The School was on the brink of bankruptcy. We needed a plan to get to our teachers. We immediately looked at Special Education and determined that too many of our special education students went out of district. 25% of the district budget was to out of district placements. Why not have your child that is developmentally delayed be educated in our school system? We settled another teacher contract all because of smart fiscally responsibility of the Board. Mayor Henry, you were available to new teachers' orientation providing guided tours of the community. The support you gave us as a former teacher and athletic director. Council President Gross, anytime I called, you answered. Thank you for your support. Councilwoman Dato, you introduced me to this community. We've been friends for a long time." Councilman Reilly, you were instrumental with the co-op program and Government Club. Your Chief of Police – anytime I called the Chief Lavigne, he was available. He is willing to jump in at all costs. He is an asset to this community. Glenn (Business Administrator Skarzynski), anytime I called, you answered. I cannot thank you enough." Diaz then stated, "Let the Board President speak. When I met him, he was a student representative. He finished his undergraduate in three years and finished two masters (with a scholarship) at Rutgers."

BOE President Patrick Walsh said, "With the old Superintendent at Middlesex Vocational School, it was a different partnership to help us through the pandemic. We have a very special school. Our Board was able to complete the process in less than ninety days. In the past, a search for a new superintendent is a strain on a district. It's a 90-day process starting with the New Jersey School Board Association, a job posting on the website so people can know there is a vacancy. 30 people applied. We looked at the top 15 – what they would bring to the school district. We looked at the candidates and three things: an



SOUTH AMBOY - (L to R) Board of Education Member John Dragotta, Board of Education President Patrick Walsh, Former Superintendent of Schools Jorge E. Diaz, Mayor Fred Henry, New Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frederick Williams, Board of Education Member Lynn Kasics, Board of Education Member Janet Kern *Photo by Katherine Massopust

experienced program, success, and exploring diversity."

The new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Frederick Williams came up to speak, "It is an honor and a privilege. I will build upon what has been established and continue to move forward. I look forward to working with you."

Board of Education Member John Dragotta came up to speak, "I want to thank Mr. Diaz for five years. It's been a great 5-year run. We did a lot for this town. It was a pleasure to work on the Board with you."

Council President Mickey Gross said, "Thank you, Mr. Diaz, you will not be forgotten."

Mayor Fred Henry said, "Pat, very well spoken. It's unfortunate when schools get beat up by people. We've had some graduates go to Princeton. All three of my children went to college and got a good start. If you want an education, you can get it. It was a great pleasure to present \$300,000 worth of chromebooks. It shows what two entities can do for South Amboy. You have big shoes to fill."

Councilman Tom Reilly said, "I'd like to start up the co-op again and reinstate the Government Club. We try to extend relationships with the city council. It is up to us as a council, and we are making an effort to work with the Board of Education."

Diaz then stated that the co-op program and Government Club were put on hold because of the pandemic.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin said, "Welcome Dr. Williams to South Amboy."

Council Vice President Christine Noble said, "Welcome."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, "I express all my appreciation to Mr. Diaz to our community. Dr. Williams, we believe that the Board chose wisely."

Diaz came back up to speak, "We have great teachers who really care a promise we made in

five years – we passed the very first time the QSAC. We show we have an excellent school system."

Walsh then added, "When we voted to declare racism as a public health crisis, it was ahead of time. The CDC then declared this."

Council Comments:

Councilman Tom Reilly said, "I want to thank the Food Pantry (Both Donators and Volunteers) and First Responders. The ballfield will be completed ahead of schedule, and we will also do the softball fields. We need to promote our local businesses. When outdoor dining comes up, I am in favor of it. Anyone who wants to volunteer can come and volunteer. The Business Breakfast – is there someone from county to help revitalize Broadway?"

Councilman Brian McLaughlin said, "Can the sign on Broadway have advertisers?"

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski said, "We can feature a Business of the Week."

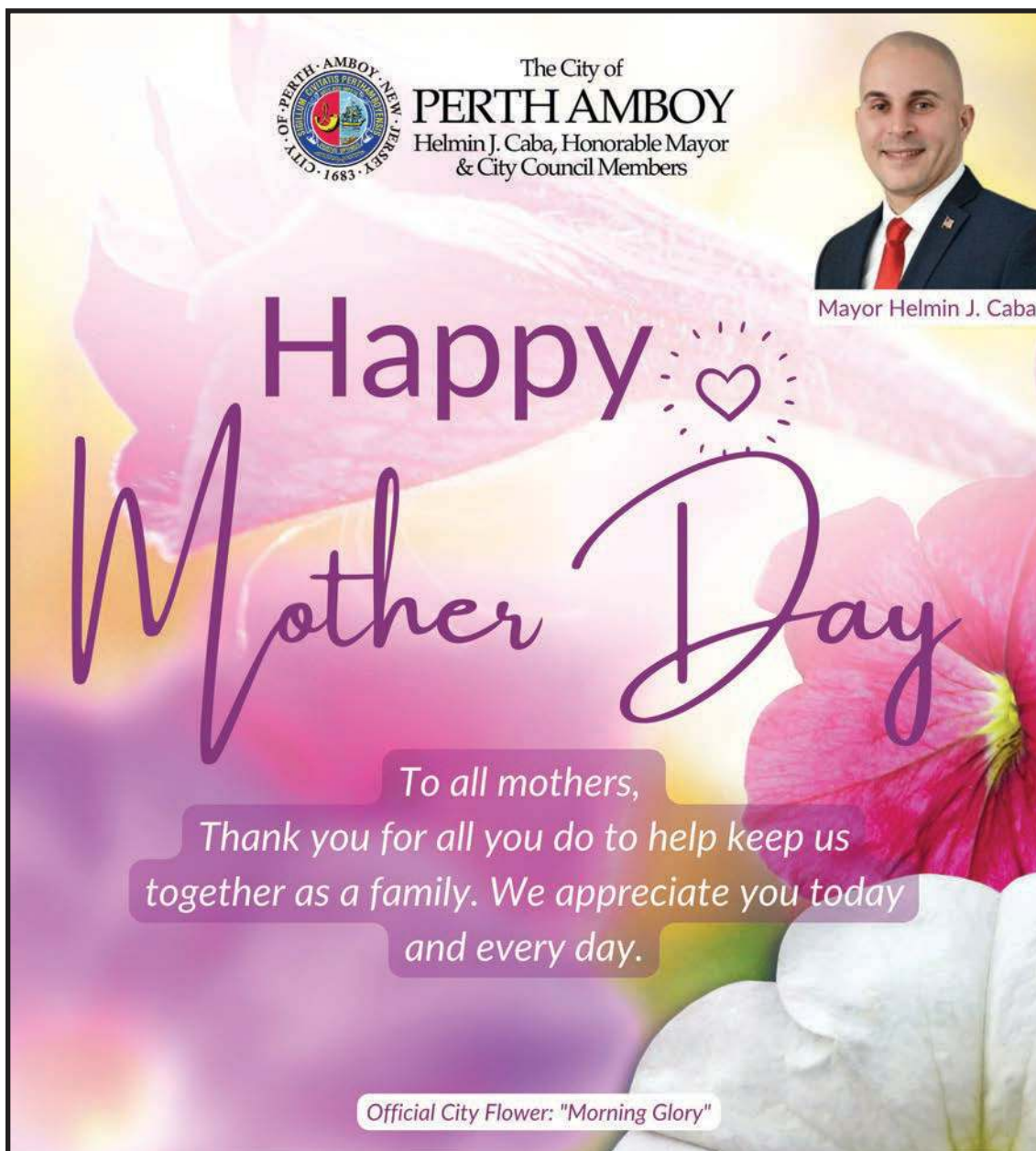
Reilly added that local businesses can be featured on the city's Facebook page.

McLaughlin said, "The American Legion is selling bricks as a fundraiser." He then asked about potholes and "The Hole in the Wall."

B.A. Skarzynski said, "If we put speed bumps in the alleys, this is an issue. They will lose their designation as an alley."

McLaughlin said, "Thank you to the food pantry and volunteers." He asked what the master plan for parking is and offered his condolences to the McCartney Family. "Pat McCartney passed away. We all wish Dr. Williams good luck."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, "There was another successful Lunch and Learn on Brain Health and Aging. We had an amazing speaker. If you haven't seen the ballfields, its going to be remarkable. There



Raritan Bay Area YMCA Kicks Off Summer with Annual Healthy Kids Day

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY, April 28, 2022 — The Raritan Bay Area YMCA is hosting the Y's annual Healthy Kids Day® on Saturday, May 14th, 2022, encouraging families to take a moment to help kids be kids and set them up for a summer of success. The family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

Healthy Kids Day will feature activities such as obstacle courses, soccer drills, family ZUMBA, and arts and crafts to motivate and teach families how to develop and maintain healthy routines at home. There will also be music, giveaways and, so much more.

"At the Y, we believe in the potential of all children, and each day we work to help kids find that potential within themselves," said Brenda Guilles, Senior Program Director at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA. "Healthy Kids Day is a fun, free community-wide event to kick off summer and remind us all how important it is for kids to stay active physically and mentally throughout the summer."

Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2022, Healthy Kids Day is the Y's national initiative to improve health and well-being for kids and families. The Y hopes to use the day to get more kids moving and learning, cre-

ating healthy habits they can continue while they're away from the classroom. When kids are out of school, they can face hurdles that prevent them from reaching their full potential. Research shows that without access to out-of-school learning activities, kids fall behind academically. Kids also gain weight twice as fast during summer than during the school year. With all that's going on in the world right now, Healthy Kids Day is a reminder to families that we can help ensure all children have access to what they need to reach their full potential, even during out-of-school time.

Keeping Kids Healthy All Summer Long

In celebration of YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, the Y offers the following tips to help families develop healthy habits this summer that can have a lifetime effect:

- **High Five the Fruits and Veggies** – Make sure kids get at least five servings of fruits and veggies each day, the minimum number nutritionists recommend for healthy childhood development. And to keep kids' taste buds evolving, have everyone in the family try at least one bite of a new fruit or vegetable at least once a month.

- **Read Together** – The sum-

mer is a great time to enjoy books with summer program participants—and 30 minutes a day goes a long way! Take trips to the local library or create a family reading challenge to see who can log the most minutes of reading. Encourage youth to create their own stories as well.

- **Get Moving!** – Activities that require movement also help kids flex their mental muscle. Use materials in unique ways: ask youth to build models, manipulate tools or develop their own theatrical scenes.

- **Play Together** – Play may be the best way to prevent childhood obesity. By putting more play into your family's day, you will soon find yourself getting the activity that will have your family feeling energized and strong.

- **Make sleep a priority** – Doctors recommend 10-12 hours of sleep a day for children ages 5-12 and 7-8 hours per night for adults. Sleep plays a critical role in maintaining our healthy immune system, metabolism, mood, memory, and learning.

The Raritan Bay Area YMCA's Healthy Kids Day takes place at 357 New Brunswick Ave from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Vanessa Ibarra at 732.442.3632 ext. 6526 or visit rbaymca.org

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is a lot of activity at Waterfront Park."

Council Vice President Christine Noble asked when the Ferry is starting.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski answered, "We meet every Tuesday."

Council President Mickey Gross thanked the Firefighters. "What you do all year round is a lifelong dedication. We live in the greatest city in the world. The food pantry – great job!"

Mayor Fred Henry thanked the County Commissioners for getting the parks revamped. He stated that there was a Beach Cleanup and more coming up. "Lunch and Learn is a good program for seniors. May 18th there will be a health seminar. I want to thank the Board Members for being here tonight. At Sunday Mass we had an incident and a very quick response from the Police Department and First Aid Squad who took the man to the hospital."

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated

that he got the specs for the new ambulance today. "As far as the parking issue, we are aware of an issue in the city. It is not a quick fix. We have some ideas on the table. On June 25th will be Asm. Speaker Craig Coughlin's Bowling for Hunger at Majestic Lanes."

Public Portion:

Mary Szaro spoke first, "I'm glad to hear parking brought up. I will add to it. The 2017 Plan current parking model is partially congestive. There should be a public meeting to discuss parking. A great idea is for a Parking Management Survey. It will include residents in the decision-making process. Any possibility the three lots on Broadway expanding? What can be done to serve both residents and businesses? If you don't take them? (Two are owned privately and one is owned by NJ Transit).

The council went into closed session with no further action taken. All council members were present.



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EDITORIAL

The Legacy of Henrietta Szold

In some countries such as Ethiopia , Mothers are celebrated for 3 days. Since Holocaust Remembrance Day is coming up, we thought it apropos to highlight Henrietta Szold who although had no children of her own, saved countless children's lives. The Jewish population of Israel used to celebrate Mother's Day on Shevat 30 of the Jewish calendar, which falls between 30 January and 1 March. The celebration was set as the same date that Henrietta Szold died (13 February 1945)

Henrietta Szold was born in Baltimore, Maryland, December 21, 1860. She was the daughter of Rabbi Benjamin Szold of Hungarian birth, who was the spiritual leader of Baltimore's Temple Oheb Shalom. She was the eldest of eight daughters, and her younger sister Adele Szold-Seltzer (1876-1940) was the translator of the first American edition of Maya the Bee.

In 1877, Henrietta Szold graduated from Western High School. For fifteen years she taught at Miss Adam's School and Oheb Shalom religious school, and gave Bible and history courses for adults. Highly educated in Jewish studies, she edited Professor Marcus Jastrow's Talmudic Dictionary. To further her own education, she attended public lectures at Johns Hopkins University and the Peabody Institute.

In 1896, one month before Theodor Herzl published Der Judenstaat (The Jewish State), Szold described her vision of a Jewish state in Palestine as a place to ingather Diaspora Jewry and revive Jewish culture. In 1898, the Federation of American Zionists elected Szold as the only female member of its executive committee. During World War I, she was the only woman on the Provisional Executive Committee for General Zionist Affairs.

In 1899, she took on the lion's share of producing the first American Jewish Year Book, of which she was sole editor from 1904 to 1908. She also collaborated in the compilation of the Jewish Encyclopedia.

In 1902, Szold took classes in advanced Jewish studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. However, its rabbinic school was restricted to males. Szold begged the school's presi-



Henrietta Szold
*Alexander Ganan - National Library of Israel, Schwadron collection

dent, Solomon Schechter, to allow her to study, he did only with the provision that she not seek ordination. Szold did well at the seminary, earning the respect from other students and faculty alike.

Her commitment to Zionism was heightened by a trip to Palestine in 1909, at age 49. Here, she discovered her life's mission: the health, education and welfare of the Yishuv (pre-state Jewish community of Palestine). Szold joined six other women to found Hadassah, which recruited American Jewish women to upgrade health care in Palestine. Hadassah's first project was the inauguration of an American-style visiting nurse program in Jerusalem. Hadassah funded hospitals, a medical school, dental facilities, x-ray clinics, infant welfare stations, soup kitchens and other services for Palestine's Jewish and Arab inhabitants. Szold persuaded her colleagues that practical programs open to all were critical to Jewish survival in the Holy Land. She founded Hadassah in 1912 and served as its president until 1926.

In the 1920s and 1930s, she supported Brit Shalom, a small organization dedicated to Arab-Jewish unity and a binational solution. In 1933, she immigrated to Palestine and helped run Youth Aliyah, an organization that rescued 30,000 Jewish children from Nazi Europe. In October 1934, Szold laid the cornerstone of the new Rothschild-Hadassah-University Hospital on Mount Scopus. Szold

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

You're Having a Bad Dream

Welcome to Mr. Biden's World "Obey and be Miserable." And another 33 BILLION DOLLARS for the war in the Ukraine with no peace talks -

just keep the war going. Meanwhile, Americans are wondering how far they can survive from paycheck to paycheck. More working poor are going to those food banks or churches that give free meals. We hope to never see a homeless camp in

town but then anything is possible. Those politicians on the left will tell us "Everything is fine", "No need to panic", "Just a bad dream you're having".

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

A Cleaner Environment Starts with Everyone

Let us celebrate Earth Day April 22nd all year long. Besides recycling newspapers, magazines, glass, plastics, old medicines, paints and cleaning materials, there are other actions you can take which will also contribute to a cleaner environment. Leave your car at home. For local trips in the neighborhood, walk or ride a bike. As more people receive the COVID-19 vaccine, for longer travels, consider many public transportation alternatives already available. Depending upon where you live, New Jersey Transit, New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority NYC Transit bus and subway, Port Authority Trans Hudson (PATH), Port Imperial

ferry and other transportation providers may offer various options, such as local and express bus, ferry, jitney, light rail, subway and commuter rail services. Most of these systems are funded with your tax dollars including grants from the Federal Transit Administration. They use less fuel and move far more people than cars. Many employers offer transit checks to help subsidize a portion of the costs. Utilize your investments and reap the benefits. You'll be supporting a cleaner environment and be less stressed upon arrival at your final destination.

Many employers allow employees to telecommute and work from home full and part time. Others use alternative work schedules, which afford staff the ability to avoid rush hour gridlock. This saves travel time and can improve mileage per gallon. You could join a car or van pool to share the costs of commuting.

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A cleaner environment starts with everyone.

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Larry Penner

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Legal Weed in N.J. Creates Quandary for Students, Schools

On Nov. 3, 2020, New Jersey residents voted to legalize marijuana, and it took until April 21, 2022, for the first recreational dispensaries to open in the state.

So much has happened during the 17 months in between, notably the heated debates about tax rates, governing boards and certifying licenses. Some clear regulations were put into place during that time, including those related to legal age and driving under the influence.

But as an educator for 33 years, my concerns are with what is not in place — issues that can affect our students and schools.

Research and data have documented the developing brain between birth and five years old. We have also learned through the years that young children in households where an adult smoked tobacco were more likely to develop asthma and allergies.

The impact of secondhand to-

bacco smoke has become common knowledge. Has there been a discussion at any level how secondhand smoke from marijuana can impact brain development? We are warning parents to keep their edibles away from children and pets. But where is the education messaging for parents on the impact of young children being exposed to parents and adults who are legally smoking weed and about keeping edibles out of reach?

The state adjusted its current curriculum to include cannabis legalization. Do we have an educational program or messaging for parents and the general public on what the laws are and the consequences for violating them?

What procedures, if any, does an educator or school employee follow if a student comes to school with a "contact high"? Is this something that we will just accept as a consequence of legalization, or is this something school employees need to report — and if so, who do we report it to?

School district policies have specific regulations on no-smoking zones and coming to work under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Testing methods are defined and standards are established. To my knowledge, New Jersey has not conveyed

any type of cannabis regulations to school districts. Most districts will just add them to the existing policy. However, without clear guidance and standards related to marijuana, there will be disputes on what is deemed acceptable for the workplace.

I realize that during this time frame between legalization and implementation, we were faced with the pandemic, but we found time and energy to work out the nuts and bolts of opening dispensaries. Gov. Phil Murphy said he is looking at a "legislative fix" that would prevent off-duty police officers from using marijuana. But I believe our students, schools and cannot wait another 18 months for policymakers to deal with these issues. We don't need to reinvent the wheel: There are other states we can learn from, and all it would take is a phone call or an email.

Passing and signing the legislation was a financial and social win for New Jersey residents, but we all lose if we don't have legal and safety procedures in place to protect our most valuable resource: our children.

Donna M. Chiera
President / American Federation of Teachers New Jersey (AFTNJ)

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AMBOY CHECK X-CHANGE	321 MAPLE ST.
ANDERL PC	309 MAPLE ST.
THE BARGE	201 FRONT ST.
BAY CITY LAUNDRYMAT.....	738 STATE ST.
C-TOWN	272 MAPLE ST.
CEDENO'S PHARMACY	400 STATE ST.
CITY HALL	260 HIGH ST.
EASTSIDE DRY CLEANERS	87 SMITH ST.
FAMILY FOOT CARE	252 SMITH ST.
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HY TAVERN	386 HIGH ST.
INVESTOR'S BANK	598 STATE ST.
JANKOWSKI COMMUNITY CENTER	1 OLIVE ST.
KIM'S DRY CLEANERS	73 SMITH ST.
LAW OFFICES	708 CARSON AVE.
LEE'S MARKET	77 SMITH ST.
LUDWIG'S PHARMACY	75 BRACE AVE.
NEW ELIZABETH CORNER RESTAURANT	175 HALL AVE.
PETRA BEST REALTY.....	329 SMITH ST.
PETRICK'S FLOWERS	710 PFEIFFER BLVD.
POLICE HEADQUARTERS	365 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
PORTUGUESE MANOR	310 ELM ST.
PROVIDENT BANK	339 STATE ST.
PUBLIC LIBRARY	196 JEFFERSON ST.
PUERTO RICAN ASSOCIATION	100 FIRST ST.
QUICK CHEK	853 CONVERY BLVD.
QUISQUEYA MARKET	249 MADISON AVE.
QUISQUEYA LUNCHEONETTE	259 MADISON AVE.
RARITAN BAY AREA Y.M.C.A.	365 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER	530 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
SANTANDER BANK	365 CONVERY BLVD.
SANTIBANA TRAVEL	362 STATE ST.
SCIORTINO'S RESTAURANT	473 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
SHOP-RITE	365 CONVERY BLVD.
SIPOS BAKERY	365 SMITH ST.
SUPERIOR DINER.....	464 SMITH ST.
SUPREMO SUPERMARKET	270 KING ST.
TORRES MINI MARKET	403 BRUCK AVE.
TOWN DRUGS & SURGICAL	164 SMITH ST.
WELLS FARGO	214 SMITH ST.
IN SAYREVILLE:	
BOROUGH HALL	167 MAIN ST.
SENIOR CENTER	423 MAIN ST.
IN SEWAREN:	
PUBLIC LIBRARY	546 WEST AVE.
SEWAREN CORNER DELI	514 WEST AVE.
IN SOUTH AMBOY:	
AMBOY BANK	100 N. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BAGELS	105 S. BROADWAY
BROADWAY DINER	126 N. BROADWAY
CITY HALL	140 N. BROADWAY
COMMUNITY CENTER	200 O'LEARY BLVD.
KRAUSZER'S	200 N. BROADWAY
KRAUSZER'S	717 BORDENTOWN AVE.
PUBLIC LIBRARY	100 HOFFMAN PLAZA
SCIORTINO'S HARBOR LIGHTS	132 S. BROADWAY
SOUTH AMBOY MEDICAL CENTER.....	540 BORDENTOWN AVE.
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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TUES. May 3	PARA, p.m. City Hall, High St. & Zoom
THURS. May 5	Board of Education, 5:30 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
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. Library, Jefferson St.
WED. May 11	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St. & Zoom

South Amboy

WED. May 4	City Council, Regular, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. May 18	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

*All meetings are subject to change. Check the City Website or www.amboyguardian.com to see if the meeting will take place via phone or video conference or for updates on meeting times, places, and details how to participate.



JEMMS Foundation Inc.

11th Annual Pasta Night & Tricky Tray



Door Prizes & 50/50 Raffle



Date: May 20, 2022

Time: Dinner 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Followed by Auction at 8 p.m.

Place: Hungarian Reformed Church Hall
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Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Dinner Cost: \$10.00 Adult

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(Tricky Tray tickets sold separately)

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The Legacy of Henrietta Szold

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was the oldest of eight daughters and had no brothers. In Orthodox Judaism, it was not the norm for women to recite the Mourners' Kaddish. In 1916, Szold's mother died, and a friend, Hayim Peretz, offered to say Kaddish for her. In a letter, she thanked Peretz for his concern but said she would do it herself.

On February 13, 1945, at age 84, Henrietta Szold died in the same Hadassah Hospital she helped to build in Jerusalem. She was buried in the Jewish Cemetery on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

Kibbutz Kfar Szold, in Upper Galilee is named after her. The Palmach, in recognition of her commitment to "Aliyat Hanoar" Youth Aliyah, named the illegal immigration (Ha'apalah) ship "Henrietta Szold" after her. The ship, carrying immigrants from the Kifisia orphanage in Athens, sailed from Piraeus on July 30, 1946, with 536 immigrants on board, and arrived on August 12, 1946. The passengers resisted capture, but were transferred to transport for Cyprus.

In 1949, Hadassah inaugurated the Henrietta Szold prize, which

was awarded that year to Eleanor Roosevelt.[14]

The Henrietta Szold Institute, National Institute for Research in the Behavioral Sciences, located in Jerusalem, is named after her. The institute is Israel's foremost planner of behavioral science intervention and training programs.

Public School 134 on Manhattan's Lower East Side in New York City is also named after her.

In Israel, Mother's Day is celebrated on the day that Szold died, on the 30th of Shevat.

In the northwest corner of Szold's home city of Baltimore, Szold Drive, a short street in a residential neighborhood with homes built in the 1950s, is named after her as well. The northernmost part of the street is in Baltimore County.

In New York City, Szold Place, formerly Dry Dock Street[18] runs from East 10th Street to East 12th Street in the East Village neighborhood of Manhattan.

In 2007, Szold was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York. (Article From Wikipedia)

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Athletic Field Renovation Reaches Critical Milestone



Press Release 4/26/22

SOUTH AMBOY - Yesterday was a pivotal day in the ongoing renovation of the Allie Clark Athletic Complex in South Amboy when representatives of Land Tek began the installation of the new artificial turf.

“While the project will not be completed until July 1 the installation of the turf is a visual representation of just how hard we have worked over the winter to deliver this state-of-the-art athletic facility for South Amboy’s youth”, said Mayor Fred Henry.

With the generous support of the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners, who provided 1.5 million dollars in matching funds, the project will result in the complete re-construction of three of the five fields at the complex. Future phases will include the renovation of the two remaining fields at the complex.

“During the winter months while there was a great deal of excavation on site and it was difficult to appreciate just how comprehensive this improvement would be” said Mayor Henry. “We are very excited to cut the ribbon on this project this summer”.

The complex, which is named after NY Yankees Allie Clark, is home to the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association and is a mainstay in the City’s youth recreation program.

*Photo Submitted

South Amboy – Sayreville Rotary Little Library Project

Press Release 4/26/22

SOUTH AMBOY/SAYREVILLE - This week the Mayor Henry was pleased to announce the installation of a “little library” at the entrance to the City beach courtesy of the South Amboy/Sayreville chapter of Rotary International.

Embracing the Rotary motto of “service before self” the local club donated four of the small lending libraries which will be located in various locations throughout the towns.

Spearheaded by club president Mike Poll, a long-time educator in both communities, the idea is quite simple. If you need a book, take a book. There is no fee and all that is asked is for persons “borrowing” to return the books to the “little library” when done.

“This is a fantastic addition to our beach front. There aren’t too many places more suited to relaxing while enjoying a good book. I am grateful to the Rotary for their hard work on this project.”, said Mayor Henry.

In addition to the beachfront location the Rotary has also installed the libraries at three other sites including John Street in front of the South Amboy Board of Education offices, at the Woodside Mall near Karen Street, and at the Sayreville



Board of Education complex/ Selover School in the Morgan section.

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. The South Amboy/Sayreville chapter is comprised of local professionals, business leaders, and dedicated volunteers all working to promote positive change in their communities.

For more information about Rotary International or to join your local chapter please visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary>.

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THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY



ANTI – RABIES VACCINE CLINICS
MAY 14, 2022 AND SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
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Statement from Viridian Partners PARA's Vision Plan NOT Feasible

On April 5th, Perth Amboy Redevelopment Authority (PARA) presented their Vision Plan for the Downtown Gateway Redevelopment Project (“Gateway”). This plan includes 6,000 residential units as well 7,000 parking spaces and 700,000 square feet of retail and municipal buildings. As stated in the meeting, PARA never evaluated whether the Vision Plan was feasible.

Viridian Partners, the designated redeveloper for Gateway since 2015, hired Nassau Capital, a highly qualified and recognized New Jersey expert for assessing the financial feasibility for real estate development,

PARA’s Vision Plan. Nassau’s study clearly demonstrates PARA’s Vision Plan does not work. The full study is posted at www.saveperthamboy.com. The study concludes that PARA’s Vision Plan can never be built because:

- Based upon current costs of construction and the market value of each residential unit, the developer would lose \$182,230 per unit.
- At 6,000 units, the developer would lose a whopping \$1.1 billion! No developer would build a project to lose that kind of money.
- This site served as a solid waste landfill for decades. To clean up this space for basements and sub-terranean parking, as PARA’s plan calls for, the price of testing, air monitoring, dewatering and removal costs would be \$143 per ton – approximately \$100,000,000 for this entire site.
- PARA’s plan suggests both a performing arts center and

a new public school. To build these, the cost would be approximately \$120 million, which would prorate the capital cost of each of the suggested 12 apartment buildings built on site to \$10 million per apartment building.

PARA’s Vision Plan is not financially feasible. PARA’s failure to analyze feasibility before and during preparation of their Vision Plan is utterly irresponsible. “Sometimes doing nothing is doing something.” This process wasted \$17,500 of public money producing the plan and, since August 17, 2021 (the date PARA announced it would pursue this Vision Plan process), lost an additional \$1,487,256 of Perth Amboy’s tax revenue. PARA’s failure to enact a realistic redevelopment plan is costing Perth Amboy taxpayers!

We encourage PARA to engage with Viridian to work on a plan that benefits Perth Amboy.

Budget Hearings Continued

4/25/22 Caucus

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sessions, it would help out. We are down two staff members. We have hired some people on flextime. We began starting our evening sessions at 4 p.m.”

Councilman Pabon said, “We noticed that you have two staff members that you have shown absent right now.”

Gonzalez explained that one is on maternity leave and one staff member was promoted as a Deputy Court Administrator. “We need someone to take the place of her old job.”

Pabon continued, “People have called me and said they have paid their tickets but still are getting warrants for their arrests.”

Gonzalez explained, “Sometimes people are issued multiple summonses. Some of them may have 40-50 tickets and they just may have paid for 1 or 2 of those tickets. There are some people who have no income. In those cases, sometimes the money cannot be collected from them. Everything I am saying regarding the backlog of cases, etc. is happening statewide – not just here. The judges and court staff feel we can’t work as efficiently as in the past. We are trying to resolve the cases electronically instead of going to court. Zoom is very technical and new. In some cases, people can do a plea by mail. They are sent a form to fill out to plead their cases. Since the courts are open now, the sessions are scheduled.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada spoke up to talk about the parking tickets issued that went up (from 2021 to 2022), “People should be able to add time to the meters.”

Gonzalez explained, “This is not a court problem. Commercial vehicle parking tickets went up.”

Councilman B.J. Torres asked, “If we have a backlog, do we have people who do remediation of cases?”

Gonzalez answered, “Yes, we do. We just hired two part-timers. The administration has been good to us. There are currently three judges and ten staff members which includes the two part-timers. We have the one Deputy Court Administrator who used to be a regular employee for 7 years, then promoted to that position. She completed all the courses required. All the technical equipment needed for Zoom is State Required. DWI cases are more complicated when you use Zoom.”

The next person to present their budget was the Acting Director of the Library Herschel Chomsky along with a President of the Library Board of Trustees Rosalie Morillo. Chomsky explained that Covid did a lot of damage, and the library was closed for a few months. “Curb-side pickup and delivery services were used. We opened back up slowly and in September of 2021 we started to open up full-time. We are in partnership with 30 other libraries, and we carry a lot of old specialty books. Our

circulation increased and in March we had a total of 1,258 materials that were checked out. In February, the total was 1,161. We have 64 clients which we do home deliveries for. We have 2,692 registered library cards and more people are signing up. 789 visitors used our services in March. Our Notary Services are popular, especially for the handicapped and sometimes the schools use those services. There were 147 references that came from people calling from out of state, and sometimes from people that were out of the country. We are trying to digitize more. We are one of the oldest Carnegie Libraries and we have a new Board of Trustees who have scheduled a lot of popular events. There is a lot of activity going on. We received a grant for \$1.5 million. We hope to use some of that money to renovate the downstairs restroom, the history room, the staff breakroom, and to do renovations to the exterior stairway. We are looking to add removable shelves and specialized equipment to clean books. We need to update our Wi-Fi and furniture to make it more ADA accessible. Improvements are needed for lighting, security cameras need to be installed, and possibility we could have a garden in the back. It is important that people call ahead of time if they need our notary services to make sure that the two people that can do it are available. A lot of the ADA Compliances are mostly completed. Danny Cleaver (DPW Supervisor) is the person who is in contact with the contractors working on the building. Our upstairs restroom is handicapped accessible.”

President of the Library Board of Trustees Rosalie Morillo spoke up, “We have money to hire a new Library Director and a Reference Librarian.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada spoke up, “I am glad to see all the activities in the library. I also had the opportunity to be on the Library Panel (For Woman’s History Month). All of these activities need to be promoted more.”

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “We need a media literacy program, especially for the seniors on how to decipher misinformation.”

After the budget hearing, Council President Petrick read the ordinances and resolutions.

Business Administrator Michael Green explained Ordinance No. 1 (First Reading) – Entitled “Streets and Sidewalks” for those businesses that want to add outside seating and what would be required of them.

“There is a \$100 application fee. If the application is approved, then they would have to pay a \$300 fee for the permit.”

Councilman Joel Pabon had a problem with R-194-4/22 – The extension of the interim appointment of Matthew Nieves as Acting Director of Public Works for a period no longer than 60 days retroactive from April 1, 2022.

“This should have been put

on the agenda the first week of April.”

B.A. Green said, “It is my fault for not doing so, but Nieves is taking the required tests needed for the position.”

For R-195-4/22 – Consenting the Appointment of Dianne Roman for her appointment as Director of the Department of Human Services.

Petrick congratulated Mrs. Roman on her appointment as Director of the Department of Human Services.

There was a discussion regarding R-202-4/22 – Authorizing Settlement of Jamie Rodriguez vs. The City of Perth Amboy in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

B.A. Green explained that the city’s liability because of insurance will only be \$100,000. He explained that we initially make the full payment, but then the city gets reimbursed minus \$100,000.”

B.J. Torres requested information on what would be the impact on the city’s finances going forth.

There was a long presentation regarding R-207-4/22 – Approving an Affordable Housing Spending Plan contingent on the court approval of a consent order.

Elizabeth McManus, New Jersey Professional Planner from the New York Architect Firm of Perkins Eastman gave the presentation. “Part of this resolution has to deal with development fees. The production and management are now under the courts. Any spending and costs have to be approved the courts, especially when it comes to affordable housing. You will be able to pay for the administrative costs with these funds. \$2.2 million has been collected so far for the city to use if you approve this resolution this week.”

Tashi Vazquez came up to also make comments. “This resolution is for new development only.”

McManus continued to talk, “The Administration will have \$983,000 to use between now and July 25, 2022. The housing will also be discussed, especially when it comes to affordability and rental assistance. There also will be energy assistance for affordable housing units under the Housing Authority.”

Councilman Torres spoke up, “We have to make sure that this money is being properly monitored so that it is not being misused.”

McManus responded, “We have a series of steps to make sure the funds are properly managed. When it comes to affordable housing, a proper deed restriction has to be put in place which is very critical.”

Vazquez then commented, “We want to attract people with disposable income and provide for others that are already here. A lot of people pay 80% of their income on rent. That is too high.”

After the presentation was made, Milady Tejada spoke up, “There were phone calls from residents and from the United Dominican Organization to have their festival be put back

on the agenda and why hasn’t that been done?”

Council President Petrick said, “The Covid numbers are going up. Even in Philadelphia, they cancelled many of their events and are putting the mask mandates back in place. We can put it on the agenda for Wednesday.”

Councilman Pabon asked Council President Petrick to read Communication No. 4 – Buckeye Perth Amboy Terminal will hold a public information session at the ZPA at 281 Grace St. on June 1st, 2022, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the NJDEP Application to allow the installation of two natural gas fire hot water heaters.

Council President Bill Petrick asked City Engineer Ernest Feist who was on Zoom if he wanted to add any information about this.

Feist explained that he had not received any information on this.

Fire Chief Ed Mullen responded via Zoom, “This is a Biodiesel Project for a new tank to move that project.”

Council President Petrick explained that it will be coming on railcars.

Public Portion (in-person first):

Resident Ken Balut spoke first about an incident involving a boat at the Marina and about the Acting DPW Director. “There was an incident at the Marina where someone was driving a Police Marina Boat without the necessary license. The Acting DPW Director should have their name on the agenda. Also, have the company names on the agenda to identify any entity involved with grants. You are still going to have million-dollar lawsuits continuing because of having people with questionable backgrounds in charge. All these people are unqualified and can’t go to court to defend the city. A lot of out-of-towners are running this town. We had a guy sitting on the council getting a lot of freebies.”

Law Director William Opel responded to Balut. He gave the names of some of the people involved in giving out grants.

The next person to speak was Resident Luis Cruz from High Street, “If you brush us off in the community, it’s disrespectful. We ran our festival (Dominican) for over 25 years. Most of the people who attend different city events are from out of town. We are a nonprofit and we give out scholarships and school supplies to low-income communities. We are losing our organizers and fundraisers. I lost a lot of family members from Covid. The festival is a cultural event for the Latino Community. We take pride in this event. If it doesn’t take place, it is going

to backfire. It is a nonprofit and an economic boost to our community.”

A resident from Florida Grove Road came up to speak, “You want to use Covid for your reason to reject the festival. What about the Fourth of July event that Petrick approves of? The numbers of Covid cases went up in Philadelphia and none of you are wearing masks. The mostly Dominican Community deserve respect and we put you in those seats. Remember, we are the majority.”

Dominican Festival Committee Member Fermin DeJesus spoke next, “I’m a little bit uncomfortable talking about this, but you need to be flexible. Covid will be here for a very long time, and we need to leave the politics alone. We have large indoor events. Just got to the website VisitNJ.com. You will see all these large events take place out of town. We should sit down to talk about making a plan.”

Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak, “I want to thank the council for talking about Communication No. 5 – The Meeting at the ZPA in June 1st. We are moving towards renewable energy. The Citizens living near where the terminal is located should be informed as well as the council. I’m glad plug-in facilities will be put in place (for electric cars).”

Mr. Guzman spoke next in Spanish. A member of the audience translated for him. “I am a 27-year resident and I live on Lewis Street. There are a lot of residents and businesses here and I am very happy living here. We are here for each other. Don’t take away the festival.”

The meeting was opened up to Zoom participants:

Resident Maria Garcia spoke, “I have concerns about people who spoke about the festival. I agree that festivals bring in people from the outside, but where is the proof of them awarding scholarships (through these festivals) and other things that they talk about? They talk about the Fourth of July, but that is celebrated all around the country. The Fourth of July is only for a couple of hours on one day. Theirs is a 3-day festival with long hours. Traffic is bad. There are backups and it’s bad if there is an emergency. You have to account for all residents living here. I’ve been to the Dominican Festival and all the festivals. We need to have a solution for the bigger multiday festivals. We also have a lot of activities for adults.”

After closing the public portion, the council went into closed session at 8:17 p.m. All council members were present in person.



Budget Hearings Continue, Concerns About Effects of Illegal Housing, Large Festivals Discussed

4/27/22 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – Acting Police Chief/OEM Coordinator Larry Cattano spoke about the Parking Utility Budget. “The Parking Utility has merged with the Police Department.” He stated. “Additional lighting has been added in some of the municipal parking lots which include the one on Hobart Street. They hope to add more lights in the parking lot next to the Public Library. We need additional funding for the Jefferson Street Parking Deck. They need to replace the Water Intrusion on the ramp because of water leaking into the Parking Utility Office. We need to add additional ADA Ramps on some of the sidewalk curbs. We’re looking to automate the gate leading to the parking deck by using swipe cards for cars that enter at later hours. Cars can leave the deck, but right now can not go back into the deck after hours. All parking permits are currently done by hand. We hope to do these services online. People have parking permits that use decals. We are looking to change that, so the permits are done by plate. We are cross training the Parking Utility Officers so they can issue (certain) additional tickets that in the past only Police Officers can issue. They will be trained in CPR and how to administer Narcan. Our revenue is on a track to increase, and we issue more tickets and get more revenue by compliance. Not many summonses bring in revenue. Warnings will be issued first.” He then compared the amount of money spent to 2021 which was \$148,116 to the same timeframe in 2022 (January 1st to current) - \$151,555. Over 1,000 parking permits were issued free to qualified residents. When we have these services online, all the data will be encrypted. For the doors leading up to the parking deck, we will be able to tell if people leave the doors ajar.” Cattano stated that once the swipe card system is in place, that will not be necessary. He continued, “We have cameras in the stairwell. We have special officers looking at any blind spots. We had damage in the parking deck after Superstorm Sandy and there were immediate concerns such as having cracks. We have been using a certain kind of cement to fix those cracks. In the Parking Utility Office, we changed some of the flooring, added new carpet, and the walls are painted. Currently we have seven Parking Utility Officers. After they all become Special I Officers, there will be a salary increase and they all have to go to the academy. The academy that they will be attending will be for traffic enforcement and a civil service test is not needed for that position. The academy classes that they will be attending only happen once a year and it is a 40-hour class. The Auxiliary Officer Class is 200 hours.”

The next person to make a presentation was City Clerk Victoria Kupsch to go over the budget of the City Clerk’s Office. She stated, “A lot of people don’t realize all that we have to do. We have to issue 25 dif-

ferent types of licenses. Now, we have two new ones that we have to issue: flag raisings and people who want to have outside seating for their restaurants. Some of the licenses include bingo, raffle, rabies clinics, elections and everything that goes with having elections such as petitions and making sure all the results are certified and shipped to the County Clerk on time. Other duties include foreclosures, notice of claims, prepping of the agenda for the council meetings. We also have a lot of people coming in with different walk-in requests. Currently we are doing a clean out of our office and everything has to go through the auditor before any records are destroyed. We are asking for an increase of our budget of \$58,805 for an Administrative Clerk and I am asking for a particular person to be put in that position. My people are working a lot of overtime and they informed me that they would only work mandatory overtime and not any further.”

No one spoke about any of the ordinances that had their own public hearing on the agenda. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only (in-person first):

The first person to speak was Fermin DeJesus who is a member of the United Dominicans of Perth Amboy Festival Committee. He read a statement from a law firm who was hired by the committee who was prepared to file a lawsuit against the city if they denied having the permit for the Dominican Festival. The statement referenced two events that have been approved by the council. One was the National Night Out that was held last summer and the Christmas Parade that was held in early December 2021. The letter also stated that if the Dominican Festival is not held, then they must also cancel the July 4th Celebration of which Council President Petrick is part of that committee and therefore has a conflict of interest.

Petrick spoke up and stated that he is Co-Chair of the July 4th Celebration, and that event is only 4 hours long. Petrick then asked DeJesus, “Is this a lawsuit?”

Fermin DeJesus responded, “Not yet, and I made some corrections to the statement.”

The next person to come up to speak was Resident Ken Balut, who talked about R-194-4/22 – The extension of the Interim Appointment of Matthew Nieves to Acting Director of the Department of Public Works for a time period no longer than 60 days retroactive from April 1, 2022.

“Has he been reappointed, yet? I heard that someone ran a boat into a pier and that may have possibly been a police boat. The person driving that boat wasn’t licensed and someone requested a tape of that incident. This should be looked at first before voting on this resolution. People who are politically connected can get away with murder. There are longtime employees who do good work for years and don’t get recognized while higher ups get away with too much. Don’t promote people or give them higher salaries

when they don’t deserve it.”

Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to address some of these concerns, “That boat is not under us. It belongs to the person who runs the Boat Safety Program.”

Council President Petrick then spoke up, “I heard it was an aluminum row boat and it kept bobbing up and down in the water.”

Cattano continued, “It’s not a police boat, and I don’t know if they need a boat license for that particular type of boat. All of our vessels have a boat log.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “If it is a boat for police use, it should have a log.”

Business Administrator Michael Green spoke up, “I’ll get an answer about that boat.”

Petrick then asked, “Do we have camera coverage?”

Cattano answered, “We used to.”

Victoria Kupsch spoke up, “We had an OPRA Request of that incident that was filled.”

The meeting was opened up to people on Zoom:

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke first, “Regarding the Dominican Festival, the Council voted “No” for having a 3-day festival. The reason it was not passed was because of residents concerns about Covid cases. There have been 24 new cases and 2 people have died and one from Perth Amboy. Other towns have had masked events. There were not thousands of people at the Christmas event. It is discriminatory not to be concerned about other residents. At this time, we shouldn’t have large gatherings, and this is a litigious threat referring to the possible lawsuit letter earlier. The reality is we are still in a pandemic and people are still recovering from the aftereffects of having Covid.”

Resident Maria Garcia spoke next, “I agree with Sharon and what she said about the Covid cases. A person threatened a lawsuit (against the city) and at a previous meeting, they said they cared about the community. You can’t compare the Fourth of July which is only a couple of hours to the Dominican Festival. To be fair, we should just change the Dominican Festival to one day and have it for 3-4 hours. Let’s be truthful because we keep playing with the numbers (Covid).”

Resident Paul Ortiz spoke next, “I agree with the last two callers. People’s health and lives are at risk. You are talking about 3 days of noise compared to 3 hours for one day.”

For the Ordinances, Ordinance No. 1 – Restrictive Parking Spaces for the Handicapped Regarding Additions was moved by Tejeda and seconded by Morales.

Ordinance No. 2 – Vehicles and Traffic regarding a stop sign at Market & High Street was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 3 – A Lease Agreement between the city of Perth Amboy and New Cingular Wireless (AT&T) with respect to 800 Albert Street was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 4 – Fixing and

Establishing a schedule of salaries and salary ranges regarding the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 1 (First Reading) - “Streets & Sidewalks” was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 2 (First Reading) - Designating Restricted Parking Spaces for use by Handicapped Persons regarding additions was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 3 (First Reading) - Approving the Easement for Open Space Purposes at Block 427 Lot 3 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 4 (First Reading) - Amending Section 430, Zoning and Land Development to create Section 430-126 affordable housing. Council President Petrick made a motion for this to be tabled. It was seconded by Councilman Pabon. The only Council Member to vote “No,” was Councilwoman Milady Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 5 (First Reading) - Creating Chapter – (Inclusionary Zoning) of the Municipal Code requiring all applicable development to include a mandatory on site affordable housing set-aside. Council President Petrick also made a motion for this to be tabled. It was seconded by Councilman Pabon. Councilwoman Tejeda was the only Council Member to vote “No.”

When it came time to vote on the consent agenda, R-192 thru R-194, R-196 thru R-206, R-208 thru R-215 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. For R-195 – Consenting to the appointment of Dianne Roman as Director of the Department of Human Services was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Pabon wanted to congratulate Roman “Who does an awesome job which she has done for many years.”

For R-217 – Approving a Special Permit for Public Entertainment to the United Dominicans of Perth Amboy for the Dominican Festival to be held on August 12, 13, & 14, 2022 at the Robert Wilentz Athletic Field on First Street and Sadowski Parkway. It was moved by Tejeda, seconded by Morales.

Rose Morales voted, “Yes.”

Before Pabon voted, he wanted to make a statement, “We still have issues, and it is not right for so many people to congregate together right now. I have records on the last 10 years on the Dominican Festival and I and Councilman Petrick has always said, “Yes,” to have that festival. In 2015 there was a hearing about that Festival and a lot of problems were resolved. I always went to their festivals in the past and enjoyed them. I stand by my original position. We’ve had over 260 deaths due to Covid. The other surrounding towns have not had the number of cases that we’ve had. Someone had come to a meeting and complained we don’t have any activities for adults. There are a lot of adult activities. I just asked for you to sit out one year (having the festival). You came here at the other meeting to ask us to help you, then you do this

(threaten with a possible lawsuit)? We need to sit down and talk so we could move forward. No one can prove that I am a racist.” Pabon voted, “No.”

Milady Tejeda then made a remark, “They (The United Dominicans of Perth Amboy) only wanted approval for tonight to give them the option to be able to cancel the Festival themselves, even with a last minute notice. People should have a choice whether they want to attend the Festival or not. I attended an event at the State Theater in New Brunswick that was packed. They gave you an option to wear a mask, and I wore a mask.” Tejeda voted, “Yes”

Council President Petrick then spoke up, “I was elected to be responsible to everyone and it is important that we do the right thing for everyone. My vote is “No.”

2 “Yes” votes; 2 “No” votes. Motion does not pass. Councilman B.J. Torres was absent and therefore could not vote.

Petrick remarked, “Even China shut down a whole town.” Public Portion (In-Person First):

Resident Ken Balut spoke first, “Have any of the city employees receive a letter from the city’s insurance company to see if they got hacked? I just received a letter telling me that certain employees had their account hacked.”

Business Administrator Mike Green responded, “It was retirees that received the letters and they notified the employees and provided them with free security programs.”

Balut then asked, “Did it happen through a broker? Because I don’t trust them.”

Petrick then responded, “Even Former Business Administrator had his account hacked.”

Balut said, “I finally got the Certificate of Occupancy (requested on a certain address through OPRA). How do you lose paperwork? This address had a lot of work done without a permit. I heard the Code Enforcement Director had a baby a couple of months ago and he should have been here to speak personally on the budget.”

Petrick then stated, “If Code Enforcement records are online, then a Certificate of Occupancy should be there.”

Green stated that he would check on that.

Fermin DeJesus from the United Dominicans of Perth Amboy came up next to speak. He wished to clarify that the Fourth of July Event is more than the 3 hours than otherwise stated in the statement he read on Monday (4/25/22). He asked Petrick if he would like to make a comment regarding this.

Petrick said, “On the advice of the city attorney, I can’t comment since it appears to be a notice of a possible lawsuit.”

DeJesus then concluded, “We’ll have our lawyer contact your lawyer.”

The next person to speak was Businessman Mr. Wilson. “You are overexaggerating the event (the Dominican Festival). Will you be supporting other events taking place this year?”

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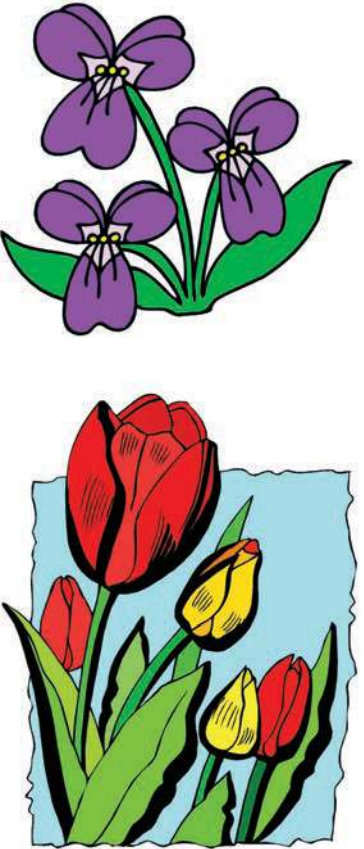
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Budget Hearings Continue, Concerns About Effects of Illegal Housing, Large Festivals Discussed

4/27/22 Council Meeting

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Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “I sat with the President of the Puerto Rican Festival, and I told her that I will not support having the Puerto Rican Festival this year”

Wilson spoke up again, “I have been to many large festivals, and I don’t trust anything the Chinese Government says. I almost died from Covid, and I’ve had family members who have died from Covid. We have been wearing masks and we’ve been kept in the house, and we still got Covid. We just have to keep moving. That’s why we have all these venues opening up.”

The next person to come up to speak was Police Captain Miguel Pellet. He thanked the council for voting on the FOP Contract tonight. “This thank

you is on behalf of all of our members.”

The meeting was opened up to Zoom Participants:

Resident Paul Ortiz was the first to speak. He asked about the registering online system for parking permits. “Would there be any fee?”

Council President Petrick responded, “There are no fees for residential parking permits.”

Ortiz continued, “I live on High Street, and we have parking permits, but there should be a limit on how many permits can be issued per household. Maybe the hours should be restricted. And were some of the meters removed that used to be on Fayette Street? Resident Parking Signs need to be erected.”

Resident Maria Vera spoke next. She opened up by thanking the Councilmen for thinking

about the community. “Talking about the festival, I don’t want to hear music (and having all those other problems) and being locked up for 3 days. They can take that festival to Sayreville where they have a large park.” She also wanted to thank Deputy Police Chief Cattano for the police patrols on Market Street.

Resident Maria Garcia spoke next. She was concerned about illegal housing and wanted to know if people can rent basement rooms. “The zoning code says “No,” unless you are classified as having a rooming house. Some people are thinking that these codes are just made up (banning rooms in basements and attics). Code Enforcement should hold classes to make landlords aware that they can be fined for illegal units. If there are any fires for any type of illegal housing, the owners of these

are liable and their insurance can be cancelled. Landlords are not being taxed on these illegal units and it is a burden on our services and increases our taxes, schools, and there is too much traffic and not enough parking.”

Council President Petrick suggested, “When tax bills go out, put in notices about illegal units. Code Enforcement should also make a video (regarding these problems). We also have a third public access channel which needs to be activated.”

Sharon Hubberman spoke next, “I called Animal Control because of some feral cats that I saw. They told me I would have to be neutered. Why can’t they come out to where I saw them?” Hubberman continued, “A couple meetings ago, I talked about air pollution in the city. I have not heard back about the report

that I submitted.”

B.A. Green responded, “The DEP would handle this because they are the regulatory agency.”

Acting Police Chief Cattano came up to talk about feral cats, “If people feed them, then more cats will come, and then they become your responsibility. We will trap ones that are alone and sometimes rescue groups can help out.”

Petrick then commented, “We (the council) should talk to Animal Control to be more tolerable with dealing with our older seniors.”

Cattano said he would talk to Animal Control about this problem.

Resident Philip Clark, who lives near Walgreens said, “There is a problem when streetsweepers come because no one moves their cars, and the garbage cannot be fully picked up. I agree with everything the previous caller said in regard to illegal housing units.” He continued, “Festivals should be held on solid ground and not grass. The Meadowlands would be a perfect place for large festivals.”

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales had no comments.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “I will investigate the missing meters that the resident talked about earlier today. He is also happy about the good turnout that they had for the Men’s, Women’s, and Little League Baseball Teams. There is a lot of participation on the programs that the Recreation Department have on the schedule. A lot of spots have already been filled up, and that is why they had to close some of the sign up on some of those programs.” He also asked for a report on the Second Street fire and asked if hazardous materials were involved. He also asked for an update on the plans for the Second Street Park. Lastly, he asked if one of the officers can come and talk about the various youth programs (run by the Police Department).

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda wanted to thank all who participated tonight. “This week was we also celebrated all Medical Technicians and next week we will be recognizing the Professional Municipal Clerks (May 1st thru May 7th).”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “I want to thank all who participated in person and on Zoom. Covid is not over, and some of my family members caught it – not the ones who are living with me. Thanks, be safe, and have a good night.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. Councilman B.J. Torres was out sick and did not participate at all in the meeting in-person or on Zoom.

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Woodbridge Public Library Events

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

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>

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Israeli Flag Raising & Holocaust Remembrance Day

PERTH AMBOY - The Israel flag raising ceremony will be held om Thursday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Circle followed by Holocaust Remembrance Day at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

PAHS 35th Class of 1987 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY – PAHS Classmates, please join us at the beautiful Raritan Yacht Club for food, drinks, and dancing! Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Yacht Club, 160 Water St. #4703, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Tickets are \$85 each. No tickets at the door. Checks & Zelle Accepted. Questions? Message on Facebook @Class of 1987 Reunion or Email at: Classof1987.PAHS@gmail.com

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

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

South Amboy Beach Cleanup Draws Hundreds 5/1/22 *Photos Submitted



Press Release 5/1/22

SOUTH AMBOY - Hundreds of volunteers descended on the South Amboy beachfront today to participate in a large-scale beach cleanup. Participants from the International We Love You Foundation, Amazon employees, and local residents pitched in to remove debris, pick up litter, and even plant wild-flowers at the City’s Fisherman’s lot.

“We are very grateful that the hundreds of volunteers gave freely of their time today to participate in this event. The positive energy and “can do” attitude of the volunteers was simply amazing!”, said Mayor Fred Henry.

City Council President Mickey Gross echoed that sentiment when he said “We are thankful to The International We Love You Foundation and the Amazon employees who volunteered today. Our waterfront is a precious natural resource, and our Green Team/Clean Communities Coordinator works constantly to bring events like this to South Amboy.”

South Amboy is home to approximately one mile of shoreline on the Raritan Bay. As part of their ongoing redevelopment efforts the City is planning to move forward with the construction of additional waterfront walkway this year to provide additional public access to the Raritan Bay.

“Our goal has been and will continue to be the transformation of vacant waterfront property into a comprehensive publicly accessible recreational area to compliment all of the growth we have worked so hard to achieve.” Said Mayor Henry.



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60 Second Elevator Pitch

I have been in the selling business for over 55 years and I haven't worked a day in my life.

Over the years I have given many seminars to major and mid-size companies on 31 different subjects pertaining to sales, marketing and positive thinking. There is one subject that is always in demand and that is "How Can I Improve My 60 Second Elevator Pitch"? The definition of elevator pitch is a short summary of your service, product or company and how it adds value to customers.

It is a useful tool for communicating core information quickly that will hopefully yield you an invitation to have a longer conversation with potential clients down the road.

This 60 second pitch can be given to an individual when you meet them or when you go to a network group of business people and you are called on to discuss your services in 60 seconds.

In some cases, when you are called on to do a 30 second pitch, I would still give my 60 second pitch.

Make sure your pitch comes from your heart and don't make it sound like a recording. Most of all please do not pull out a card and read from it. This will be an embarrassment for you and your company. Come prepared and make your statement.

Prior to coming to any network meeting you should practice at home your pitch in front of your wife and in front of a mirror. Watch your expressions to be sure you give a high and low on certain words about yourself and your company. The last person to practice in front of is your pet...if he runs while you are speaking, then you are in trouble.

I remember giving a seminar to 30 managers of assisted living facilities and asked each one to give their pitch. The one that stands out, to this day, was the gentleman who made his pitch singing opera.

Remember in logic you have a beginning, middle and a powerful ending. I want to leave you with a powerful sample of a 60 second elevator pitch:

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If you have any business questions or would like to meet with me in person: e-mail: milton@gettingaheadinbusiness.com 732.306.0040

South Amboy Seniors

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

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Friends of the Perth Amboy Library Book Sale Return!

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

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DVD/ON DEMAND REVIEW Doctor Who Easter Special: Legend of the Sea Devils/Galaxy 4: Missing Episode



By: Anton Massopust III

In this two-part review, one is on Doctor Who: Legend of the Sea Devils (featuring current Doctor Jodie Whittaker) and the other the classic Doctor Who (featuring the First Doctor William Hartnell).

In the new Easter Special: The Legend of the Sea Devils, The Doctor (Jodie Whittaker) along with her two companions Yasmin Khan (Mandip Gill) and Dan Lewis (John Bishop) travel back in time to Ancient China in 1807 looking for a lost treasure (a Keystone). Pirates led by Pirate Queen Madam Ching (Crystal Yu) steals the gem (the Keystone) that frees a Sea Devil Captain that was trapped inside a statue. He calls his fellow Sea Devil warriors in order to get this Keystone so he could bring worldwide disaster by flooding the earth so the Sea Devils can reinhabit the earth. The Doctor and Yaz leave in the Tardis to find out where the treasure is. Dan who is trapped becomes a member of the pirate crew, so he goes with the Pirate Queen and Local Villager Ying Wai (David K. S. Tse) to go to battle with the Sea Devils. The Doctor and Yaz use the Tardis to find the missing treasure, get attacked by a sea monster and eventually the Sea Devils. They run into another Chinese Pirate Captain whom the Doctor thinks is working for the Sea Devils, but it turns out he is trying to stop them. He knows what the Sea Devils are up to and is willing to sacrifice his life to stop them and prevent them from getting the Keystone.

The Doctor, her companions, and new friends defeat the Sea Devils. Although the Doctor is coming close to the end of her regeneration, Yaz expresses her feelings that she really loves the Doctor and the Doctor knowing that her regeneration is coming to the end wishes that her adventures will go on forever, but this may be the end.

It's a fun adventure story, but it has some flaws. Everybody speaks so fast, it's hard to follow it. You have to turn up the sound on the TV to understand what is going on. It's nice to see the sea Devils again. We haven't seen them since they teamed up with the Silurians in "Warriors from the Deep." They are related to the Silurians. They are the warrior class of that race.

Galaxy 4 is a classic missing Doctor Who adventure. Galaxy 4 is probably one of the weirdest Doctor Who's stories ever made. The newly remastered through animation and audio that was given to the BBC by fans is brought back to DVD. William Hartnell, the First Doctor and his two companions,



Vicki (Maureen O'Brien) and Steven Taylor (Peter Purves) journey to a mysterious planet that should contain life but has none at all. They find two factions of two different races, one or group of warrior women. However, only one of them is a real human, a woman named Maaga (Stephanie Bidmead) being and the others are manufactured clones that are only bred to do one thing and that is what they are ordered to do which is fight. The other faction is a group of aliens on a disabled ship who have to live behind glass because they can only breathe ammonia. They journey outside their ship using little robots that Vicki nicknames Chumlies. The Doctor doesn't know who to trust. The planet is destroying itself. The Doctor finds the aliens with the alien spacecraft want to help the warrior women escape, but they refuse. The leader, Maaga wants to go to war with them and steal their ship. Eventually one faction (the women warriors along with Maaga) die as the planet disintegrates. The Doctor gives the damaged ship energy from the Tardis so the alien race can escape. The Doctor and his companions return and escape in the Tardis and continue their adventures.

The writer (William Emms) said that he wanted to make the good guys the bad guys and the bad guys the good guys. Should we add these two DVDs to our growing Doctor Who DVD collections? Absolutely. The Legend of the sea Devils also has a trailer for the next Autumn special which leads into the 60th Anniversary of Doctor Who. The old Companions and old enemies join the doctor in this big adventure coming up this autumn 2022. I also recommend Galaxy 4 which is the next of these continuing reproductions of missing adventures that we may never had a chance see. You can watch it in black and white or in color. It is fun to see. Let's hope they bring us more of them in the future. Both DVDs are highly recommended.

Middlesex County Forges Forward with Regional Strategy as Edison Township is Added to its Emergency Radio System

Participating in this County-wide Service Will Create Greater Efficiencies and Annual Cost Savings for Edison

Press Release 4/20/22

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – In keeping with an ongoing strategy to offer regional solutions, Middlesex County and the Township of Edison are pleased to announce the addition of Edison to its emergency radio system. Participating in this County-wide service will save Edison millions of dollars each year and ensure greater efficiencies in communicating emergencies. This arrangement will provide access to a state-of-the-art radio system that enables Edison to maintain communications with County agencies and other municipalities in Middlesex County that are also on this network.

Edison’s participation in the County’s regional radio system was approved by the Edison Council in September 2021 and by the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners in November 2021. The Edison Police and Edison Fire Department will be using the regional radio system.

In the wake of Superstorm Sandy, Middlesex County invested \$9 million dollars in Capital Improvement Funds to upgrade its emergency radio system to a 700/800 MHz P25, Phase II, microwave redundant radio network. This robust upgrade provides seamless interoperability with all County agencies and municipal police, fire, and emergency medical services, while almost completely eliminating radio outages by utilizing advanced technology. The County’s regional radio system saves each participating municipality millions in infrastructure improvements and ensure all systems meet new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) mandates.

Middlesex County has invested \$5 million dollars toward enhancing the infrastructure of this dynamic radio system to further regionalize its capabilities. The County will also cover the cost of maintenance, yielding 1.35 million in savings for Edison over the next 15 years.

“When Superstorm Sandy hit the tri-state area 10 years ago, first responders had difficulty communicating with their counterparts in other municipalities due to incompatible radio systems,” said Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald

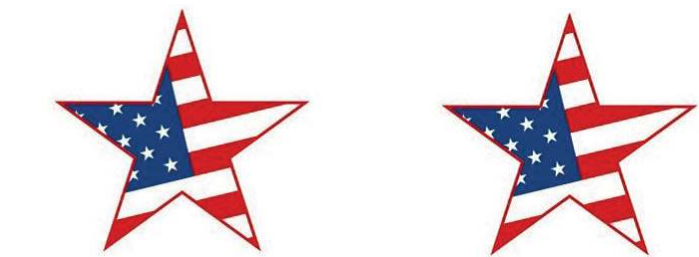
G. Rios. “The County’s state-of-the-art regional radio system directly addresses this need, making it possible for first responders from different municipalities to easily communicate with and support one another during emergencies – and to maintain communication with County agencies. As with any shared service, it will also save participating municipalities millions of dollars each year. This is truly a win-win situation for all involved.”

“Collaboration makes amazing things possible, and this new deal my administration negotiated is no exception,” said Mayor Sam Joshi, Edison Township. “This will save Edison taxpayers about 5 million dollars while continuing to ensure their safety.”

“Our first responders routinely put themselves in harm’s way to protect us, and at times they may need to call for back-up or other assistance from the County or another municipality. Middlesex County’s regional radio system will help ensure that communication is possible, and that our first responders get the support they need to continue their outstanding work,” said Middlesex County Commissioner Deputy Director Shanti Narra, chair of the County’s public safety and health committee.

“I am very pleased for the new radio system and the shared partnership with Middlesex County to ensure the efficient and effective communications for the police department, as the safety of my officers and the community as a whole is of paramount concern,” said Chief Thomas Bryan, Edison Police Department Swat Commander. “The County’s representatives, from their Administrator on down, were extremely open to working with the Township to provide Edison with the very best in Public Safety Radio Communications.”

Municipalities currently using the County’s shared radio system include Highland Park, Jamesburg, Middlesex, Milltown, Monroe, North Brunswick, South Amboy, South Plainfield, South Brunswick, and Sayreville. Additionally, the boroughs Dunellen and Metuchen have signed on to join the County’s radio network.



This Week in the Civil War

160 Years Ago

May 4, 1862 – May 17, 1862

By Phil Kohn

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

On May 4, 1862, Yorktown, on the Virginia Peninsula, falls to the Union Army. In Confederate Arizona, Capt. Sherod Hunter’s 75 or so Arizona Rangers — with some 2,350 Union troops from California approaching and no chance of receiving reinforcements — withdraw eastward from Tucson. Brig. Gen. Henry Sibley, commander of the ill-fated Confederate invasion of New Mexico, arrives at Fort Bliss, in Franklin, Texas, well ahead of his troops.

The next day, May 5, after serious fighting with retreating Confederates, the Federal Army of the Potomac takes over Williamsburg, Virginia. In the West, a foraging party from Hunter’s company of Arizona Rangers at Tucson is attacked while camped near Dragoon Springs, Confederate Arizona, by around 100 Chiricahua Apaches — led by their chief, Cochise. The Arizonans suffer four killed, with 20 horses and 35 mules run off. (The Chiricahuas — as well as the Mimbrenño Apaches, led by Cochise’s father-in-law, Mangas Coloradas — have been on the warpath since an attempt in January 1861 by U.S. soldiers to capture Cochise, wrongly accusing him of kidnapping a young boy from a nearby ranch. From that time on, both groups attack with ferocity any outsiders that they catch in Apache Pass on their lands in the Dos Cabezas and Chiricahua Mountains, about 70 miles east of Tucson.)

On May 6, Maj. Gen. Halleck’s approach towards Corinth, Mississippi, decelerates from an advance to becoming more of a siege before the town.

From Tucson, Capt. Hunter dispatches a detachment of his Arizona Rangers on May 7 to track down the Apaches that attacked his foraging party at Dragoon Springs two days earlier.

In the Shenandoah Valley, on May 8, a combined force of 10,000 Confederates under Maj. Gen. Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson and Brig. Gen. Edward Johnson defeats 6,000 Union soldiers under Brig. Gen. Robert Milroy at McDowell, Virginia. In the Deep South, Athens, Alabama, is sacked by Federal troops under Maj. Gen. Ormsby Mitchel.

On May 9, President Lincoln meets with Maj. Gen. George McClellan, admonishing him to do better in coordinating with his corps leaders. Norfolk, Virginia, and its massive Gosport Naval Base — dangerously exposed with McClellan’s large Union army on the Virginia Peninsula — are hastily abandoned by the Confederates, giving Federal ships free rein on Chesapeake Bay. At Hilton Head, South Carolina, Maj. Gen. David Hunter, commander of the Federal Dept. of the South, declares slaves in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida free. Hunter’s action is authorized by neither President Lincoln nor Congress. Near Apache Pass, Arizona, Capt. Sherod Hunter’s detachment of Arizona Rangers catches up with the Apache band that had attacked the foraging party and killed four Rangers and engage in a firefight. Five Apaches are killed, with the Rangers recovering their livestock with no casualties.

At Plum Run Bend, Tennessee, on the Mississippi River, on May 10, the eight-gunboat Confederate River Defense Fleet, based in Memphis, attacks a seven-ship federal flotilla of ironclads. After sinking two U.S. ironclads, the lightly armed Southern vessels are forced to retreat.

On May 11, with its home port (Gosport) gone and it being too large to sail up the James River, the ironclad CSS Virginia is scuttled. Its guns are sent to Drewry’s Bluff, which overlooks the James River south of Richmond.

Partially rescinding his blockading order, President Lincoln on May 12 authorizes the re-opening of formerly Confederate-held ports at Beaufort, North Carolina, Port Royal, South Carolina, and New Orleans, Louisiana, for commercial operations, effective June 1.

Maj. Gen. “Stonewall” Jackson on May 13 readies his troops to engage the Federal force of Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Banks at Strasburg, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley. At Richmond, Virginia, many residents evacuate the city in anticipation of the advancing Federal army.

Despite overwhelming numerical superiority over Confederate defenders, Maj. Gen. George McClellan on May 14 halts his Army of the Potomac 20 miles outside of Richmond, Virginia, to await reinforcements. In Arizona, Capt. Sherod Hunter — having received no response from Gov. Baylor concerning his request for reinforcements and aware of the approach of the Federal California Column — leads his Arizona Rangers from Tucson and heads east for the Rio Grande and Mesilla.

On May 15, the guns at Drewry’s Bluff, high above the James River seven miles south of Richmond, repel an approach by a U.S. naval flotilla led by the ironclad USS Monitor. The Federal ships cannot raise their guns high enough to hit the Confederate fort and, after four hours of sustaining heavy damage, the Union vessels head back downriver. In New Orleans, Maj. Gen. Benjamin Butler, in command of U.S. occupation troops, issues his notorious “Woman Order” (General Order No. 28), which states that women of the city who insult Union Army personnel will be treated as if they were prostitutes. This order — along with alleged administrative corruption and harsh suppression of the citizenry — earns Butler the nickname “Beast” throughout the city and, ultimately, the South. In Virginia, Confederate troops under Brig. Gen. Humphrey Marshall attack Princeton, which had been taken by the Union on May 1, and force a Federal retreat.

Union troops capture Plymouth, North Carolina, on May 17, solidifying their hold on the region around Albemarle Sound. On the Virginia Peninsula, Brig. Gen. Irvin McDowell, at Fredericksburg, receives orders to advance his force towards Richmond and McClellan’s Army of the Potomac.

New Local History Book

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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 Am-

boy, 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.

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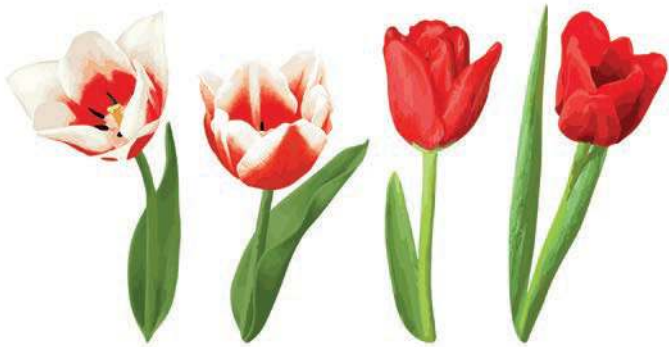
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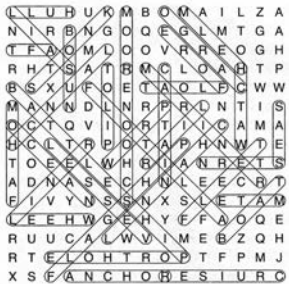
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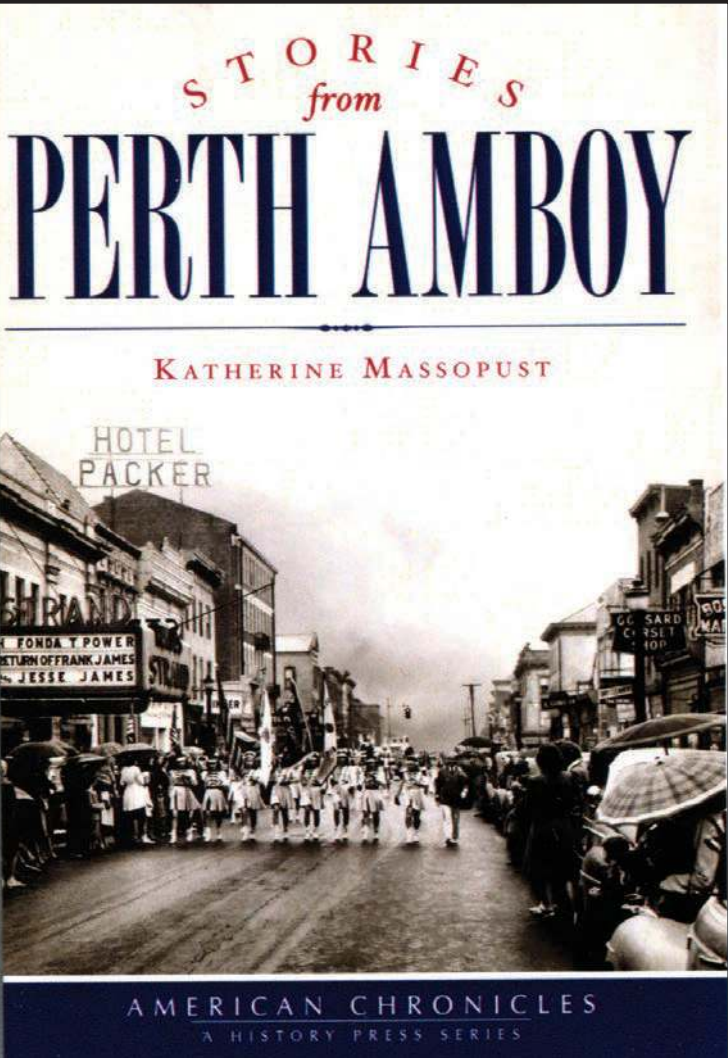
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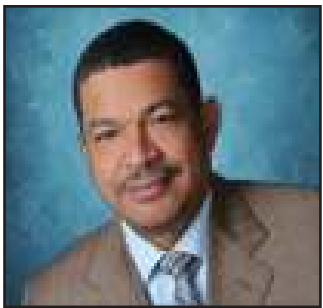
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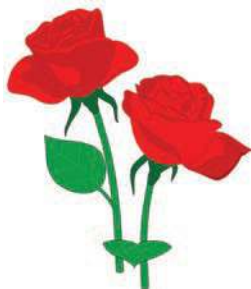
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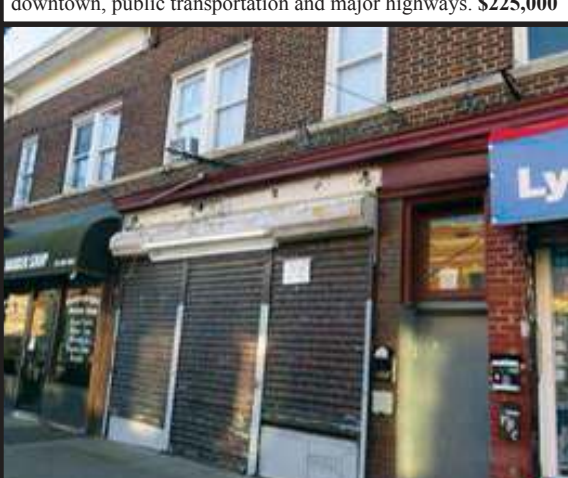
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