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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

No, They are Not Disposable



Let’s face it, men and women were put on this earth, and they are both built differently to produce life – bottom line! We always think of women when it comes to the primary care of a child even in marriage. But there are many instances where women are the breadwinner, and it makes more sense financially for the woman to go to work and the man to stay home and take care of the children. When I watch YouTube videos, some of the most moving ones are between fathers and their children. There was one particular one when a man was marrying a woman who had a daughter from a previous relationship. Before reciting the wedding vows to his intended wife, he bent down to the little girl, and took her hand and promised to always be by her side to protect, support, and take care of her always. As he was reciting those words, she started to cry and at the end gave him a huge hug around his neck.

I am not ashamed to admit that I get very emotional and tear up from that man pledging the devotion to his new stepdaughter. You don’t have to be a biological father to raise a child. I also remember one time watching Steve Harvey who has a show and showcases young children. He was interviewing a little girl and Steve Harvey pointed to a man in the audience, “Is that your father?” She looked at him and sternly corrected him, “NO! THAT’S MY DAD!”

As I stated in a previous edi-

torial, when I was growing up, every boy had a father (figuratively and literally). Whenever an older man wanted to give advice to a younger man, he would always start with the phrase, “Now, listen son,” before he would dispense words of wisdom. I remember a few years ago, when I was eating in a fast-food place on Smith Street, and there were four high school students sitting at another table and one was giving out advice to another one, and one said to his peer, “Now, listen son.” And I just smiled from ear to ear because it brought back memories when I would hear older men address young men that way.

When I see men taking care of young children, it reminds me of my dad. He showed kindness to all, which made him so endearing. We were blessed that he lived to the age of 95, and he was joyful to the end.

It was so heartbreaking to see all those families shattered in Texas and those precious angels were taken from their families. One particular father stood out. He talked about his stepdaughter who was so precious to him, and he always promised to take care of her, but he couldn’t. It was just so heartbreaking as he talked in tears. As anyone who has lost a child, you know what they always say: “This is not right. A child should never die before me.”

So, to all these men who are father figures, I salute you. You are heroes. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

New Postmaster
South Amboy

This has been my first official week and it is a great honor to serve South Amboy as your new Postmaster. In my years with the United States Postal Service, I have seen firsthand the role the Postal Service plays connecting neighbors and our community to the nation. Our Post Offices serve as a lifeline for our small businesses to reach customers no matter where they are.

About a year ago, the United States Postal Service published an ambitious but achievable 10-year strategic plan, Delivering for America. The plan established a route to building a Postal Service that is financially strong and consistently delivers on-time for the American public, our top customer.

A year into our 10-year plan, and under the leadership of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, we are taking action on its four key pillars: investing in our most valuable resource – our people, modernizing our network, providing service excellence, and creating financial sustainability.



Our actions are already leading to concrete results. We had an exceptionally positive peak holiday season in 2021, learning from the failures of 2020, and followed that up by successfully delivering more than 350 million COVID-19 Test Kits to the American public this winter. And in the 2021 Fall election, we delivered completed ballots from voters to election officials in an average of 1.4 days. We’ll take that success into delivering this year’s midterm elections. All of this on top of delivering

mail and packages to more than 161 million addresses across our nation every day.

On behalf of the 650,000 women and men of the U.S. Postal Service, I thank you for continuing to support the Postal Service. Providing reliable mail delivery while strengthening the future of this treasured institution is our commitment to you.

Carmella Ambrose
Postmaster

Those Poor
Babies

Here we go again - more bad dreams for those mothers trying to get baby formula and paying a high price for it. Yes, this man-made baby formula shortage is

a shame and who do we blame? Those clowns that control our lives. I'll bet those baby formulas were sent to the south of the border for a reason. The White House was blaming working mothers for hoarding baby formula. What an excuse! Remem-

ber that old saying: “When you control the food - you control the people!” Did you learn this yet?

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Remembering
Jack McGreevey

I read your editorial Remembering Jack McGreevey. It is eloquently said as the statement from our local legislators. I re-

member Mr. Jack McGreevey. The last time I saw him at his legislative office in Woodbridge, we laughed. He was a jokester, but don’t make him mad because he had a temper and spoke his mind. I am glad I

had the opportunity to meet Mr. Jack McGreevey and his family – one of the Best of Humanity.

Gone, but not forgotten.

Jerome Billings

Support Local
Restaurants

In these difficult economic times, it is important to patronize your favorite restaurants and honor the employees who make them a success. Now that most of us have received our COVID-19 vaccine, let’s all celebrate May 21st National Waiter and Waitress Day.

Let your server(s), cooks and owners know how much you appreciate the excellent food

and service.

Try to tip 20 percent against the total bill including taxes. If it is an odd amount, round up to the next dollar. Why not leave a 25% tip in honor of this day? If you can afford to eat out, you can afford an extra dollar tip. When ordering take out, don’t forget to leave a dollar or two for the waiter or cook.

The people who work at your favorite restaurant are our neighbors. They work long hours for little pay and count

on tips, which make up a significant portion of their income. If we don’t patronize our local restaurants, they don’t eat either. Your purchases keep our neighbors employed and the local economy growing.

Drop off a box of candy, cookies or some other treat for your favorite waiter or restaurant staff to celebrate this day.

Sincerely,

Larry Penner

Congressman
Pallone: The Time
is Now to Save
Lives From
Opioid Addiction

From Piscataway to Carter-

et, New Brunswick to Asbury Park, there isn’t one community in New Jersey’s 6th district that has been spared the ravages of the opioid crisis. Communities and families have been devastated by the losses of loved ones.

There isn’t a week that passes

when someone doesn’t share with me the story of their loved one who was injured at work, or whose child suffered a sports injury or had wisdom tooth surgery. The stories all start the same – opioids were prescribed for their acute pain. After a few days, dependency and addic-

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Perth Amboy

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PAHS, Eagle Ave. & Zoom

South Amboy

WED. Jun. 1 City Council, Regular, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Jun. 15 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
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Talks Resume on the El Patio Bar License

Special Public Meeting 5/23/22

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – At the beginning of the meeting, Council President William Petrick asked for a motion to go into closed session which started at 4:37 p.m. in order to review videos of incidents at bar. The council came back at 6:10 p.m. to resume the meeting. All council members were present in person. When they resumed the meeting, Council President William Petrick explained that they had to review these videos in private because of ongoing criminal investigations. He stated that the council also had the option to suspend the license or do a revocation which would remove the license.

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “After reviewing the video and hearing witness testimony, he decided to move for revocation. When it came time to vote to remove the license, the only

ones to vote “No,” were Councilwoman Milady Tejada and Councilwoman Rose Morales. 3-2 votes. Motion passes for revocation.

Attorney Peter King who spoke via Zoom said based upon the evidence and testimony, the revocation of the license is carried.

Councilman B.J. Torres again explained why he voted for removal. “It was based upon the testimony.”

King continued, “The cleaning of the scene and the shooting plus other infractions can also be the basis of revocation.”

Council President Bill Petrick asked if would have to be based on each individual charge (lodged against this establishment).

King explained there were noises and fighting, which had several charges on those items alone. “Besides the shooting,

there is a 6-page document on what this bar did wrong, which happened on single or several days.”

Petrick then began reading several of the charges which included acts of violence, etc.

King spoke again, “There are additional notes on each specific charge that you will have to vote on each individually.”

Petrick continued, “Some of the multiple charges included the use of weapons, loud music, fights, and any violations imposed on El Patio, which also included fire violations. Employee lists were not available. They also supplied false information. The trade name they used was incorrect and they did not obtain the current license for 2021 thru 2022 which they must get through the city.”

King said, “When the El Patio case was in court, they pled not guilty.”

Petrick asked if the council can act on Resolution R-238-5/22 Authorizing the suspension/revocation of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1216-33-068-009 held in the name of Royal N Inc., t/a The Court House Inn, d/b/a El Patio Bar at 417 Fayette Street effective TBD.

King responded, “Yes. Each charge has separate evidence and these charges have been sustained.”

Councilman B.J. Torres moved the resolution and seconded by Pabon. All council members voted, “Yes.” But, when it came to revocation of the license, it was moved by Torres, seconded by Pabon. Of the five council members, only two voted, “No,” for revocation: Tejada and Morales. 3-2 Motion passes.

Public Portion:
Resident Ken Balut came up

first, but Petrick started to speak before Balut. Petrick told Balut, “Please use the microphone, because people said there is a conspiracy that we are cutting you off on purpose.”

Balut said (closer the mike), “That bar has been a terror to that neighborhood, and it has been protected, and why so long? The same thing happened to a bar on Keene Street (where there was also a lot of problems), and that bar was protected.” Balut then stated that is why the State Police had separate charges on this bar (El Patio). “It’s about time.”

Petrick then asked, “Is revocation immediate?”

King responded, “ Only immediately after it has been published in an approved newspaper.”

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

City Budget and Funds Dissected

5/23/22 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY - Council President Bill Petrick announced that the council will be taking a 5-minute break before starting the regular caucus meeting due to the length of the Special Public Meeting for the El Patio Bar.

The regular caucus meeting slated to start at 5:30 p.m.

Petrick spoke first, “Regarding Ordinance No. 1 – Granting renewal of Municipal Consent to Comcast to construct, connect, operate, and maintain a cable television and communications system in the city of Perth Amboy.

Petrick said, “We are still having problems with the Comcast System, and I am asking them to address this problem.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada asked, “Who does the Board of Education Meetings?”

Petrick answered, “Comcast.”

Tejada said, “The Board of Education has no problems with their audio.”

Council President Petrick mentioned that he was happy that the city was authorizing a donation of a small antique table to the Proprietary House Royal Governor’s Mansion. “It was in our lobby and currently in our basement. Now we have this big desk which is at inside the foyer of the entrance on Market Street which is not needed.”

Petrick then mentioned R-243-5/22 – In opposition to construction of the CPV Keasbey Powerplant in Woodbridge, New Jersey. “We haven’t heard from this company, yet.”

Councilman Torres spoke next, “On Saturday the air quality was not very good. I hope we oppose this plant coming in which will negatively impact our community.”

Petrick continued, “All of these warehouses are not good. We have a lot of different Boards who are not addressing the additional fumes with trucks coming in that are impacting our children and senior

citizens.”

Torres then stated, “We need to know how these idling trucks are impacting our city.”

Also mentioned at the caucus that there will be three additional ordinances added to the 5/25/22 regular meeting. One ordinance had to do with affordable housing units. Petrick asked, “Will some of those new units be set aside for affordable units?”

Law Director William Opel responded, “Yes, through deed restrictions.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada asked, “What about the ordinance that was on our last meeting? We were adding additional police officers.”

Councilman Joel Pabon remembered, “This ordinance was going to add another captain, ten officers or a Deputy Police Chief.”

Tejada continued, “This ordinance will give the police department flexibility.”

Torres added, “This is the same resolution that we tabled in the past. The Government Strategy Group stated we need to increase our Auxiliary Police.”

Business Administrator Michael Green said, “The Strategy Group said we need to increase our quality of life. This gives the flexibility for our leadership to decide this. We can also take advantage of the grants from the state and federal government.”

Torres was concerned, “This grant is limited to the time it has to be used and the amount of money. Strategy Group told us we also have inflated pensions and benefits.”

Tejada then asked, “Is there a law where you have to have a certain amount of police officers depending on the type of community (suburban versus urban).”

Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to speak, “There are recommendations only and we fall short of the recommendations. All of our police officers are also commu-

nity trained. There is a grant to increase our community police officers.”

Councilman Pabon spoke up, “I support having ten more officers. The problem is the number that are leaving. If we always have the ten additional on the list, it will help alleviate that problem. I just want to see more police presence on the streets.”

Cattano continued, “Increasing the number of police will help us. In some cases, it will be basically changing the title of an existing officer and not adding a captain and this move will give us more flexibility.”

Council President Petrick said, “We should strike the language of Deputy Chief if the body decides to do that.” He then asked Law Director Opel, “Can we discuss the amendment to the budget (R-240)?”

Petrick then went through a large list of changes he thought should be made in the budget. He started with the mayor’s office which included vehicles, association fees, etc. He questioned, “Why are there two vehicles under the mayor’s budget?”

Green explained, “The tax assessor uses a city vehicle for city business only.”

Petrick said, “When monies are expended, it is put back into the general fund. Some of the money going back into the fund that were not used included such items as media and contractual services.”

Tejada spoke up, “Remember, we can’t name a particular person whose salary you can increase or decrease.”

Petrick continued, “In discussions with the city clerk, I know they needed another person. We are defunding positions where there isn’t a need for them, and we have the maximum number of directors.”

B.A. Green spoke up, “The OECD (Office of Economic and Community Development) gets most of their funds from grants. There are hardly any municipal expenditures in their budget.”

Petrick said, “The HPC (Historic Preservation Commission) needs additional funding to hire professionals and to preserve the city’s history and landmarks. Former mayors have failed to provide these funds. In the Uniform Code Department, if all their money isn’t spent, they keep it in their bank, and it is not going into the general fund. Encourage them not to use all the money, now.”

Green responded, “Scott Mel-ski from the Uniform Code Department said the money they are using is needed to do the job right now.”

Petrick then asked for a list of projects that are almost completed.

Green said, “We are always trying to get remediation grants (when needed).”

Petrick then asked, “What about this Dream Plan which is not realistic?”

Green explained, “It is a concept plan using different vendors and architects that would present proposals using their own money.”

Petrick then said, “I saw they are getting rid of the K-9 unit since they can only detect marijuana which is now legal.” He then said, “There are two Directors listed in the Water/Wastewater Department and we only need one.” He also wanted to make sure about the number of votes needed to make changes to the budget. Is it 3 votes needed to do reductions and 4 votes needed to increase?”

Law Director Opel answered, “Yes.”

Green then talked about R-246-5/22 – Authorizing the city to participate in the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System.

“There is no cost or obligation.”

Petrick made a comment, “When I changed my water filter, it was pitch black, which was a first for me.”

He then questioned R-248-5/22 – A contract with Z Brothers for road rehabilitation and

improvements on High Street from Fayette Street to Buckingham Avenue and Sadowski Parkway in an amount not to exceed \$456,293.41.

“I just want to make sure that this money is not being wasted.”

Green then talked about R-249-5/22 – Agreement between the city of Perth Amboy Board of Education for the State of New Jersey 2022 Summer Food Service Program (breakfast and lunch) in the amount not to exceed \$348,345.36.

“Kenny Ortiz is still in charge of this and there are different pickup sites.”

Green talked briefly about R-251-5/22 - \$2,045,000 of bonds of the city of Perth Amboy and providing for their sale to New Jersey Infrastructure Bank.

“From the March 30th agenda we are replacing a resolution that called for the repayment of this loan. There will be \$1 million of forgiveness of this loan. Some of the fees associated with this would be administrative, underwriters, and closing fees. The percentage of 2% will be off of the \$2 million loan.”

Council President Bill Petrick asked about vehicles that belong to Code Enforcement that were parked in the police parking lot.

Acting Police Chief Cattano explained, “They were received from a resolution that was passed already and they are all 4-wheel drive.”

B.A. Mike Green told the council that Resolutions R-254 thru R-257 will be returned to the administration for further review. For Resolution R-258-5/22 – An application to the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Lake Stormwater Management Grant Program in the amount not to exceed \$200,000. ‘

“This is for Willow Pond and no matching grant is needed.”

Green then talked about

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R-259-5/22 – Submission of Federal Appropriations Request to support the Veterans Memorial Youth Complex Park Improvement Project.

“This is to upgrade the entire park.”

Councilman Torres spoke up, “How much money is going to be given to the Veterans Field? They’ve gotten money through grants, a foundation, or through us? Maybe some of this money should be spread around?”

Petrick then added, “We need to know what the dollar amounts are.”

Acting Police Chief Cattano spoke about R-261-5/22 – An application to the USDOJ for the Connect and Protect Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.

“It is for us to team with mental health experts in the Police Headquarters. It is training for our personnel and first responders to help the residents at risk. We can escort these individuals to hospitals and with this money it can also provide services for our personnel.”

Councilman Torres responded, “I think it’s great and I hope it can continue after the grant is over.”

Cattano spoke up again, “I agree with you, and it is great for our members as well.”

Council President Bill Petrick wanted to thank all those officers that are listed on the agenda who are being recognized for their outstanding service. “I want to recognize them for all their successful attempts and how it weighs on them when those attempts are not successful. We also need advanced notice when something has been pulled from the list of our closed sessions and if they need our guidance on this.”

Earlier in the meeting, Petrick asked why they keep extending DPW Director Matthew Nieves’s appointment. “We need results of his test.”

Public Portion (in person first):

Resident Ken Balut spoke first. He mentioned R-245-5/22 – Consenting to the extension

of the Interim Appointment of Matthew Nieves as Acting DPW Director for a period no longer than 60 days from June 1, 2022. “Nieves was involved in an accident and is doing his own investigation.” He then mentioned R-260-5/22 – Remedial Investigation and Action at a hazardous discharge site and the property located at Second Street Park. “This should have been done years ago.” He also said, “The American Recovery Act funds should be used to help people and not for getting new furniture. A \$2.7 million closing for bond money is basically paperwork that is generated by a secretary. Schools don’t get any PILOT money. I remember when Dot Daniel used to come here speaking about needing money for our children. Money is being spent on anything else but the schools. You need to put down the amount of money for the lawyers’ bills, and the breakdown of what those bills are for. In the past, I’ve given lawyers information regarding some of our lawsuits. Your lawyers don’t care and its taxpayer’s money. We lose a lot of money that we sent to the federal government. Councilman Torres is right. We send too much money to one park.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke via Zoom, “We recently had heavy smog in the city and that powerplant is asking for a PILOT. The money is not coming into our schools. We need to ban the new powerplant. We need additional police, and structure for oversight which includes (training and de-escalation of problems). We have done a very good job. We need the police and management to provide proper coverage.”

Resident Maria Vera spoke next via Zoom, “I agree with Petrick said about the water. There was dark water in our filter. We have tons of trucks that contribute to pollution. Gas stations are filled with buses and trucks. I have to close my windows when these buses are turned on at the same time. There is a warehouse by Second Street Park that looks like it is about to fall apart.”

Petrick spoke up, “If this warehouse is on the property where part of the park will be, it will come down.”

Vera continued, “We need a mat for beach access for the handicapped. There is also a bathroom on Sadowski Parkway which no one uses. We need Brighton Street bathrooms open.”

Petrick agreed, “We need a bathroom by International Park.”

Resident Maria Garcia spoke next via Zoom, “There are currently 135 police officers. How many are on the street and how many are on foot or bicycles? The council controls the budget and is in control of the taxpayer’s money. Who is taking Jamie Rios’s place when he retires?”

Green responded, “Rudy Rodriguez is taking the place if Jamie (Rios) goes through with his plans to retire on June 1, 2022.”

Councilman Torres said, “It is crucial that directors are certified for their position.”

Petrick had a question regarding the storage facility on State Street, “There is a street where there is a lot of dumping going on.”

Acting Police Chief Cattano answered, “It is not a street. It is an easement and Public Works cleans that location and people keep dumping. We had to fence off the section that belongs to the city. The rest of the easement is owned by the Self-Storage Company and Conrail.”

CFO Jill Goldy spoke via Zoom to clarify some of the things that Petrick said regarding budget amendments, “You cannot request them separately. They have to be together.”

B.A. Green said, “I have to work on the documents. There are a lot of steps involved. We have to work on the amendments, give them to the auditor for them to be introduced and reviewed by the state are just a few of the steps that have to be taken.”

At 8:46 p.m. the council went into closed session. No further action was taken.

Coughlin Calls Mental Health a “Cornerstone Policy Priority” as Concerns Rise Among Youth

Press Release
NEW JERSEY - As May marks National Mental Health Awareness Month, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-19th Dist.) is expressing concern over a recent study that shows 84% of parents with school-aged children believe there is a youth mental health crisis in the United States.

Moreover, the study from Morning Consult shows that about half of parents believe the stresses of COVID-19, schoolwork, uncertainty and friendships or relationships had a negative impact on their children’s mental health over the past year.

In response, the Assembly Speaker is promoting a number of bills designed to address mental health, such as an initiative to start high school later in the day so teenagers can get more sleep.

“Each May, it is an important time to focus on mental health and its impact on the well-being of all New Jerseyans, ensuring that those in need are provided with support,” Coughlin said. “Prior to the pandemic, we knew that many in the Garden State were facing trauma, stress and anxiety.

The COVID-19 pandemic, as well as global concerns, have exacerbated those conditions, creating a crisis in many of our communities.”

Over the course of the lingering pandemic, students have suffered from disruptions in routines, increased social isolation, and learning loss. Research has shown that social media plays a central role in increasing mental health challenges among young people — especially girls. According to the White House, emergency department visits for attempted suicide among girls in 2021 increased by more than 50 percent compared to 2020.

Coughlin urged parents to have regular conversations with their children, perhaps during dinner, in the car or at bedtime, with open-ended questions to gauge mental health. Questions could be as simple as asking about the favorite part of the day, or, more directly, if anything is bothering them.

Coughlin cited proposed legislation that he is working to advance to address mental health, especially among children, as part of his “cornerstone policy priorities.” They include:

- A2036, which would establish a Core Behavioral Crisis System.
- A3331, which would establish a "Student Mental Health Task Force."
- A3816, which requires high schools that receive financial

aid to start regular instruction no earlier than 8:30 a.m.

“Less than half of those struggling with mental illness receive the treatment they need, even fewer within our Black and Brown communities,” said Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (D-19th Dist.), a vocal supporter of the Assembly Speaker’s priorities. “Some of our communities still lack sufficient numbers of mental health providers. We need to make sure that those who need care have access. And people need to know that is ‘ok’ to seek help when they need it, especially our young people.”

According to Lopez, federal statistics show the rate of depression across the country has more than tripled compared to rates in 2019, while communities of color, frontline workers and health care workers disproportionately affected. More needs to be done to help people, many of whom are suffering in silence, she said.

Sen. Joe Vitale (D-19th Dist.) is championing a bill in the state Senate that would require the state Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish a comprehensive behavioral health crisis system of care, including implementation of the 9-8-8 behavioral health crisis hotline. The bill advanced out of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee by a unanimous vote, 8-0.

The bill, S-311, co-sponsored by Sen. Vin Gopal in Monmouth County, comes in response to federal efforts to establish this hotline.

“Our legislation falls in line with preventative measures being taken in other proactive states,” Vitale said. “The new three-digit helpline will replace the longer suicide hotline numbers currently in use, serving as a literal lifeline and providing immediate help to those in desperate need.”

In addition to directing the DHS commissioner to establish crisis hotline centers to build up capacity for New Jersey 9-8-8 callers, the bill would also require the commissioner to establish mobile crisis response teams and refer callers to crisis stabilization services, as needed, according to guidelines and best practices established by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Those who need immediate assistance are urged to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK, which will transition to the simple three-digit number, 988, on July 16.

Vitale, Coughlin & Lopez Joint Statement on Conclusion of Colonia High School Investigation

Press Release 5/26/22
NEW JERSEY - “These conclusive test results have been crucial in ascertaining if there are environmental concerns at Colonia High School. We are thankful that, with this scientific and data-driven approach, students and teachers can be confident there is no threat to their health.

“We would like to express our appreciation to township leaders Mayor John McCormac and Woodbridge Schools Superintendent Joseph Massimino for swiftly addressing this concern

for our residents and for their transparent release of results. We also appreciate the state Department of Environmental Protection and the state Department of Health’s conduct of a thorough investigation, as well as Rep. Frank Pallone.

“The state health department will be accepting reports from physicians who are treating individuals for brain tumors and has pledged to provide all relevant and appropriate information on its website for full transparency.”



HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!

Message from Mayor Helmin J. Caba

PERTH AMBOY - As a father of two young children, my heart breaks to learn of the tragedy that has taken place in Uvalde, Texas, claiming the lives of 19 children and two teachers. There are no words to articulate this unimaginable loss and pain—this just two weeks after another senseless shooting in Buffalo, NY.

Tragedies of this nature extend far beyond why they occur and impact all of us in so many ways.

Know that our Police Department and all of our schools have been in contact and continue to work together to support our students and school staff in all possible ways to make them feel safe. We are in solidarity in protecting our community and our children, the most precious gifts of life.

One can only feel the devastation by the images of families crying and hugging to find loved ones and the anguish of innocent lives lost.

As my wife, Wendy, and I hold our children tightly in our arms, we pray for peace and justice for the parents and families and the community in Buffalo and Uvalde.

And I urge all city residents to unite and show their support for those suffering tremendous loss and heartache.

Sincerely,
Mayor Helmin Caba

Employment Opportunities

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

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

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

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

WeLoveU Foundation Honored 5/18/22 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – There was a proclamation given to the WeLoveU Foundation for their volunteer work in the city of South Amboy. Mayor Henry read the proclamation to members of the Foundation. Council President Mickey Gross commended Jay Elliot who stated that the WeLoveU Foundation a'is a great bunch of folks committed to doing service projects. The WeLoveU Foundation helped to do Cleanups at the South Amboy beaches. Gross stated, “We never see what powerful work you do. You did power home remodeling, amazing cleanups and plant flowerbeds, cleaning up litter.”

The WeLoveU Foundation led everyone in a cheer.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato was reappointed to the Zoning Board. “I’ve served for a number of years. I take it very seriously.”

Council President Gross stated, “You do a very good job.”

The consent agenda was approved, along with the minutes, and bill list.

Council Comments:

Councilman Tom Reilly thanked the WeLoveU Foundation, “It is wonderful work by volunteers. It is a a wonderful gesture. Thank you very much.” Reilly added, “I thank the First Responders and Volunteers at the food pantry (and donors). We really should give some proclamations. I see the notes. People give up so much of their time.” Reilly then spoke about the Veterans, “They are having a Buy a Brick Fundraiser – go buy a brick. They lost their home due to Superstorm Sandy.” Reilly then spoke about the Business Breakfast which is still being planned.

City Clerk Deborah Brooks stated, “I will get in touch with speakers. When we will have a location?”

Reilly said he was working on that. He then asked about Arts & Crafts for kids in the summer.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski answered, “We waited so long. There will be sports activities: baseball, softball, and other sports.”

Reilly then asked about the illegal pallet operation and the status of sidewalk dining.

Council President Mickey Gross stated that the city will have it until Christmas stating that he felt small businesses need to make a few bucks after losing money due to the pandemic.

Reilly then asked about tax information from the first quarter PILOT from Manhattan Beach. He then wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day. “I see a few new businesses opening

up on Broadway. Hopefully we will get more. We went through a long stretch in Covid.”

Council Vice President Christine Noble stated that people can apply for curbside dining with charge. She thanked the WeLoveU Foundation and wished everyone a Happy and Safe Memorial Day.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato stated she attended the groundbreaking on Main Street. “We are taking care of a blighted area. “It is a really great project.” She thanked the WeLoveU for the beach cleanup, “So many people picked up trash and dug a flowerbed.” She then complimented the Police Department, “The police memorial in front of city hall – we appreciate all of the efforts of the police.” She stated that the ballfields look spectacular. Dato then reminded everyone that the Primary Election is on June 7, 2022. “Polling places are at the Senior Center and the Middle High School.”

Council President Mickey Gross stated, “At the Middlesex County 200 Club, they honored police officers. South Amboy had a group. It is a well-recognized honor.” He then said, “We all went through crummy times in life. Hats off to you and all the Veterans.” Gross reminded everyone that July 2nd is the fireworks and local bands will be performing. He thanked Jay Elliot, “He is a good friend.” Gross then stated that all the kids in South Amboy need to learn to swim. He reminded everyone how South Amboy is surrounded by water and it is Water Safety Month. He also reminded everyone that the Veterans will be laying down a wreath on Sunday, May 22nd at 11 a.m. “Please come out.”

Mayor Fred Henry thanked the WeLoveU Foundation for the great job they did for the city. “The Police Memorial was well attended.” He stated that the free health screening event was a success. He then added that he attended Woodmont’s groundbreaking today (5/18/22). Mayor Henry reminded everyone to clean out their medicine cabinet and dispose of old medicines. He thanked James Ryan for 63 years of service in the Police Department. “The things that police officers did to avoid a situation. It takes a certain person to be a police officer. It certainly is not an easy job. This group is very dedicated to their job.”

Public Portion:

Veteran Edward “Lefty” Grimes spoke first. “I fight for disabled vets. You cannot get currently into the police station (in a wheelchair). Last time we had a ramp where I was speaking. A disabled vet used that ramp. This meeting is illegal



Mayor Fred Henry reads a Proclamation to the WeLoveU Foundation
*Photos by Katherine Massopust



The WeLoveU Foundation leads a cheer



Mayor Fred Henry (L) & Jay Elliot (R) with the WeLoveU Foundation

under the Disability Rights Act. Leave 99 and go for the 1. You leave your past and rights of Veterans every day. Why are you ignoring the sick and dying people? You need to fix your wheelchair access.” He then read a poem.

Veteran Mike Vintziley came up to the microphone. Vintziley played the guitar and he and Grimes sang a song they wrote about wheelchair access in City Hall.

Resident Greg Babalack asked why the camera is not on the audience and the people not seen on the viewscreen, and who is in charge of the audio.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated that they are getting a brand-new audio system soon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Councilman Brian



Veterans Edward Grimes and Mike Vintziley play a song they wrote in front of city hall after speaking and playing at the council meeting.

McLaughlin was not present.



Quality of Life, Environmental Issues, Qualifications of Personnel Discussed

5/11/22 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – The meeting was opened up to the public to discuss items on the agenda that did not have their own public hearing. The first person to come up to speak was resident Ken Balut. He referenced Mr. Nieves who is up for another 60 days as Director of Public Works, “How can he investigate an accident that he was involved in? We always lose cases, and our lawyer just looks at his computer. Who is in charge of the housing project relating to R-260? We have a lot of police officers that are being recognized. They do a lot of rescues in the winter which is very hard to do. They save lives. They need the resources and respect from the city. Atlantic City has more police officers than we do. We need more officers to handle all the problems we have with bars. Submit more grants and use part of the \$16 million to help the Police Department. I took pictures of someone who was urinating on Smith Street.”

The next person to talk was resident Julianne Fierra, “This is a city of history and of the future and I take this to heart. We don’t want to add anymore fossil fuels. We have to tighten our wallets but think about our future and remember our history.”

Charlie Kravitol wanted to thank the council for allowing him to speak at the last council meeting about the proposed new power plant and the impact it will cause to our community, “We need more political courage, and I am proud that you put the resolution on the agenda against having the power plant built.”

Holly Cox spoke next, “Having a power plant would be going in the wrong direction. It would be the third one that would be built in Woodbridge and the sixth one in Middlesex County. It will have a negative effect and there would be 223 public schools within a 10-mile radius of this new plant.”

Amber _____ spoke next. “The people who want to build this plant don’t care about the community. I’m hoping other people also stand against it.”

President of the Local NAACP Donna Stewart spoke next (see statement on page ____).

A resident who lives on Andrew Drive spoke via Zoom about the trouble they were having on the new bar located on Convery Boulevard. “There is loud music and sometimes they go into the Urgent Care Parking Lot across the street and start drinking there.”

Council President William Petrick spoke up, “We passed an ordinance for restrictive parking around there. Residents should register their vehicles. Urgent Care has towing services for illegally parked vehicles.”

The resident continued, “That doesn’t stop other problems.”

Petrick then suggested that the residents in that neighborhood call the police if there is an issue and take down the license plates of offenders.”

A person who lives in New Brunswick, NJ spoke next via Zoom, stating that he was

against the power plant coming in. “You should get as many towns as possible around you to vote against this plant.”

Resident Jeremy Baratta spoke next via Zoom. He wanted to congratulate City Clerk Victoria Kupsch who was recognized on R-262-5/22 – Recognizing Victoria Kupsch, City Clerk for her 38 years of service.

Baratta said, “I want to congratulate her. She brings class and grace to the office and this recognition is well deserved.”

A woman named Nina from Old Bridge spoke via Zoom, “I am excited to see the resolution against bringing this powerplant into Woodbridge. I went to an Old Bridge Council Meeting to see if they can do the same thing and to speak about other ways to generate electricity.”

Resident Lisa Nanton spoke next via Zoom. She also supported R-243-5/22 – Opposition to construction of CPV Keasbey Power plant in Woodbridge.

“Because of the prevailing winds, it will have a negative effect on us, and we will receive the blunt (of those pollutants).”

The council voted on the Ordinances. For Ordinance No. 1,2,3 was all moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda. Ordinance No. 1 (first reading) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 2 (first reading) – Creating Chapter ____ (Inclusionary Zoning) requiring all applicable developments to include a mandatory onsite affordable housing set-aside was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 3 (first reading) – An ordinance amending section 430, Zoning and Land Development to create section 430-126, affordable housing was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. All voted, “Yes.”

Ordinance No. 4 (first reading) – An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled Police Department RE: Composition was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. When it came to voting, the only one who voted “No,” was Councilman B.J. Torres.

For the consent agenda, R-240 thru R-242, R-246 thru R-261, R-263 thru R-285 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. For R-243 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. R-244 – Approving a special permit for public entertainment to Concerts by the Bay, Inc. to be held on Sunday Afternoons from July 3, 2022, thru September 4, 2022, was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

When it came to voting on it separately, Pabon made the following statement, “I am sticking to my guns. I said at a previous meeting that I would vote no for any festivals put on the agenda.”

Petrick spoke next, “Concerts by the Bay are usually small. If you get 75 people in attendance, that would be on a good day. They sell no food or beverages. There is no loud music. You cannot compare it to the two major festivals who have carnival rides and food vendors.”

Pabon continued, “I agree with Petrick, but I gave my

word I will vote “No” to all festivals.”

Tejeda spoke next, “There really is no control who will come to this concert or how many will come.”

When it came to vote for R-244 individually, the only “No” vote was Pabon.

For R-245 – extension of Matthew Nieves as appointment to Acting Director of Public Works.

Pabon spoke, “We requested paperwork on the test that Nieves took. What we received is not what we asked for.”

Petrick said, “All we got was he attended some one-day classes.”

Tejeda said, “B.A. Green said he would get the test results for us.”

When it came time to vote on R-245, it was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. When it came to vote separately, Morales and Tejeda voted, “Yes,” Petrick, Pabon, and Torres voted, “No.” Motion does not pass.

For R-262 – Recognizing City Clerk Victoria Kupsch for 38 years of service. It was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Pabon thanked Kupsch for always being available and her dedication to the city.

Petrick suggested that Kupsch be given a special clock (traditionally given when retiring).

Kupsch stated, “I am not retiring, yet.”

Councilman B.J. Torres thanked her for all her professionalism.

Public Portion (in person first)

Resident Ken Balut said, “What is happening in DPW will be the same as what is going on in Code Enforcement. What happened to the paperwork on housing that I requested? The people that came her to talk about affordable housing – it seems that they really didn’t know what they were talking about. They didn’t have answers to a lot of questions that were asked during the presentation.”

Council President Petrick responded, “They came in along with Annie Hindenlang, and there were a lot of change orders.”

Balut said, “There were too many change orders, and our lawyers and Business Administrator should be able to answer some of these questions. Taxpayers’ money is being stolen.”

Pabon spoke next, “All of this was explained to us (affordable housing units and what is required by the city) when the presentation was made to us at a previous meeting.”

Tashi Vazquez from OECD (Office of Economic and Community Development) spoke via Zoom, “An RFP (request for proposals) were put out and there were three responses which were reviewed by the B.A. and others.”

The meeting was opened up to Zoom Participants:

The first person to speak was resident Jeremy Baratta, “I can’t hear what the attorney is saying. Is the B.A. at the meeting today?”

Petrick replied, “The B.A. is taking a vacation starting to-



PERTH AMBOY - Charlie Kratovil (3rd from left), a Central Jersey Organizer Food & Water Watch stands with others who opposed the proposed power plant in Keasbey. *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

day.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke next via Zoom, “I got a communication from someone talking about a pending festival and the festival that was denied. They then questioned the city sponsoring a festival and if permits will be needed.” Hubberman continued, now voicing her concerns, “We’re still in a pandemic, and now we have monkeypox. It is a detriment if we have large community events.”

Resident Maria Vera spoke next via Zoom, “The toilets on Madison Avenue are never used. I disagree with Mr. Green when it came to what qualifications are needed to head Code Enforcement.”

Resident Lisa Nanton spoke next via Zoom, “I want to thank the council for supporting R-243 (denying the power plant). You should also contact Staten Island about this issue. Thank you also for voting for the resolutions for Concerts by the Bay. They have been doing this for a long time, and the people who attend patronize our restaurants. They bring business into our city. I also want to thank Vicki (City Clerk Kupsch) for her years of service. I hope she has 100 more years. Bulkheads down by the marina are rusting and need to be maintained. I also want to know what the rationale is for increasing our number of police officers.”

Petrick responded, “So we can get grant money.”

Resident Vince Mackiel spoke next via Zoom, “We need a bathroom by the Tennis Courts and by the western area of the Waterfront.”

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales said, “I am sending prayers to the Texas shooting victims and families. I want to thank Victoria for her service. Have a good weekend.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “It was a failure of the administration to get us the documentation for the late-starter regarding getting an Acting Director. R-286 was asked to be added as a late-starter.”

It was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda to add to the agenda.

Pabon thanked the council who want to do the right thing. “We had no administrator to go into closed session with. I want to thank all the people who are spreading the word about the negative effects of power plants. Perth Amboy has a lot of hidden bars and when the El Patio Bar

applied for a license, was it approved by this council?”

City Clerk Kupsch answered, “Not everybody here was on the council at the time, but when it was first approved, it was owned by (Reggie) Navarro and was called The Courthouse Inn. You can approve the license or the delicensing. The senior citizen building resident said it was the outside activities causing problems.”

Pabon asked, “Is El Patio appealing our decision?”

Petrick said, “If they lose the appeal, the business is gone.”

Kupush said, “The El Patio License is gone if they lose the appeal.”

Law Director William Opel said, “The license will have to be alienated with the new business.”

Pabon continued, “Our parks are packed year-round, and everything should be up and running in them. Problems are still existing. Take a tour of all the parks to make sure. My thoughts and prayers to all the Veterans, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda offered her prayers to the victims and their families of the tragedy that happened in Texas. “As a mother myself, I know how I would feel if this happened to my child. Everyone should care for each other.”

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “I am proud of the council for voting in the best of interest of our residents rejecting the power plant. We have a lot of money coming in from the American Rescue Funds and we approved a lot of grants for the Police Department. Now, we have ETC Developments coming in and others. We were told there would be no need for an increase of services, but we are increasing the Police Department. We’ve expanded a lot of things – except our revenue. The grant money to expand our Police Department only pays for three years of those police salaries.”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “We passed the resolution against the power plant. Now, we have to consider less warehousing. There are too many incidents of massacres in our schools. There is nothing to say that will console them. The Covid numbers are up. Do people contact the Health Department if there are Covid cases in schools?”

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m. All council members were present in person.

Woodmont Industrial Partners & Jingoli Celebrate Groundbreaking of Warehouse Property in South Amboy, NJ
Ground-up Project to Bring Class A Warehouse Space to Redevelopment Zone



Steve Santola, Executive Vice President & General Counsel Woodmont Properties



Asm. Speaker Craig Coughlin



Mayor Fred Henry



Kevin B. Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers ADC of NJ Locals 4 & 5



Groundbreaking



Groundbreaking

Press Release 5/18/22
SOUTH AMBOY, N.J. — Woodmont Industrial Partners (WIP) and Joseph Jingoli & Son, Inc. (Jingoli) held a groundbreaking ceremony today at 111 Main Street in South Amboy, New Jersey. Located in the Broadway/Main Street redevelopment zone, the site spans 22 acres and will comprise 152,100 square feet of Class A warehouse space at completion.
“The development at 111 Main Street will benefit South Amboy both economically and socially for years to come,” said South Amboy Mayor, Fred Henry. “We’re thankful to have Woodmont and Jingoli involved in the revitalization of this area of the City. We look forward to the redevelopment generating quality union jobs and providing necessary environmental restoration to the site.”
In addition to ample square footage, the development will include 22 dock doors, with an additional 22 knock-out doors

available if desired by a tenant; abundant trailer and car parking; and a 36’ clear height.
“It’s been a pleasure working with the City of South Amboy, which continues to demonstrate the importance of a forward-thinking municipal government that understands market trends and economic development. Woodmont shares the City’s vision for the project as well as the importance of local redevelopment,” said Stephen Santola, Executive Vice President of Woodmont Properties. “We look forward to the completion of 111 Main Street as well as our ongoing expansion in New Jersey and beyond.”
“South Amboy offers employers an appealing Central New Jersey location, less than 10 minutes from several main thoroughfares,” said Anthony Amadeo, Vice President of WIP. “With the construction of 111 Main Street, we’re able to capitalize on this prime location and bring high-quality industri-

al space to an area that is experiencing unprecedented demand for the asset class.”
WIP and Jingoli joined forces several years ago to develop the property. In late 2021, the South Amboy Planning Board unanimously approved the project.
Over the past year, WIP has executed several key acquisitions in the most active industrial growth markets in the country, adding approximately 8 million square feet to its portfolio. The team breaks ground on projects in South Brunswick and Woodbridge, New Jersey this summer. In early 2022, WIP also acquired 2401 West Emmaus Avenue in Allentown, Pennsylvania consisting of a 91,350-square-foot building on 13.75 acres, with plans to reposition the site into a state-of-the-art Class A facility that will meet the Lehigh Valley market’s demand for industrial space as vacancies hit a record low.

Speaker Coughlin Statement on Memorial Day

Press Release 5/30/22
TRENTON – Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex) commemorates Memorial Day:
“From the American Revolution to the Global War on Terrorism, more than one million American veterans have made the ultimate sacrifice. Their bravery and dedication to country has made it possible to keep America safe and secure

against enemies who would seek to destroy our way of life.
“It is in that spirit of great respect and gratitude for those who’ve made very selfless sacrifices in the name of freedom that I commemorate Memorial Day today. I pray for our Gold Star families and for the safe return of all those deployed today who find themselves in harm’s way.”
“God bless America.”



Fireworks Show to Return Over the Raritan Bay!
Joint Cities' Announce their Citywide Events Celebrating Independence Day

Press Release 5/20/22
PERTH AMBOY, NJ: Mayor Helmin J. Caba of the City of Perth Amboy and Mayor Fred Henry of the City of South Amboy announced today the fireworks display and local festivities as part of the traditional 4th of July celebration on Saturday, July 2, 2022, along the Raritan Bay. Barry Rosengarten, Chair of Celebrate Perth Amboy, co-chairs Mickey Gross, Council President of South Amboy, and William Petrick, Council President of Perth Amboy, also joined with Father Ivan Turyk of Assumption Catholic Church, city staff, and sponsors at the Cornucopia Cruise Line's Charles Riverboat (dockside).
“Our July 2nd Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Spectacular would not be possible without the generosity of all of our sponsors,” stated Barry Rosengarten. “They invest in our event, but more importantly, they invest in our communities and become a part of it.”
The 25-minute fireworks program, scheduled for 9:20 PM over the Raritan Bay, will launch over 3,000 shells and effects, including glittering, strobe, and whistling, with various colors synchronized to a patriotic musical compilation produced by Garden State Fireworks. The Mayors announced, along with this year's fireworks program, local celebrations, including food trucks, arts and crafts vendors, and live music starting at 3 PM on Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy and at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park in South Amboy.
“We are ready to celebrate with a renewed sense of hope

and a salute to our country's bravery and extraordinary achievement,” stated Mayor Helmin J. Caba. Thanks to our generous sponsors, and the City of South Amboy, we continue this great tradition.
“We are happy to partner with the City of Perth Amboy, stated Mayor Henry. “We are looking forward to a great Independence Day Celebration, especially since it falls on July 2, just as our second President John Adams envisioned it.”
The best views to enjoy the Celebrate Stars & Stripes Fireworks Spectacular Show will be from Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy, the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park in South Amboy, or the comforts of home on Facebook Live @cityofperthamboy from the Raritan Yacht Club. Fox Sports New Jersey 93.5 FM/ 1450 AM will be airing the soundtrack synced to the fireworks display.
“I am proud to be a part of our Independence Day Celebration, stated Mickey Gross. “The collaboration between Perth Amboy & South Amboy is one of deep respect and appreciation.”
Following the press conference, a luncheon was held to recognize the sponsors. For more information to become an official sponsor of the Celebrate Stars and Stripes Fireworks Spectacular or a vendor, visit www.celebratestarsandstripes.com.
Follow us and participate in the excitement on our various social platforms via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @cityofperthamboy and hashtag #StarsandStripes2022.

Fireworks Vendors Wanted
PERTH AMBOY - Celebrate Perth Amboy and the City of Perth Amboy is looking for vendors to take part in the 2022 Fireworks Celebration! The celebration will be taking place on Saturday, July 2nd from 3pm-10pm on Sadowski Parkway (Rain date: July 3rd). Vendors, including food trucks and artists are encouraged to apply. All interested vendors must apply and food vendors must obtain proper food, health department and fire permits to participate. Food truck vendor fees are \$100 per space and other cart fees are \$75/\$50 per space. There is no fee for artisan vendors. Vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, tents, and displays. If interested, please apply by Wednesday, June 15th by going to <http://www.celebratestarsandstripes.com/>. For more information, please contact the Office of Recreation at: 732-826-1690 ext. 4306 or email: akennedy@perthamboynj.org.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Carnival
SAYREVILLE – St. Stanislaus Kostka Carnival June 23-25, hours Thursday 6 p.m. –10 p.m., Friday & Saturday 5 p.m. – 11 p.m. Celebrating 25 Years! Rides for kiddies through adults; Games & Tricky Tray for all ages; 8th Grade School Parents, St. Stan’s Altar Rosary Society Special Fundraiser; Super & Nightly drawings; Fabulous food tent featuring a wide variety of ethnic and American homemade foods; Homemade BBQ Ribs; Mouth Watering Seafood Area; Beer Garden; Scrumptious Desserts; Friday Fish Fry; Spezzi’s Specials. Friday is Alumni Night! Live Nightly Entertainment! Main Street & MacArthur Avenue, Sayreville. Like us on Facebook! St. Stans School Sayreville. Follow us on Instagram @sskschool. Discount Ride Tickets available in advance. To purchase, call church office at 732-254-0212. (Offer ends 3 p.m. 6/23/22)

Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation and Old Bridge Medical Center Foundation Welcome New Executive Director

Stephen Maher Takes the Helm at Two Middlesex County-Based Hospital Foundations

Press Release 5/26/22

PERTH AMBOY, NJ – Hackensack Meridian Health Foundation is proud to announce that Stephen Maher, MHA, has been appointed executive director of Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation and Hackensack Meridian Old Bridge Medical Center Foundation. Maher takes the reins from Melissa Magyar, who has moved into a new role as executive director, Principal Giving, within Hackensack Meridian Health Foundation.

“Stephen brings a wealth of knowledge and notable fundraising experience to his new role as executive director of Raritan Bay and Old Bridge Medical Center Foundations,” says Joyce P. Hendricks, president and chief development officer, Hackensack Meridian Health Foundation. “He has been an integral part of our team for several years now and I look

forward to the wonderful things he will accomplish in benefit of the hospital, its patients and its team members. I also thank Melissa for her dedicated service to the Old Bridge and Perth Amboy communities.”

Maher joined Hackensack Meridian Health in 2019 where he served as the assistant director of Development at Hackensack Meridian Ocean University Medical Center Foundation. During his tenure, he built strong relationships within the hospital and community, and his fundraising had an impact on many initiatives at Hackensack Meridian Ocean University Medical Center, including for the Dr. Robert H. and Mary Ellen Harris Heart and Vascular Center fundraising campaign, a \$19.5 million project.

Before joining Hackensack Meridian Health Foundation, Maher was executive director at CCS Fundraising in Balti-

more, MD, where he secured a \$2 million endowed lead gift to support capital improvements and program expansion. Prior to that, he spent several years in Texas as director of the Baylor Scott & White Health Foundation, leading a \$5 million campaign for Round Rock Cancer Center - among other philanthropic improvements across the health system.

Maher received his Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from the University of South Florida and his Master’s of Health Administration at Texas A&M University.

“I am so pleased to welcome Stephen to Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation and Old Bridge Medical Center Foundation, and I am confident that he will be an added strength to our team,” said Laura Bianchini, chair, Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation and Old Bridge Medical Center Foundation

Board of Trustees. “The board of trustees and I look forward to working closely with Stephen to raise critical funds that will allow us to further care for our communities and support essential services and programs at our hospital.”

Maher will work closely with Bianchini, as well as hospital leadership, to lead vital fundraising initiatives for hospital services and projects.

“I am thrilled to join Raritan Bay and Old Bridge Medical Center Foundations and to lead their important fundraising initiatives,” said Maher. “Both medical centers have provided exceptional care to patients and their loved ones for many years, and I look forward to working with the medical center, board of trustees and the community to secure funding that will help the hospitals meet the needs of their respective diverse communities.”



Stephen Maher

To learn how you can make a gift to Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation or Old Bridge Medical Center Foundation, please email Stephen.Maher@hmn.org or visit www.HackensackMeridianHealth.org/Give.



Civil Rights Leaders Say No to Increasing Law Enforcement Officers to Address Public Safety Concerns

Press Release 5/25/22

NEW JERSEY - Today marks the two-year anniversary since the murder of George Floyd and subsequent community demands for police accountability across the nation and here in New Jersey. But legislation introduced in the wake of Floyd’s murder has yet to move forward in New Jersey. It is within that context that earlier this week, members of the New Jersey Assembly introduced legislation that would require some municipalities, based on population size and crime rates, to hire additional law enforcement officers based on a formula set forth in the bill. The legislation comes on the heels of recent announcements by the Murphy Administration to use American Rescue Plan dollars to fund an additional state trooper class and to invest in new license plate recognition technology. Increased investments in law enforcement officers and surveillance technology do not improve public safety. Time and time again, history has shown us that increased funding to police harms communities of color the most. In response to these announcements, civil rights leaders released the following statements:

“Just last week, I stood side by side on the steps of the statehouse with other civil rights leaders demanding that legislators not use any cannabis revenue for law enforcement purposes,” said Rev. Dr. Charles Boyer of Salvation and Social Justice. “Yet here we are, less than a week later, with another proposal that will ultimately require millions of dollars to be put towards law enforcement.

Police killings of Black people and unchecked use of force requires increased police accountability, not more investment into a system that perpetuates harm. These policies will set us back thirty years by fueling the War on Drugs and broken windows policing that led to the mass incarceration of Black and Brown bodies. We saw what happened then, and we know what will happen now. New Jersey already has the worst racial disparities in the country in our criminal justice system. We cannot go backwards.”

“Public safety is about more than policing. Healthy, thriving communities rely on investments in infrastructure and social services, including housing, healthcare, education, and childcare, among other things,” said Rev. Eric Dobson of Fair Share Housing Center. “While potentially well-intentioned, these proposals will do nothing but further harm communities of color. In a state with the worst racial disparities in the country—among multiple indicators of well-being—we must prioritize and fund initiatives that we know will safeguard communities. Mandating more police is definitely not the answer.”

“For far too long, Black and Brown communities have been targeted by flawed policies under the guise of increasing public safety,” said Dr. Jesselly De La Cruz of the Latino Action Network Foundation. “As police budgets inflate, so do rates of arrest, prosecution, and incarceration. And the rates do not rise similarly across race—we know that communities of color will be harmed dispro-

portionately by these policies. Our communities know what will keep us safe and more law enforcement doesn’t make the list.”

“In the two years since George Floyd’s murder, we’ve heard a lot of words about addressing police violence but have seen little legislative action in Trenton,” said Amol Sinha of the ACLU of New Jersey. “The action we have seen has been a consistent prioritization of police over people, and in some cases, outright backlash against accountability and reform. Clearly, policing as we know it is not working, and continuing to increase resources for more of the same is irresponsible and dangerous. This bill will do nothing to address public safety in our communities of color – it will almost certainly infringe upon constitutional rights and will merely double down investments in a broken system that actively harms Black and brown people.”

“Public safety requires creating an ecosystem of safety that includes intervention programs, healing services, and safe passage, not just policing,” said Daamin Durden of Newark Community Street Team. “Communities should not be forced to invest in one piece of the solution over another. Our demonstrated success improving community safety in New Jersey and beyond is a testament to the importance of having those closest to the problem be at the center of the solution.”

“We cannot repeat the mistakes of our past. Tough on crime rhetoric and policies from the 80’s and 90’s landed us where we are today,” said

Richard Smith of the NAACP New Jersey State Conference. “We have fought for too long to dismantle decades of structural inequity to allow such misguided policies to move forward. Communities of color deserve more from our elected officials, including real investments in policies and programs that are proven to strengthen communities rather than tear them apart.”

“Keeping our communities safe requires an approach to public safety that goes beyond law enforcement, and our state and local budgets should reflect that reality,” said Nicole Rodriguez, incoming President of New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP). “This bill not only comes with a hefty price tag but is not grounded in evidence and is unlikely to have its intended effect. These dollars would be better spent on social services that address the root causes of the issues police deal with through hiring more social workers and mental health professionals, expanding harm reduction services, investing in community violence interruption programs, and building a more robust safety net.”

“True public safety is community led. Those closest to the problem are best positioned to address it, and our voices should be centered in any and all conversations about improving public safety,” said Dr. Liza Chowdry of Paterson Healing Collective. “Public safety requires meaningful funding for the resources that make communities healthy, like housing, employment opportunities, and investments in children’s futures. We know what keeps our community safe, and it’s the

lack of access to these resources that erodes public safety. More money for law enforcement will do nothing to address these underlying issues.”

“We all want to be safe, but knee-jerk responses like A587 are not the answer,” said Yannick Wood of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. “This bill seeks to expand municipal police forces without supporting data and without similarly expanding services that directly target the root causes of crime. New Jersey needs to expand funding for community-based anti-violence, mental health first responders, prevention, diversion and reentry programs - programs that have been proven to reduce crime.”

“This legislation is nothing more than smoke and mirrors from elected officials, it allows decision makers to avoid accountability for failing to meet the vital socio-economic needs of the community,” said Charlene Walker of Faith in New Jersey. “Instead, Faith in New Jersey is calling on the state legislature to prioritize investing in proven community-based violence intervention programs that include wraparound services. I urge them to utilize the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds and local budgets to fund these more holistic community interventions at scale for a minimum of three years. They must increase affordable housing, access to livable wages, provide ample funding for education, access to quality childcare, end food apartheid, and dedicate their platform to one that centers radical care for their community.”

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Election Day is June 7th



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- ✓ Introduced an ordinance that **increased the size of our police force** and allowed for four promotions.
- ✓ Secured a **\$1 million grant to revitalize the city's waterfront walkway**, adding new lights and cameras.
- ✓ Maintained his vision of **waterfront access for all** residents instead of an industrial port.
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Democrats for Council At-Large

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ELECT ANTHONY CONRAD

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Election Day is Tuesday, June 7th!



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MOVIE REVIEW: Chip & Dale's Rescue Rangers

By: Anton Massopust III
“I think it's time for Chip and Dale Rescue Rangers reboot!”
– Dale

If you remember the wonderful Disney Afternoon Cartoon Block when you ran home as a kid to watch the Rescue Rangers and all the other Disney Afternoon friends, you loved those terrific characters and how two little chipmunks, mice and a fly friend solve crimes and defeat villains.

Fast forward to 2022 - The new movie does not follow a lot of that at all. Yes, there is a crime that needs to be solved, but it takes place in the world of “realty” (kind of like Roger Rabbit or Space Jam: A new Legacy). Just like in those movies, there are plenty of cameos. In fact, we are oversaturated with cameos and some don't even belong to the Disney Brand. I don't know how or why these cameos are in the film.

In this movie, the reason why the Rescue Rangers stopped making episodes is because Dale gets an offer to star in his own show called: “00Dale.” While he goes off to do his own thing, the show gets cancelled and 00Dale never makes it out of the pilot stage.

This type of pilot is what Disney originally wanted to do with Darkwing Duck. The Rescue Rangers get canceled, so Chip is now selling Insurance and Dale has CGI surgery and is working the convention circuit selling his autograph. There are a lot of other Tunes who are more or less just selling their autograph. The movie sort of shows the ugly side of Hollywood (of being a mean business). The big strong Adventurer Mouse Monterey Jack needs help because he owes money to a group of gangsters, and his cheese obsession got the better of him. So, the two Chipmunks

decide that they needed to solve the crime, so they team up because Monty gets kidnapped and Chip and Dale team up with a human police officer Ellie Steckler (Kiki Layne) who is a big fan of the Rescue Rangers. They find out that Monty has been taken by Sweet Pete (Will Arnett) who is really Peter Pan all grown up. Monterey Jack is going to be headed for a redesign by a computer so he could be sold to those bad low budget animated movies that are copies of everything. The two Chipmunks don't really know who to trust, even in the police force. Dale eventually recruits Gadget and her husband, to rescue Monty and all the other Toons that this mobster has kidnapped to be shipped overseas.

This is a really, really bad movie. Yes, I get some of the humor, but the jokes fall flat, and it went on too long. Just



plain terrible.
Do we get to see Gadget and Zipper? Being that she is a fan favorite character, they diminish her role with her hardly even being in the movie, and having her marry Zipper, who is a minor character is completely ridiculous. It makes no sense whatsoever. The movie is terrible and there are parts of it that drag on, and on we'll just terrible jokes and terrible stories. They even make fun of the predictability and rap music. So,

in the end they all reappear at a convention together and Darkwing Duck says, “Boo! Where is the Darkwing debut?” Let's just hope they do better with him.
If you're a big fan of the original Rescue Rangers, you will hate this. It's only on Disney Plus if you're curious. I would say stick to the original. It's not worth your time.

**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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Juneteenth Flag Raising

PERTH AMBOY – Save the Date! Friends of Perth Amboy Legacy's 2022 Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony. A Celebration of Freedom. Saturday June 18, 2022, at 3 p.m. at City Hall Circle, 260 High St, Perth Amboy N.J.

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SOUTH AMBOY – American Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fisherman Pier.

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Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (Children's Library), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 732-261-2610.

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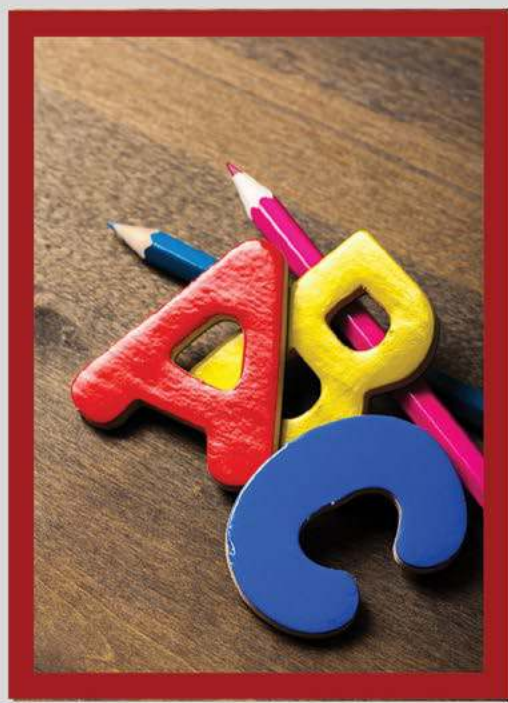
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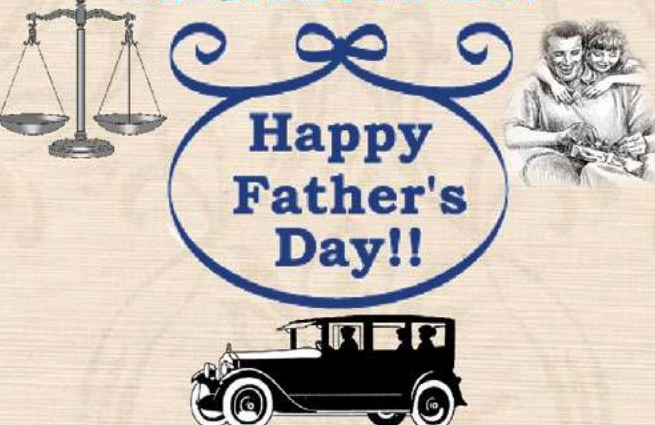
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EMT Receives Life-Saving Stroke Care from JFK University Medical Center Colleagues

When Stroke Symptoms Struck Mike DiMeglio Before His EMT Shift, His Colleagues and Friends at JFK University Medical Center Provided the Treatment he Needed to Make a Full Recovery

Press Release
5/16/22
EDISON, NJ – January 5, 2022 started off just like any other workday for Hackensack Meridian JFK University Medical Center Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Michael (Mike) DiMeglio, 28. Although Mike had been diagnosed with COVID-19 13 days before, he was fully recovered and ready to start his noon-to-midnight shift.

But when Mike was doing a pre-shift rig check on his emergency medical services (EMS) vehicle at his station, he noticed something odd. “I started seeing what I can only describe as a ‘blurb’ in my vision on the right side,” said Mike, who initially thought his vision disturbance might be related to the chronic headaches he experiences. “At first, I didn’t think anything of it, but then I started losing peripheral vision in my right eye.”

When Mike — who is also a nursing student at Middlesex County Community College — told his supervisor he was having trouble seeing, his supervisor checked his vitals and offered to drive him to the hospital. But within a few minutes, Mike began feeling weak and developed a headache behind his eyes.

Mike called his friend and colleague Elaine Kilijanski, a senior medic for JFK University Medical Center, who was in the middle of her shift staffing

an advanced life support (ALS) vehicle.

“I told her to get over here,” said Mike. “I knew what was happening, but I just couldn’t manage to say, ‘I think I’m having a stroke.’”

Elaine arrived and began to assess Mike’s condition, his right arm and leg felt “heavy.” “When he called me, I could tell that he was having trouble forming words — he was almost stuttering,” said Elaine. “When I got there, Mike’s speech was slightly slurred, and he was having trouble finding words and following commands, so we initiated our stroke protocols — including calling in a pre-hospital stroke code.”

Elaine knew just where she needed to go to get Mike the help he needed: JFK University Medical Center.

JFK University Medical Center was the first hospital on the East Coast— and one of only eight hospitals in the U.S. at that time — to earn its Comprehensive Stroke Center certification from the Joint Commission. JFK also received America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Stroke Care in 2022 from Healthgrades.

Today, that certification means that patients like Mike have access to the highest level of stroke care and a full range of stroke treatments — from clot-busting medications to neuro-interventional procedures and neurosurgery — delivered by expert physicians. In addition to

providing top-notch stroke care, JFK University Medical Center is also committed to offering comprehensive educational programs for residents and fellows under the leadership of Jawad Kirmani, M.D., and Spozhmy Panezai, M.D.

When Mike arrived at the Emergency Department, his friend Tyler Glagola, an EMT and a charge nurse in the JFK University Medical Center Emergency Department (ED), accompanied the stroke team to meet him at the door. The neurology residents staffing the ED ordered an immediate CT scan for Mike. After reviewing the results, they ordered tecteplase, a clot-busting medication.

“COVID-19 can cause the blood to thicken, which can increase the risk of clot formation. Our residents are so well-trained that they immediately recognized that Mike was having a stroke and administered the medication,” said Siddhart Mehta, M.D., neurointerventionalist at JFK University Medical Center. “No time was wasted, and Mike started improving within 7-8 minutes of receiving the medication. He was completely back to normal within 30 minutes.”

After a 28-hour stay in the hospital, Mike was discharged with no deficits — a remarkable outcome. However, during his stroke work-up, Mike also received another life-saving piece of information.



“My doctors found a small aneurysm in my brain,” said Mike, who is now on a blood-thinning medication and is undergoing additional testing to rule out potential neurovascular or cardiac conditions that could have caused his stroke.

“Our hospital is unique because our neurologists, neuro-interventionalists and neurosurgeons meet at a neurovascular conference to discuss each aneurysm case and develop a collaborative plan for treatment or ongoing monitoring,” said Dr. Mehta.

Mike said he is grateful for the expert stroke care he received, as well as the support of his colleagues and friends. He believes his experience will benefit him in his future career as a nurse.

“I was so thankful that Elaine and Tyler were there, and I am grateful for the physicians who are so professional and good

at what they do,” said Mike. “Now, I know what patients are experiencing when they have a health event, which will help me treat them with professionalism, empathy and compassion.”

Because of Mike’s young age, his care team suspects his stroke may have been related to his recent COVID-19 diagnosis.

“Although many people assume that strokes only happen to older people, we are seeing a lot of younger people who are having strokes associated with COVID-19,” said Dr. Mehta. “That’s why it’s so important for everyone to know the symptoms of stroke and know where to go to receive comprehensive care.”

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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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Veteran’s Plaza Breaks Ground in South Amboy

Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY - Each Memorial Day weekend the dedicated members of the Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62 gather to remember the honored dead and celebrate their service. This year the gathering took on a new dimension as City officials gathered on Borden-town Avenue to break ground on the new Veteran’s Plaza.

Over two years ago the estate of Lillian Applegate contacted Mayor Henry with the intent of donating the former site of their family operated gas station to the City for their use. “I could not think of a better way to honor our veterans than to provide them with a prominent public gathering spot to commemorate the sacrifice of all from South Amboy who served” said Mayor Fred Henry.

With a completion goal of Veterans Day 2022, the City will construct a plaza on the site with plaques representing all of the branches of the service, a purple heart monument, and a remembrance of each City resident who died in action. The center piece of the plaza will be the soldier statue that has been in front of City Hall since at least 1970. “It is my hope that this new memorial plaza will provide a permanent place for all veteran events as well as a place for quiet reflection for all who visit South Amboy”, said the Mayor.

Legionnaires have been sell-

SOUTH AMBOY - (L to R) Jerry Pizzillo/South Amboy Historical Society, Charles Kenney/Middlesex County Commissioner, Bob Sekerak/American Legion Post 62 Commander, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, Speaker Craig Coughlin, Mayor Fred Henry, Council President Mickey Gross *Photos Submitted

ing commemorative pavers to add to the project and to support their efforts to build a new post home. Information on the memorial paver project can be found on the City website at <http://www.southamboynj.gov/News/View/1683/luke-a-lovely-american-legion-fundraiser>.

Speaker Coughlin Marks Milestone in South Amboy Ferry Terminal Project to Service Commuters to NYC

Press Release 5/31/22
SOUTH AMBOY, NJ – On Tuesday, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin was joined by U.S. Congressman Frank Pallone, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, and local leaders to mark funding milestones for the South Amboy Ferry Terminal that have together positioned the project to see construction start this summer.

“Diversifying and expanding our network of transportation infrastructure is crucial to most efficiently getting people to and from places in one of our country’s most economically productive regions,” said Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex). “As we near the start of construction, with funding secured including from state and federal government, we mark an important milestone in the development of the South Amboy ferry and I applaud efforts at the state, county, and city level that are getting this long-awaited project to the finish line.”

The terminal planned for South Amboy is intended to support direct water ferry service for passengers into New York City. The State has cumulatively appropriated approximately \$18 million for dredging and waterside construction including bulkheads, pilings, the floating dock, and more.

“The completion of this facility is the keystone to all that we have built or will build on the waterfront,” said South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry. “It will result in an unprecedented level of transportation alternatives and open up another large segment of our waterfront for public access and enjoyment.”

The city of South Amboy was awarded a \$5.3 million federal grant for the project, distributed through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Passenger Ferry Grant program. Part of a larger vision to create an intermodal transit village, the ferry service will combine strategically with the local train to improve city and regional mobility.

“I’m proud to join state and local leaders in South Amboy today to mark this important moment in the ferry terminal project,” said Congressman Frank Pallone. “The South Amboy ferry will give residents a new way to commute between Central Jersey and New York City and reduce traffic congestion. The new facility will also bolster economic opportunities in the city and surrounding area. I’m glad the federal funding I helped secure for the project will be put to work soon, and I want to thank everyone who joined us today for their dedication and support of this important project.”

Tuesday’s press conference follows several months of progress in city efforts to secure funds, receive appropriate development permits from the Department of Environmental



Protection and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and begin procurement of contracting bids and solicitation of requests for proposals.

“The ferry service is the lynchpin to the ongoing renaissance taking place in South Amboy, as investors are investing millions of dollars to reshape the waterfront,” said Senator Joe Vitale (D-Middlesex). “We are consistently learning of new opportunities being created in South Amboy, as developers share their vision for the city’s consideration. It is an exciting time to be part of this community, as we work with local officials to carefully navigate the best path forward for South Amboy. This grant is evidence that federal officials also see the enormous opportunity to create what will certainly become one of the top transit villages in the state. None of this could be achieved without vision and planning for the ferry and I applaud South Amboy for this landmark achievement.”

“South Amboy’s future Ferry service will cement the city’s role as one of Middlesex County’s most important transportation hubs,” said Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (D-Middlesex). “Offering direct

service to New York City for commuters and visitors alike, the ferry will not only provide an efficient commuting option but will also provide a substantial boost to South Amboy’s local economy. Projects like these have generational impacts and I am proud South Amboy’s diligence and tenacity towards ensuring this project’s beginning and ultimate completion.”

Altogether, the \$22.3 million will fund every aspect of the project except for the ferry terminal building. An expanded waterfront plaza and walkway are all part of funded project plans.

“A project of this magnitude and impact does not come together over night; it is the result of hard work, planning, and dedication,” said Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios. “Today’s groundbreaking is the culmination of years of effort on the part of South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and the City Council. Of course, this project would not be possible without the critical funding secured by the 19th District Legislative team of Speaker Coughlin, Senator Vitale, and Assemblywoman Lopez.”

Letters to the Editor

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tion began. Sometimes the story ends in treatment and recovery; many times it ends in heroin addiction, fentanyl use, overdose and death. And a lifetime of pain for the survivors.

My own Bayshore community has buried far too many victims of opioids, and it is not unique. What is unique is that New Jersey residents have some protection that other state residents do not. In New Jersey, a law requires prescribers to discuss opioids’ potential for dependency and addiction, as well as pain-relieving alternatives that exist. We have a right to know this information before we even get a prescription for an opioid. A Brandeis University study of the law’s impact in New Jersey, the first state to implement it, found that the number of patients prescribed opioids for acute pain significantly decreased after the law went into effect. In the month after the law was signed, nearly 5,000 fewer patients were started on opioids.

Residents of other states are not so fortunate, which could be the reason that the number of opioid overdose deaths in New Jersey – while still unacceptably high – has held steady as other states have continued to see the number of residents lost to opioid overdoses and opioid use disorder climb. Congressman Pallone, isn’t it time to ensure the same protections for all families regardless of whether they live in our beloved 6th District and state? I implore you to introduce the bi-partisan Opioid Patients’ Right to Know Act — H-1185 — introduced in Congress in February 2021

by Rep. David Trone, D-Maryland, along with Rep. Guy Reschenthaler, R-Pennsylvania, Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez, D-New Mexico, and David McKinley, R-West Virginia.

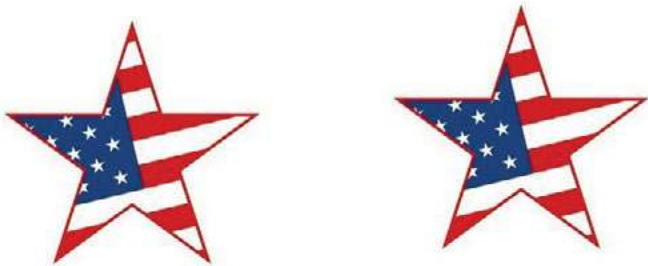
It will save lives. You can help save lives in Middlesex and Monmouth counties, throughout the rest of New Jersey and around the nation by giving H-1185 a floor vote in the Energy and Commerce Committee.

That vote can ensure that our cousins in Tennessee, our old college roommates in Virginia, our grandchildren in Oregon, and our parents who retired in Texas will have the same protections and the same rights to information about opioids before they are prescribed, as you and I have here in New Jersey. And our state will also benefit from this legislation – as we will have the opportunity to educate more doctors and more dentists on life-saving safe prescribing strategies, and to empower parents and patients to make decisions to protect themselves and their children.

I believe you care and want to save lives. I believe you are as saddened and as tired as I am of hearing the same tragic stories of addiction stemming from a prescribed opioid. Please act so that there isn’t one more mother, wife, father, friend or neighbor that we have to help live without their loved one taken by opioids.

The time to act is now. Move H-1185 to the floor.

Angela Conover
Director of Opioid Response and Prevention
Partnership for a Drug-Free NJ



New Local History Book *Perth Amboy's Historic Neighborhoods*

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

PERTH AMBOY

About the Book

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

About the Author

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

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.

June 9 | 7PM | Main Library (In-person)
The Life of a Lighthouse: New Jersey Lighthouses
Join us as The New Jersey Lighthouse Society brings us a presentation that will introduce us to lighthouse history, structure, and characteristic. Registration Recommended - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12436&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/06/01>

June 14 | 3PM | Main Library (In-person)
Mystery/Thriller Book Club
Join us for an in person discussion of The Good Sister by Sally Hepworth. No Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12157&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/06/01>

June 15 | 7PM | Main Library (In-person)
Get To Know Seeing Eye Dogs!
Join us as The Seeing Eye gives us a presentation on the work they do including their history, puppy raising, and training programs. Members of the organization will be bringing actual seeing eye dogs for us to meet as well! Registration Recommended - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12962&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/06/01>

June 22 | 7PM | Main Library (In-person)
The Marine Mammals of New Jersey: It Takes More Than Fish To Live Here
Join us as Joe Reynolds of Save Coastal Wildlife goes over the ecology or life histories of several common marine mammals found along the Jersey Shore. He will also discuss the latest science concerning threats to their survival. Registration Recommended - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12437&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/06/01>

June 23 | 6:30PM | Fords Library (In-person)
Adult Craft Night
Come to the Fords Library and receive supplies to make your on craft! Find out more details when you register. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12614&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/06/01>

June 28 | 7PM | Main Library (In-person)
Medicare 101
Join us for an overview of Medicare and the aging in process. Information will be provided on the steps that need to be taken to be ready for the day that you are eligible for Medicare. No Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12958&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/06/01>

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Introducing movies at Iselin! Catch an early evening movie June 7 and June 21 at 6:30PM and then join us June 25 for a 1PM movie. Check our calendar for more details!

Annual Summer Reading Club!
Our annual summer reading club begins late June and runs through early August. Participants are welcomed to read any book they like, submit a brief review of the book, and be entered to win a weekly prize! All participants of the club will also be entered into a grand prize drawing! You are welcomed to sign up in-person at one of our locations or online. Woodbridge Library Programming Department

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Summertime Starts at The Dowdell Library!

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — Maybe it's all the sunshine lately or the warmer air, but everyone at the Dowdell Library has summer on the brain! Books and summer go together like peas and carrots, so stop by the Library today for your next great read. While you're here, check out our programs for all ages!

The Dowdell Library offers free virtual classes through the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Some courses offered in June include Stress Reduction through Imagery, Stretch It! Chair exercising, Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables, and Eat Smart, Live Strong. For a complete list of available classes, visit Dowdell.org. For more information or to pre-register, please email kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org.

June is Audio Book Month! Hitting the road this summer or taking to the skies on a tropical getaway? Download and listen to a great audiobook during your travels. Audiobooks are available on eLibraryNJ and Hoopla (now compatible with the iOS CarPlay app!). Those who enjoy audiobooks on CD, feel free to stop by and browse our selection or have us request one from a local library. Whether you're a devoted listener or new to audiobooks, we encourage you to test this format! Learn something new, or make your story come to life!

Ms. Maryanne will host Storytime twice in June. Monday, June 6, 10:30 am - 11:30 am, and Monday, June 20, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Hear stories, play games, and make a craft!

The Teen Advisory Board will meet on Friday, June 3 & 17, from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Teen members will be planning summer programs and creating crafts, as well as exploring fundraising ideas. For more information or to join TAB, contact the Dowdell library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org

Readers of all ages will dive into the ocean depths this summer as The Dowdell Library presents "Oceans of Possibilities". Activities will include Watercolor classes, ocean-related crafts, and science and engineering experiments. What's it Worth an antique appraisal program will take place on Thursday August 4, 6:30-8:30 pm. Limited seating! Also, don't miss the outdoor concert featuring New Jersey's premier classic rock band - The Paul Nagy Project on Tuesday August 9, 6:30-8:30 pm: bring beach chairs! Rain date 8/23. The 2022 Summer Reading Program is open to everyone, preschool through adults. Visit Dowdell.org for more information and to view the summer calendar.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, June 27, at 10:30 am. Contact the Library to pick up this month's book.

Finally, mark your calendars for the Adult Summer Kick-off Program on Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 pm. New Jersey authors Peggy Ehrhart and Eileen Watkins will join forces to talk about the contemporary "cozy" mystery books. The night of the event there will be an opportunity to have your book signed, enjoy refreshments and have an opportunity to win a door prize.

Curious what else is going on at your local library? (We can never fit everything here!) Stop by in-person or visit our website dowdell.org to sign up for our newsletter and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. The Dowdell Library will switch to summer hours on starting Friday, May 27. Summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 8pm; and Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 5pm.

The Dowdell Library Joins Libraries Statewide in Telehealth Program

Press Release

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Independence Day Issue is Coming up On June 15, 2022 Deadline: June 10, 2022 Please take advantage of our Special Advertising Rates!



ICYMI: Speaker Coughlin and Assembly Democrats Tour Legion Post 107, Highlighting Affordable Housing Initiative for New Jersey Veterans

Press Release 5/31/22
HOBOKEN, NJ – On Friday, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin was joined by State Commander Daniel Dunn of the American Legion Department of New Jersey for a tour of Hoboken Legion Post 107.

The Speaker has made housing security a top priority for the Assembly this session as part of Democrats’ legislative affordability agenda. On the eve of Memorial Day weekend, during which we honor military men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice, legislators also honored the legacy of living veterans by voicing support for initiatives to provide access to safe, decent, and stable housing.

“The services provided to our veterans by the Legion are invaluable,” said Coughlin (D-Middlesex). “After everything these individuals have sacrificed in service to our country, we owe them a debt of gratitude. As we look at ways to boost housing security, I commend the work the Legion is doing in support of our most vulnerable veterans and see great potential in expanding Hoboken’s supportive housing model.”

Accompanied by 33rd District Assembly legislators Raj Mukherji and Annette Chaparro, Chair of the Assembly Military and Veterans’ Affairs Committee Cleopatra Tucker, Chair of the Assembly Housing Committee Yvonne Lopez, and others, the group was shown the Veterans Center of Hoboken, which currently houses previously homeless veterans in its six studio apartment units.

“Eradicating veteran homelessness is the first step toward combating homelessness across the board,” said Assemblyman Raj Mukherji (D-Hudson). “By coupling affordable housing with vital supportive services to keep those who defended our nation in uniform off the streets, American Legion Post 107 hon-

ors all veterans and has created a model that is now being emulated by other posts. When we enacted in 2017 the Veterans Affordable Housing Section 8 Voucher Pilot Program, which I authored, the Legislature also set aside vouchers to help more of these projects come to fruition.”

“The work the Legion has done to provide affordable housing and services for our military veterans is truly remarkable,” said Chaparro (D-Hudson). “We owe this support to our veterans and this plan will ensure they are able to have the homes they deserve.”

There is a 20,000 square foot expansion of the supportive housing initiative planned for the Hoboken Legion, which will include an additional 18 housing units that provide secure and affordable housing along with other vital services for veterans.

“Hearing the daily struggles and realities our veterans face is crucial in developing policy that honors and truly helps them,” said Tucker (D-Essex). “I am struck by how transformative the onsite housing at the Legion has been for the veterans able to live in such close proximity to a broader veteran community.”

“New Jerseyans’ housing needs are endlessly diverse and, right now in this economy, it has been difficult to make ends meet and keep a roof overhead,” said Lopez (D-Middlesex). “The kind of approach the Legion is taking to integrate care for our homeless veterans is something that demanded a closer look and seeing it in action I believe this model will be successful to support veterans in other parts of our state.”

Legion officials also that they are eyeing to replicate the supportive housing initiative modeled in Hoboken at three other Legion Post sites in the state, in Westfield, Montclair, and South Amboy.

Middlesex County Offers Multiple Ways to Vote in 2022 Primary Election

Middlesex County Provides Easy Voting Methods, Including Voting Early In-Person or on Primary Election Day, Mailing Ballots Through the USPS, or Dropping a Ballot in a Secure Drop Box in More than 30 Locations Countywide

Press Release 5/16/22
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – Similar to last November’s General Election, New Jersey residents will again have multiple, convenient options for casting their vote in the June 2022 Primary Election. Those options include mailing ballots through the United States Postal Service (USPS); dropping a ballot in any of the 30+ secure drop boxes across the County; three days of in-person early voting at any of the 10 early vote locations in the county; or voting in person at their assigned polling location on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

This is the first time New Jersey voters will be able to vote early in-person in a Primary Election.

The deadline to register to vote in the June 7, 2022 Primary Election is Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

ABOUT PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Primary elections allow voters who are registered to a political party, such as the Democratic Party or Republican Party, to select the candidates who will represent their party in the November General Election.

Unaffiliated voters who are registered to vote may choose to vote in either the Democratic Primary or the Republican Primary. If voting in person, either early or on Primary Election Day, an unaffiliated voter will declare their party affiliation at the polls before voting in the Primary Election. If voting by mail, unaffiliated voters will receive ballots for both the Democratic and Republican Parties and will select the party whose primary they wish to vote in and affiliate with moving forward. Voters will have to submit a change of party affiliation form to become a registered unaffiliated voter again.

Middlesex County has created a convenient, easy-to-use resource to learn about how to vote in the Primary Election. It can be found at [Middlesexcountynj.gov/vote](https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/vote).

“Voting is one of our most sacred rights – and responsibilities – as citizens. It is the tool we use to shape our communities and preserve our democracy,” said Middlesex County Clerk Nancy J. Pinkin. “Your vote is important! Middlesex County is committed to making voting as convenient and accessible as possible for residents by providing early in-person voting and Vote by Mail options in addition to traditional Primary Election Day in-person voting. Voters should avail themselves of the option that best fits their needs.”

HOW TO VOTE IN THE 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

There are three ways to vote in the 2022 Primary Election:

- Vote by Mail with a Mail-In Ballot
- In-person Early Voting on Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5

•In-person voting on Primary Election Day June 7

VOTE BY MAIL

Registered voters who are not already on the permanent Vote by Mail list and wish to vote from the comfort of their home can submit a Mail-In Ballot request in writing by filling out a Mail-In Ballot Application found on the Middlesex County website. A physical signature is required.

The County Clerk’s office must receive Mail-In Ballot Applications submitted by mail no later than seven days prior to Primary Election Day. For the June 2022 Primary Election, Mail-In Ballot Applications sent via mail must be received by the County Clerk’s Office by Tuesday, May 31.

Voters may apply for a Mail-In Ballot in person or by authorized messenger at the Office of the County Clerk in New Brunswick up to 3 pm on Monday, June 6 (the day before the election).

Voters can choose one of the following options to return their Mail-In ballot:

- Mail the ballot through the United States Postal Service. Mail-In Ballots must be postmarked on or before 8 pm on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, June 7, 2022.
- Take it directly to the Board of Elections’ Office, 11 Kennedy Boulevard, East Brunswick before 8 pm on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, June 7, 2022.
- Drop the ballot in a designated Middlesex County Board of Elections drop box by 8 pm on June 7, 2022.
- A list of drop boxes located in every municipality throughout the County can be found here on the County’s website. Drop boxes are maintained by the Middlesex County Board of Elections, are secure, and are monitored 24/7 by video surveillance. Ballots are collected from drop boxes on a regular basis.

If you do not receive your Mail-In Ballot by May 17, you may request a replacement Mail-In Ballot from the County Clerk’s office by calling 732-745-4202 or by sending a replacement ballot request form.

VOTING EARLY IN-PERSON

Registered voters who have not requested a Mail-In Ballot may cast their ballot in person using a voting machine during a three-day Early Voting Period prior to Primary Election Day at any of the 10 early voting locations in Middlesex County. Voters can choose to vote in person when it is most convenient for their schedule.

Voters who elect to vote in person will now sign in on an Electronic Pollbook, which were rolled out during the 2021 General Election. They are equipped with scanners that can speed up the check-in process by using the voter’s sample ballot or driver’s license, if the voter’s registration record includes

their driver’s license number.

In-person early voting locations will be open Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5 for the 2022 Primary Election. Hours will be Friday and Saturday, 10 am to 8 pm and Sunday 10 am to 6 pm. No appointment is necessary.

In-person early voting polling sites are located in 10 municipalities throughout Middlesex County, including:

- East Brunswick
- Edison
- Monroe
- New Brunswick
- Old Bridge
- Perth Amboy
- Piscataway
- Sayreville
- South Brunswick
- Woodbridge

Vote-By-Mail Ballots CAN-NOT be returned to in-person early voting polling locations or Primary Election Day polling locations.

Voters who receive a Mail-In Ballot but do not return their ballot may still vote in person by provisional ballot at an early voting location.

More information, including the addresses of early voting locations, can be found on your sample ballot or by going to www.middlesexcountynj.gov/vote and clicking on “Early Voting.”

VOTING IN PERSON ON PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

In-person voting is available to all registered voters in Middlesex County. Voters who have not requested a Mail-In Ballot may vote in person at their assigned polling place on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Click here to find your assigned polling location for the upcoming Primary Election. A voter’s assigned polling location can also be found in the top left corner of their sample ballot, which will be mailed the week prior to the Primary Election.

A poll worker can scan a voter’s sample ballot or driver’s license, if the voter’s registration record includes their driver’s license number, into the Electronic Pollbook to greatly expedite the check-in process.

Voters who receive a Mail-In Ballot but do not return their ballot may still vote in person by provisional ballot at their assigned polling place on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, June 7.

Polls in New Jersey will be open from 6 am to 8 pm on Primary Election Day.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- The deadline to register for the 2022 Primary Election is May 17, 2022.
- The deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by mail for the Primary Election is May 31.
- The deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot in person is June 6 by 3 pm



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Older New Toy Trucks Sunoco, Exxon, Mobil Hess \$20 Each or B.O. - 732-316-5092	Large Garment Bag & 4 Hooks - \$5, Ladies Imitation Fur Coat- Small - \$50 732-634-3589	Sissy Bar and Pad for Harley Sportster - Great Condition \$65 - 908-590-8885
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Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.
Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.
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Cruise Nights
on Broadway

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Knight's
Trivia Night

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus, Council 9199 of Fords is sponsoring "Trivia Night 4th Edition" on Saturday, June 11, 2022. It promises to be a fun night of questions, answers, prizes and laughter!! Mostly laughter!! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the OLP Parish Center, 25 Franklin St, Edison, NJ 08837.

Admission is \$25 and includes one sub sandwich, a small bag of chips and one soda or bottled water. Coffee, tea and desserts are available. BYOB (beer & wine only).

Reservations are requested for teams of 6 or 8. Prizes for top teams and door prizes. For info contact Rich Fetzer at 732-822-4957 or Emil Ferlicchi at 732-261-8280.

Wind Creek
Casino Trip
Good Shepherd
Seniors

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Tuesday June 21, 2022. Cost is \$35 with \$25 back in play. Bus leaves our parking lot at 10:00 AM. For more information, please call Connie at 732-442-4978 or Nancy 732-541-5929.

Caesar's
Casino Trip

San Salvador Seniors
PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino, Atlantic City, on Thursday, June 2, 2022. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephen's Church (St. John Paul II) Parking Lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy at 11 a.m. Cost: \$35 per person; \$30 back in slot play For more information, call Joe at 732-826-0819. Masks are required to be worn on the bus.

You Must Reserve Your Seat! You must pay before you board the bus.

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Magyar Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ - 732-442-7799; www.mrchurchnj.org

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Pets of the Week



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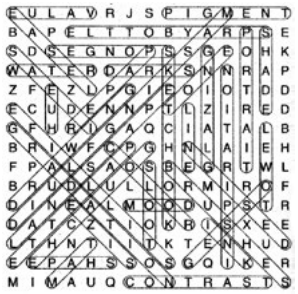
Have a Special Pet?

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

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.

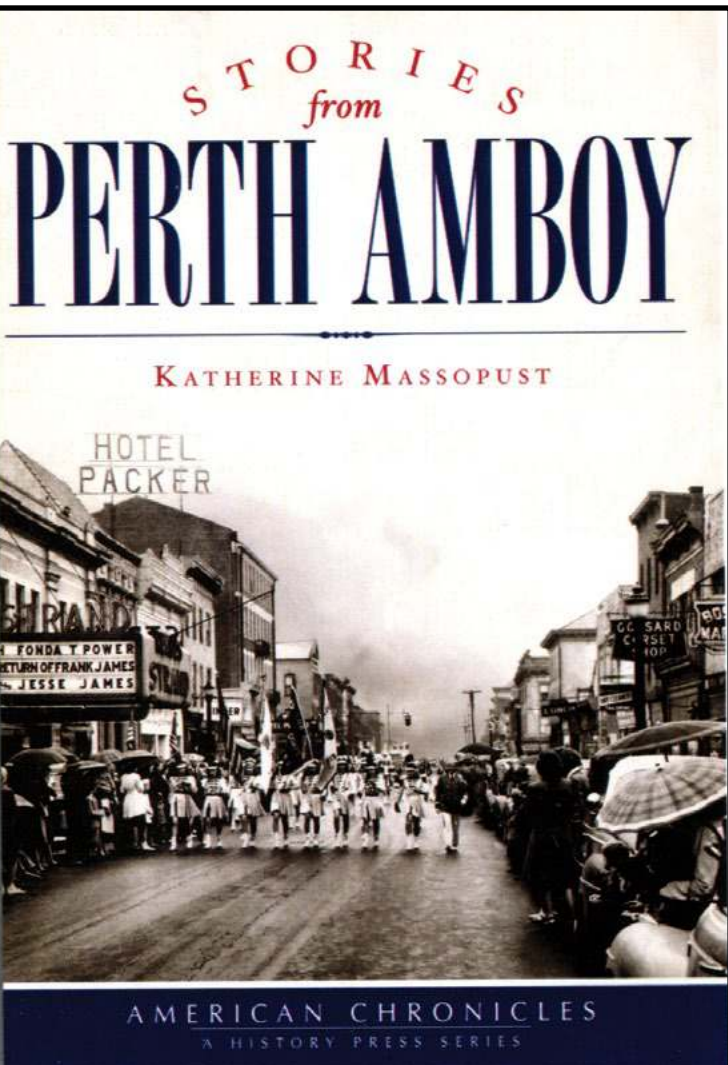
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Marina Waterfront Park Project May 7, 1980. *Photo Courtesy of Mike Keller
This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.



Stories From Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available from Katherine at 732-261-2610 or at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy - 732-442-3000 or at: www.amazon.com A Great Gift! Get it now along with Then & Now: Perth Amboy!

PAFD Wreath Laying Ceremony, Fireman's Memorial, Alpine Cemetery, Perth Amboy, 5/18/22 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Ukrainian Flag Raising, American Legion Post#45, Perth Amboy, 5/23/22 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



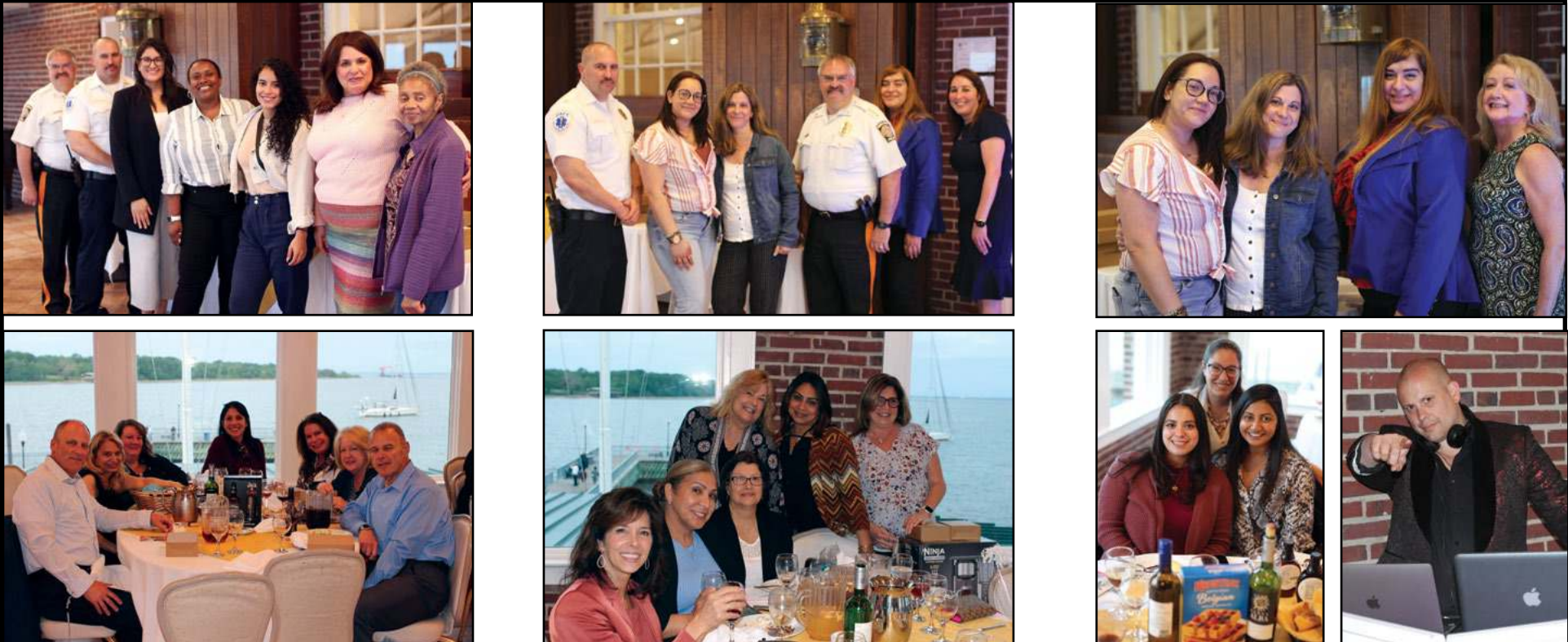
Cathedral International Street Fair, Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy, 5/22/22 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Memorial Day, American Legion Post#45, Perth Amboy, 5/30/22 *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Alameda Party at Raritan Yacht Club, Perth Amboy, 5/26/22 *Photos by Eric Salvary



JEMMS Foundation Spaghetti Dinner & Gift Auction, Hungarian Reformed Church, Perth Amboy 5/20/22 *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



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EDISON - Welcome to Edison!! New construction. 3,500 square feet approximately. 5 huge bedrooms. First floor with en-suite bedroom. Living room, dining room, White cabinets, beautiful granite countertop, new Stanly Still appliances, gas stove with hood included. Second floor Master bed with the huge closet that everyone is looking for, nice size bathroom with double sink. 3 more bedrooms with an excellent size. Garage with automatic door opener, extra storage room behind the garage with access to the patio. Under construction!!! **\$799,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Huge property featuring 4-bedroom 1.5 bath oversized garage with lots of storage, great Budapest location, close to most major highways, public transportations and shopping centers needs some TLC. lots of potential is being sold in AS IS condition buyer responsible for C of O and all repairs. **\$349,900**



FORDS - This Beautiful newly renovated property has too much to offer. Home features 3 Bedrooms (new bathroom in master bedroom), new kitchen with stainless steel appliances, granite counter tops, new floors and much more! **\$589,000**



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



EDISON - Come see this lovely and updated 2-bedroom unit conveniently located in the heart of Edison. \$917 monthly land lease fee includes water/sewer, taxes, trash removal, common area maintenance. Home is near rt. 287, bus line, train station, shopping, restaurants and much more! **\$60,000**