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Police Recognized, Budget Amendment, Archaeological Investigation, of Many Topics Discussed 6/8/22 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – The meeting began with a presentation honoring 15 police officers: Acting Chief Larry Cattano, Lt. Joseph Sulikowski, Sgt. Emma Cabrera, Sgt. Sandy Rivera, Sgt. Luis Corro, Officer Luis Marte, Officer Kyle Savioa, Officer Hani Tawfik, Officer Frank Morales, Officer Selina Diaz, Officer William Perez, Officer Anthony Garcia, Officer Danny Hernandez, Officer Andrew Hadjoannou, Officer Jose Lopez.

For the ordinances with a public hearing:

Ordinance No. 1 – Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance designating restricted parking spaces for use by handicapped persons,” (Ordinance No. 380-85 and amendments) adopted July 2, 1985, also known as chapter 255A et seq of the code of the city of Perth Amboy. No one spoke.

Ordinance No. 2 – An ordinance creating chapter (Inclusionary zoning) of the municipal code requiring all applicable developments to include a mandatory on-site affordable housing set-aside. Requires recommendation by the Planning Board prior to adoption

It was noted that both Ordinance No. 2 & No. 3 had to be sent to the Planning Board for review.

Resident Ken Balut spoke first in person, “How much does the attorney and experts make doing this - \$200,000 - \$300,000? This is supposed to be for the poor. Outsiders are telling us what to do. How many thousands of dollars do these lawyers make? This lawyer gets paid thousands to sit here. We pay money to lawyers who don’t live in this town. You guys have to get the plan early so you see what is going on. You (the council) are the last to find out. The poor are not going to get the money – no, it’s going to some rich law firm. It has to stop.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke via Zoom, “There is definitely a shortage of affordable housing. New Jersey is facing a crisis. The Rent Leveling Board has consistently reached out to the council for rent control. Perth Amboy does not have a quota requirement. There are two bills forging ahead for affordable housing exemptions. We don’t have a quota requirement. How many applicants do you need to meet that quota? We have a lack of free space and lack of open space. You are



PERTH AMBOY - The City Council with Police Officers who were recognized at the 6/8/22 Council Meeting *Photo by Katherine Massopust

opening up a Pandora’s Box. I advise the council not to be oblivious to what this entails and what will happen. Dig a little first and have a full investigation.”

Ordinance No. 3 – An Ordinance amending section 430, zoning and land development, to create section 430-126, affordable housing. Requires recommendation by Planning Board prior to adoption

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak, “If you guys are voting on giving this to the Planning Board, why doesn’t the Planning Board have this already? It should be completely reviewed by the Planning Board

and the city council. Look at Woodbridge – A solar farm was supposed to be across from Wgmans. Look at it now – housing developments! Nobody is looking at this. We are looking at people having electric cars, making a huge amount of money telling us what to do. Over here, we are overcrowded. 4.5 square miles! Look at all the property at Atlantic City that’s underdeveloped. All we do is rentals and more Section 8. The rich stuff the poor into a little hole. They are shipping them to us. The Planning Board and the Council – have a conversation. The Board of Education should be here, too. Where are we go-

ing to put the children? There’s no place to put them. Wait till next year when they can’t afford electric cars, heat, gas and all the space heaters!”

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke via Zoom, “I don’t know why you need to go to the Planning Board in order to draw an inclusionary agreement. We should be talking about open space. One family homes should be built so people can have the American Dream and own a home. I don’t think they will help our town. It will strain our already strained infrastructure. A moratorium may be

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Groundbreakings: The Ferry is on Its Way! 6/1/22 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. The consent agenda, bill list, and minutes passed.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato praised City Clerk Deborah Brooks for her diligence in keeping up with handicapped parking spaces.

Brooks stated, “When we come across them (e.g. someone passes away), they go to an ordinary space.

Dato said, “I appreciate what you do.”

When it came to Ordinance No. 2022-07 – Bond ordinance providing for various capital improvements in and by the city of South Amboy, in the county of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating \$3,247,600 therefore and authorizing the

issuance of \$2460,706 bonds or notes of the city to finance part of the cost thereof.

Director of Revenue and Finance and CFO Dan Balka who was present at the meeting, said, “It is for road repairs, Public Works, Public Safety, a vehicle for the Fire Department, and a sound system for the Council Chambers and Court Room, and paving at the Public Works facility. The two ordinances are split with the other one is for two trucks: a garbage truck and hook lift.” Balka added that the girl’s field would be renovated.

Mayor Fred Henry stated that the girl’s field will be finished by this fall.

Council President Mickey Gross stated that Balka was doing a great job.

Council Comments:

Councilman Tom Reilly thanked the First Responders and Food Pantry donors and volunteers. “We want to recognize those who work diligently at the food pantry. It is overdue. We can work on a list. The American Legion “Buy a Brick” fundraiser – please support the American Legion. On June 18th at 107 George Street, the SAFD Enterprise Truck 8 is having a Food Truck Festival. Please support our businesses in town. There are new places opening up – it’s a good sign for our city. The South Amboy Boys Baseball Team are Golden Champs. I’d like to reach out to get them recognized.”

Council President Mickey Gross stated for Reilly to deal directly with the Superintendent.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin stated, “Please support the American Legion. Congratulations to the Boys Baseball Team and Girls Softball Team (they both made the championship).” McLaughlin then spoke about a fictitious article that was put out. He also stated that the old Superintendent was supposed to go up at the council meeting and introduce the new Superintendent, “It wasn’t a place to grandstand for politics.”

Council Vice President Christine Noble had no comments.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, “The second graders completed the Water Safety. “That’s a program offered by the Y and the City of South Amboy Elementary Schools.” She then spoke about the upcoming Primary Election and explained the

early voting procedures.

Council President Mickey Gross said, “Hat’s off to the Swim Program. Hope to make it for the 3rd and 4th Grades next year. The Fireworks are July 2nd. There will be 10 food vendors, and other vendors.” Gross then spoke about Chris (Sears) who was promoted by the Diocese. Gross then spoke about the Ferry coming into town, “Take a moment to thank Mayor Fred Henry. A lot of work went into it talking to city Engineers, and it didn’t happen overnight. He also thanked everyone who was involved including Jack O’Leary (Former Mayor), Camille Tooker (Former Business Administrator) and Glenn Skarzynski (Business Administra-

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Parking, Community Policing Discussed

6/6/22 Caucus

By: Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY – There were two presentations. The first presentation was by Anna Wilkins Daily, expressing appreciation to the city for the work she has done over the years. (see op-ed on p.4. for full statement).

The second presentation was by Mike J. McAtee from Urban Engineers who gave a presentation on the Fayette Street Bridge.

Ordinance No. 2 – An ordinance creating the chapter___ (Inclusionary Zoning) of the Municipal Code requiring all applicable developments to include a mandatory on-site affordable housing set-aside.

Ordinance No. 3 – An ordinance amending section 430, Zoning and Land Development, to create section 430-126, Affordable Housing.

It was noted by Law Director William Opel that the Planning Board has to hear Ordinances 2 & 3 therefore these two ordinances were tabled to give the Planning Board more time.

Ordinance No. 2 (first reading) – An ordinance authorizing a lease agreement between Grzankowski Holdings LLC and the City of Perth Amboy for property located at 497B Smith Street for use as a Perth Amboy Substation.

Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to speak, “The substation is for that section that does not have anything officially designated from that location. It will have video surveillance. We received computers from the military – brand new in the box.”

Council President Petrick asked how many officers will be stationed there.

Cattano answered, “Special Ones from Monday thru Saturday. For the summer, on Sunday, there will be a couple of hours per day. It is the gateway to our city. There is a 1-year lease so we can try it out. There is parking in the rear and adjacent.”

Council President Petrick then asked Business Administrator Michael Green about the proposed Fire Substation on Amboy Avenue.

Green answered that the location needs to be inspected further to see which way to proceed.

Petrick then asked about the Budget Amendment.

Green answered, “The administration gave its amendments, unless the council decides against the administration's amendments.”

Petrick stated, “We have a budget now. Work with it. Get it done.”

Resolution R-296-22 – Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy Fire Department to submit an application to the NJ American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up to explain about this. He stated it is for a turnout gear washer and dryer and an airpack (SCBA - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) washer. "This equipment washes 14 air-packs an hour. It will remove all carcinogens in the equipment and keep our firefighters safe and healthy.”

Resolution R-298-6/22 – Authorizing the execution of a hold harmless agreement with Harbortown to locate a summer lunch program.

Dianne Roman from the Department of Human Resources came on Zoom and stated, “The Community area lunches are administrated at that facility.”

Resolution R-303-6/22 – Ac-

cepting an award from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program in the amount of \$650,000.

Councilman Joel Pabon stated discussing parking for the new high school being built on Convery Boulevard, “There is zero parking in the area. Even if you took away the Youth Complex, there is no parking. I don’t know how much you can do, asking maybe for a parking deck. They built that little park. All the houses are supposed to be gone. I think we better start things today. It is a disaster waiting to happen. It’s crazy. Where is the parking?” Pabon then stated, “At the last meeting, residents complained about one bar. What do we do with schools? There is no parking there. No one is thinking about parking. We have to start thinking about this now. We have to start thinking where they are swapping land.”

Tashi Vazquez who is the Vice-President of the Board of Education came on Zoom, “As requested, \$650,000 spending grant to increase walkability to the Rose Lopez School. This specific elementary school safety concerns, also included safety and separate traffic signs and crosswalks to ensure the safety to schools. Rose Lopez School was singled out.” Vazquez stated that a traffic light will be put on Ogdon and Seaman Streets.

City Engineer Jeff Rauch spoke on Zoom, “The county is doing a signal on New Brunswick Avenue and Ogdon and on Ogdon and Seaman Avenue. When a dispatch emergency goes green on Ogdon and Seaman, it goes red for Seaman allowing vehicles not colliding

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Road from
May 20th to July 4th

On May 20th, we were fortunate to attend the kickoff for the Independence Day Celebration of the July 2nd Fireworks jointly held between Perth Amboy and South Amboy.

The first speaker was Fr. Ivan Turyk, the Pastor at Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy. He was born in a small peaceful village in Ukraine. One of his first impressions of Perth Amboy was being amazed by the large number of churches in Perth Amboy. He concluded that they were either very religious or there were many sinners. He expressed his gratitude for the generosity of the residents in Perth Amboy and South Amboy and how they support Ukraine. He has been an American citizen for 10 years and that people should be thankful for the freedom that they enjoy. Rudyk Park is named after Stanley Rudyk, a Ukrainian American who gave his life for his country in WWII. He prayed for our leaders, and hoped they have humility, leadership, and grace. His hope is for peace and protection for Ukraine.

Chair of Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes and lifelong Perth Amboy Resident Barry Rosengarten said that he felt every word that Fr. Ivan spoke, and he personally has spent 33 years promoting the city of Perth Amboy as a member of the BID. "The Fireworks Celebration brings people together. All the sponsors are great. They invest in our community and are a part of it." He thanked every city department that is involved, all the volunteers, Lisette Lebron from the mayor's office, Noelia Colon from the BID, and Yolanda Flores who has been a valuable assistant helping Rosengarten contacting businesses and putting together the event and program since 2012. He stated that he is the grandson of immigrants. "When people leave their country, they work hard, and we can't tolerate racism of any kind."

Rosengarten quoted former President Ronald Reagan, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from its



extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." - Ronald Reagan

Next Mayor Helmin Caba spoke. He welcomed all to the kickoff and acknowledged Rosengarten for his hard work and also welcomed South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross. "The Fireworks is a big deal for our city," said Caba, "And it is the first time being held since the pandemic." Caba stated that we have safety measures in place for the day of the event. He thanked Acting Police Chief Cattano and Fire Chief Mullen who will make sure we are all safe. "We will start festivities around 3 p.m. (a lot of vendors, food trucks, and music) on the day of the fireworks, and the Department of Recreation will be involved in those events. They always go above and beyond what is asked of them. We have a very rich history. We are the only city to have the original official Governor's Mansion and the oldest operational City Hall. We will also be a part of the 2025 Celebration of the Sestercentennial of the United States. He finished off by thanking all of our generous sponsors, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, and the two cochair: South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross and Perth Amboy Council President Bill Petrick.

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry spoke next. He acknowledged some of the officials from

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

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Are you enjoying the inflation? From food to fuel? Meanwhile, the working poor and what's left of the middle class are trying to survive this out-of-

Statement by
Anna Wilkins
Daily at the
6/6/22 Caucus

I am Anna Wilkins Daily.

First, I want to clarify that even though I do not have any biological relatives who live in the state of New Jersey, I am not planning on moving anytime soon.

Thank you, Mr. President for giving me this opportunity to share my gratitude to this city for opportunities to service this community,

I want to extend my Welcome to the most recent council members and staff whom I have not met.

1. When I first moved here in 1967 from North Carolina, I worked briefly as a substitute teacher before I became Lab technician at Raritan Bay Medical Center where I was the only blood bank technician during the evening shift.
2. While obtaining a Master's Degree in Urban Science education at Rutgers University I completed a one year internship teaching middle school science in Plainfield, instead of working in Plainfield, I decided to pursue a teaching position in Perth Amboy. By that time my husband and I were property owners here in Perth Amboy, and had a one year old son. So I wanted to work in the community where I lived.

During my 32 years in the science department at Perth Amboy High School, I taught courses in Medical laboratory techniques, Microbiology, Health Careers Awareness, Laboratory Animal handling, Earth Science and Biology. Each year I took the Earth Science classes to the water treatment plant and waste water sewage treatment plant for a better understanding of our environment and the relevance of the text book information.

3. My first year teaching, I was assigned to teach Medical technology, microbiology and A course in Laboratory Animal handling, I Developed, wrote the curricula for the courses in Medical laboratory Techniques, Microbiology, and Health Career awareness and explorations. There were no curriculum, teacher's guide nor

control inflation. And no one is protesting - just crying the blues - and those politician's love to give a "Blank Check" to other countries without any oversight. I was told "AMERICA comes first!" So, what happened? YEP! We were sold out by those

textbooks because these courses had not been taught in the Perth Amboy high school before.

In addition to teaching, I was an advisor for the Black Culture Club, and obtained a school charter and was the advisor for HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America). My students competed against vocational school students in medical laboratory and career searching techniques. The last year I had 3 students who participated in the national competition in Florida where 2 out of my three came in the top ten places in the country.

Before my retirement I was the president of the Perth Amboy NJEA, selected the teacher of the year for Perth Amboy school district, Middlesex County, as well as N.J Governor's Teachers awardee. I was selected by Princeton University as a Distinguished High School Teacher for the state of NJ and the National Science Teachers Association as the National Number 1 Exemplary High School Science Teacher for the entire United States.

I always reached out to the parents, participated in community activities, and tried to make the lessons relevant and interesting. We did not have computers during that time. I had the students do lots of research exercises that required the students to use encyclopedias, newspapers, visit both the school and local public the library. I had my classes get library cards so that we could use materials in the public library for various assignment. I took out a school subscription to one of our area newspapers so that Each week we received a classroom supply of newspapers.

It was the city of Perth Amboy and parents that afforded me the opportunity to expose students to my self-designed methods of teaching and achieve all the honors and awards as an outstanding educator. I also attended Kean University where I obtained a second master's degree.

I was a volunteer in church and community organizations. As a member of the Perth Amboy Public Library bd of trustees, I served under 5 presidents and was the secretary before being elected president. Throughout the years and under different city administrations, we were always told that the library be-

we voted for, and they should be helping us in the first place. It was said promises from a politician goes through one ear then comes out the other ear! "How True!"

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

longed to the city, and the trustees served in advisory capacity. Having attended various state trustees functions I was made aware of governing boards. We wrote the city administration with copies to the council when we inquired about becoming a governing board but were always told that the library was a municipal entity, and trustees were only allowed to advocate for the library, and were sternly told that we were to have nothing to do with the staff since they were civil service employees.

The library never had enough employees to qualify for the maximum amount of state funding. There were times when we would come before the council advocating for more staff.

The trustee board had no say in who was appointed to the board, hired staff, or replaced. We were told that only the city administration could hire and or dismiss staff. Thus we had nothing to do with the former director leaving.

Trustees helped initiate the plans to renovate the building. We had a committee who along with a former city administer interviewed various contractors with the architectural plans. What we submitted was not accepted by the city, and completely different plans were made. It was the trustees who started having the Taste of Perth Amboy as a fund raiser. We also had other programs to help raise funds for renovating the library.

Shortly after the former mayor assumed her seat on the board, we started getting money from the county and freeholders. The mayor as well as a former school superintendent both took their seats as members of the board of Trustees. City ordinance required a seat on the trustee board for a school board member as well as mayor. We also made copies of the Bill of Rights that are posted on the wall.

The former secretaries as well as myself when I became secretary always sent a copy of the board minutes to the council and administration.

Other Trustees started to become so frustrated at not being able to get anything we requested done that members did not apply for reappointment when their terms were up. We rarely had enough members present

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Pallone Announces New Employment and Financial Opportunity Center in Perth Amboy



Press Release 6/3/22
PERTH AMBOY, NJ – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced the United Way of Central Jersey Financial Opportunity Center (FOC) in Perth Amboy. The new center will provide an integrated set of services for families in need, including employment services, financial education and coaching, and assistance applying for federal support. This support is essential for low-income families who may need help as they recover from financial hardship and the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pallone secured \$420,874 for the center in a federal spending bill that was signed into law earlier this year.

“I’m proud to join United Way of Central Jersey today to announce a new center to help families who need employment and financial assistance in our region. The United Way of Central Jersey Financial Opportunity Center will offer a range of critical services to families who need help getting back on their feet,” said Pallone. “As we continue our economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, we must make sure that every family has the resources they need. I’m grateful for everyone who joined me today and would like to give a special thanks to the United Way of Central Jersey for its dedication to our community.”

“I applaud Congressman Pallone for securing a Federal investment for the United Way’s Financial Opportunity Center program,” said Assemblywoman Lopez. “We know that poverty is a complex issue and that this innovative program will provide families with the resources, coaching, and class-

es needed to achieve financial stability. As a former nonprofit executive, I know the impact that these programs can have for families, and I am confident that the FOC will help families break the cycle of poverty improving their overall quality of life.”

“Our partnership with United Way has been integral for our residents with several shared services,” said Mayor Helmin J. Caba. “I want to thank the United Way of Central Jersey, United Women, and Congressman Pallone for their continued advocacy for our residents. I am confident that through the life changing financial skills gained at the new FOC, the lives of our families will be changed for the better.”

“Studies have shown that family income during critical early childhood years is strongly associated with not only with educational success, but also as other positive social and economic outcomes. We know, however, that 20% of children in the United States grow up in poverty,” said Lawrence P. O’Connell, Chair, United Way Board of Trustees. “United Way of Central Jersey is committed to improving financial stability for Central Jersey families with young children by establishing a Financial Opportunity Center in Perth Amboy, NJ in collaboration with LISC and the City of Perth Amboy. Congressman Pallone’s support of our Congressional Community Project proposal has made this a reality. We thank Congressman Pallone for his leadership, foresight and commitment to our communities, in particular laying the groundwork for academic and life success for our children.”

PRESS RELEASE



CELEBRATING 48 YEARS

What: 34th Annual Roberto Clemente Gala
When: Friday, July 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Delta by Marriott Hotel, Iselin, NJ

Perth Amboy, NJ - The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) will hold its 34th Annual Roberto Clemente Gala on July 22, 2022, at the Delta by Marriott Hotel. It is through the generosity of the Gala participants that underserved residents of Middlesex, Union and Hudson counties have a lifeline to vital services offered by PRAHD’s programs and initiatives.

PRAHD’s Annual Gala is an event where the agency’s support network gathers to reflect on its impact on the communities served and to honor extraordinary individuals and organizations that foster PRAHD’s mission of giving. The honorees this year are the Hispanic Federation receiving the *Partner of the Year Award*; and former PRAHD CEO, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, receiving the *Roberto Clemente Award*.

The 34th Annual Roberto Clemente Gala will feature fine food, top shelf libations, live cultural music and a silent auction table filled to the brim with incredible items. All proceeds collected at the Gala directly support the agency’s mission, programs, and overall operations. PRAHD could not exist without your support and the thousands of children, families and seniors assisted annually directly benefit from your attendance and advocacy.

Partnering with PRAHD in planning the 2022 Gala is a dedicated team of community leaders, business professionals and representatives from various organizations. PRAHD’s Board of Directors members, Mary Ann Beltz and Michael Miranda, are serving as this year’s Gala Co-Chairs.



Photographed: 34th Annual Roberto Clemente Gala committee members, PRAHD’s Board of Directors, and this year’s honorees.

About PRAHD:

PRAHD was created in Perth Amboy, New Jersey by a group of concerned community leaders/professionals who sought to provide supportive services to disadvantaged Perth Amboy youth. In May 1974, PRAHD was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and began to operate state funded anti-delinquency programming within Perth Amboy. After the success of PRAHD’s youth services, the organization expanded into more comprehensive activities and re-dedicated its efforts towards ensuring the success and advancement of individuals in need. Forty-three years later, PRAHD has grown into a thriving comprehensive human services agency that serves thousands of New Jersey residents throughout Middlesex, Union, and Hudson counties.

PRAHD operates 12 programs across a wide spectrum of unmet human service needs which target education, housing, benefits access, youth development, preventative health, respite home care for the developmentally disabled and senior services. All agency programs integrate a variety of methodologies to maximize positive results and ensure sustainable social impact. Furthermore, all activities are designed to afford clients the opportunity to become self-sufficient, allowing for the achievement of their personal, educational, and financial goals.

PRAHD is dedicated to “developing human potential and promoting self-sufficiency through programs designed to improve the social, economic, health and educational status of the community in a culturally sensitive environment.” Complimentary to PRAHD’s mission, the organizational vision is to “empower the individual to reach their highest potential and to participate meaningfully in their community.” PRAHD is an active community provider and steward that constantly campaigns for the rights, dignity and betterment of impoverished individuals and communities.



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Corrections

PERTH AMBOY – In the 6/1/22 issue of the Amboy Guardian, the Fireworks Press Conference (page 2) was held at the Cornucopia Riverboat St. Charles, Perth Amboy. The Alameda Memorial Day Celebration (page 27) was held at Seabra’s Armory. The Amboy Guardian regrets these errors.

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more advisable.”

Council President William Petrick stated, “I completely agree with you. The council needs to send this to the Planning Board who does a perfunctory review. I was opposed to this, but it is a court mandate.”

Hubberman then added, “I would like to see this court mandate. Urban communities are exempt.”

Petrick then said, “I tried to get a second set of eyes to review it.”

Law Director William Opel said, “According to municipal land use, the Planning Board is required to review.”

Petrick then stated, “I agree with Sharon Hubberman. There is no real affordable housing requirement in Perth Amboy. It’s multifaceted and allows the city to control the process.”

For Ordinances No. 2 & No. 3, the council voted unanimously to send the ordinances to the Planning Board.

Ordinance No. 4 – An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, “Police Department” (Ordinance No. C-74 and Amendments) adopted October 17, 1928, also known as Chapter 95 of the Code of the city of Perth Amboy. Re: Composition

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak, “You’re going to need this. Atlantic City is 4.5 square miles. 210 (police officers) for 4.5 square miles and their housing is for the summer. People can’t afford the gas money. People can’t afford to go to the shore. You are going to have fights, loud music, etc. We are going to need more police. There should not be 15 minutes to answer a police call or ambulance calls. You get \$15 million. We need more police officers now on the streets - to be proactive and stop car accidents. You want more people here. They can’t afford to go down the shore with \$4.99 for a dozen eggs and the rising cost of gas. How are the poor people going to enjoy the summer? How are they going to the shore? You need to take care of the poor people in this town. From Joe (Vas) to (Wilda) Diaz to (Helmin) Caba – doing the same thing. The poor get nothing.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke via Zoom, “In regards to this ordinance – we need to add those extra ten officers to the Police Department. If you were to look at the recommendation to the size of the population, that is a better number than 135. There is the position of another captain if we rule out the Deputy Police Chief (Only have a Police Chief) in structure. You need leadership roles to manage as addressing the police force.”

Councilman B.J. Torres voted “No”. All the other councilmembers voted, “Yes.”

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

Ken Balut spoke first, “We can save a lot of money if we do the right things. If you sit and ask questions and look at reports. My first meeting I saved

\$25,000 by asking questions. The lawyers don’t care about this – it’s taxpayers’ money. The budget. This is June. You should be saving money. \$15 million from the American Rescue Act. It is for the people right now. Money needs to be spent. It’s the American Recovery Act to help the poor. Next meeting I’d like to know where the money has to be spent. It’s not wait around two years for election time. It belongs to the people.”

The next person to speak is Resident and Musician Toney Lee. He spoke about R-306/6/22 – In support of Archeological Investigation of the Thomas Mundy Peterson Family Home Site. He stated he came at the request of Historical Commissioner Anna Daily.

“When I found out it about Thomas Mundy Peterson, I researched it myself. I work with kids. I am a mentor for boys ages 9-12. Information is vital. I need to be here to say this. It makes us proud. Young people need this right now.”

Sharon Hubberman spoke via Zoom, “The amendment to the Budget – it appears year to year there is an increase in expenses and other expenses. What are these other increases? I need clarity on utilities. Celebrate (the Amboy’s) is a public event. Why does it need to be an increase in salary for an individual?”

Business Administrator Michael Green stated, “This amendment increases the salary for additional cost for an individual transferred to the Clerk’s Office. Some of our employees got transferred. There are more costs for gas, electric, diesel. Fireworks gets \$8,000. Perth Amboy is cohost. The OECD (Office of Economic and Community Development) is adding \$2.5 million worth of grants.”

Hubberman then added, “Other expenses – salaries and wages included?”

B.A. Michael Green said, “Add the cost of about \$503,000 in addition to the budget. List of adding grants.”

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “There is an increase in the fireworks is the additional amount. South Amboy is with us. Do they share with us?”

B.A. Michael Green added, “Someone is moving Clerk’s Office – we need a Records Clerk.” Green explained that the city must advertise internally first, then if no one is hired, the city can advertise externally.

Council President Bill Petrick asked how many votes will be needed to pass the amendment to the budget. Law Director William Opel answered that under the Faulkner Act, the budget needs 3 votes to pass under Section 46.

Ordinance No.2 (First Reading) – An ordinance authorizing a lease agreement between the Grzankowski Holdings LLC and the city of Perth Amboy for property located at 497B Smith Street for use as a Perth Amboy Substation.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “We have a police substation on Madison Avenue. People double

park there and leave (their car in the middle of the street). No one is at that substation. That is the most congested area in downtown. It’s a mess. Whether any police are there or not. People are not even in their vehicles. It is the #1 issue on chat. What about the Waterfront? On the weekends, it’s packed. I don’t know if in that area we need a substation. I don’t think this is a good idea.”

Councilman B.J. Torres agreed.

It was moved by Tejada, seconded by Morales. Pabon, Torres, Petrick voted “No”; Morales, Tejada voted, “Yes”. Motion does not pass.

For the late-starter “Entertainment,” Councilwoman Milady Tejada voted “No,” so it was not added.

For PARA designating an area for redevelopment, Tejada voted, “No,” therefore it was not placed on the agenda.

These two items will be on the agenda at the next council meeting.

For the consent agenda, R-288 thru R-300 and R-302 thru R-305 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada.

R-301-6/22 – Authorizing the Planning Board of the City of Perth Amboy to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether a certain area within the Municipality is a condemnation area in need of redevelopment. It was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. All voted, “Yes.”

Councilman Pabon remarked on R-306 (Thomas Mundy Peterson Site Archaeological Dig), “This should have been done a long time ago. It was supposed to include the kids from schools. We should pass this.” It was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. All voted “Yes.”

R-307-6/22 – Amending the CY 2022 Budget.

R-307 was moved by Tejada, seconded by Morales. Pabon and Petrick voted, “No.” Tejada, Torres, Morales voted, “Yes.”

Council President Bill Petrick explained why he voted, “No.” “There are a number of factors here that the general public does not see. The amendment to the budget requires money for a \$40,000 increase in salary for an administrator on above 2-digit salary. One makes \$100,000 and wants to add \$40,000. A number of people who were campaign workers were hired at \$40,000 apiece. People were hired at \$80,000 and get hundreds of thousands. When the budget is submitted to the administration and ignored after several weeks, this is in no way good for the community. It is neglectful. We have an obligation to the community to oversee the government. I don’t see this on this budget amendment. I don’t see the council justifying this as requested. That is why I voted, “No.””

Late-starter Resolution R-308 – The 2022-2023 Perth Amboy School Budget General Fund. To add to the agenda, it was moved by Tejada, seconded by Pabon. To add all voted, “Yes.” When it came to pass the reso-

lution, it was moved by Tejada, seconded by Morales. William Petrick voted, “No.”

Public Portion (in-person first):

Retired Police Captain Miguel Pellot spoke first. “Giving me time on Monday, Mr. Green sent out an email. P1 has moved and P2 will begin very shortly. We will never forget. It was said by President Bush at the evening of September 11, 2001. What it means to me: 6 Perth Amboy Police Officers were sent to Ground Zero. Anything we can do to divert terrorist attacks. I will never forget what I heard, saw, smelled that day. Many years later, I became sick and had to leave the job I love. I took an oath to protect people and go by the law. I want to remind you - you also took that oath. Put morals over money. Each case is individual. I want everybody to speak your truth. Sometimes all people want is the truth. They may not like what they hear, but it’s the truth. I will continue to speak my truth. People want to hear the truth. That’s all I ask of each and every one here.”

Ken Balut spoke next, “Thomas Mundy Peterson – It’s Kushner’s property. The past administration bent over backwards for Kushner, Donald Trump’s brother-in-law. I had to fight to get Kushner to pave that road. Kushner – they always bend over backwards – why are we negotiating a PILOT for Kushner? Why? He owes us \$4 million from 2006. This alone everyone should be aware of. Kushner should have gone out of his way to negotiate. Why is everybody afraid of Kushner? Read McGreevey’s book. No one has an answer. Fernando Gonzalez and I wanted to dump him. Why does McCabe and Northgrave love Kushner? 14 some years later and he still gets away with this. It has got to stop.”

Resident Maria Vera spoke via Zoom, “Mr. Green, our administration is supposed to make our town perfect. What has Mayor Caba done for Perth Amboy? It’s been 2 years.”

Green did not answer.

Vera then continued, “He doesn’t have an answer. It’s called incompetent. What is your vision for Perth Amboy? If there is no vision, you are not doing your job.”

Green answered, “Make and continue to make Perth Amboy a safe place to live and work.”

Vera said, “We had a bar with a shooting and complaints. You tell me you are protecting the people.”

Green explained, “The El Patio Bar is going before the ABC (Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control). We do not live in Russia. This is the United States. I do not have the legal authority to take their license. We want to see a safe Perth Amboy. We received grants from the state and the federal government to assure quality of life for our residents.”

City Director Joel Rosa spoke next via Zoom, “I am a proud Perth Amboy Resident. I am Chair of PARA (Perth Amboy

Redevelopment Agency). We are doing our due diligence. We work in unity. I welcome all residents to come. Our meetings are on Zoom on Tuesday at 6 p.m. and the links are posted on the city’s website. We are the ones who work on a city project. You can email me at JRosa@PerthAmboyNJ.org I will make myself available to the council. I wouldn’t mind making a presentation to the council.”

Resident Lisa Nanton spoke via Zoom, “Thank you for supporting R-306 (Thomas Mundy Peterson Archeological Investigation). I want to thank Councilman Pabon for voting against the budget. Why aren’t the PARA meetings in person? They are on Zoom, then they go into closed session, and nobody knows what is going on. When I was on the city council, I had to have a thick skin. I will listen to the gadflies, and I listened to the public at those council meetings. We removed our Law Director who was selling our waterfront property for next to nothing. When the public talks, they have the courage to speak up, and you should listen.” Nanton then asked the Business Administrator if he did his homework and could answer the questions she asked at the previous caucus.

B.A. Green stated he indeed answered the questions and had sent her an email with the answers. He proceeded to read out loud the email he had sent to Nanton.

Sharon Hubberman spoke via Zoom, “I was reading the 2020 Water Quality Report on the city website – a notice from Middlesex Water. I did not receive a notice in the mail regarding this notice on the city website. I received some feedback to disregard the notice since it does not involve Perth Amboy. If the notice is on the city’s website, why was it not mailed to everyone? In the Waterfront, people climb on the bars (to the beach) which is very unsafe. I saw a person climb over the barrier and came out with a marijuana (cigarette). It is a health hazard. I thought there was no smoking (in certain areas) and it is not being enforced.”

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales thanked everyone who participated. “On Monday, I do appreciate comments for my wellbeing.” She then asked about her concerns with the transparency of Zoom, “Now we use this technology to participate in the meeting. Certain individuals use false names and attack council members. She asked Law Director William Opel if it is possible to track down and find out who is falsely using the technology.

Opel stated that he was not sure if it could be done, but a technician would be better to answer, but legally there are privacy issues. “The council chose hybrid meetings. I don’t know what results we will see. We have in the past allowed people from California to speak. There

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Parking, Community Policing Discussed

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with parents (vehicles). There will be crosswalk improvements. Safety comes first. The crossing on New Brunswick Avenue will have ADA ramps and on Ogdon and Seaman, the entire signal will be tied into New Brunswick Avenue and Amboy Avenue. Red for Seaman, green for Ogdon. Also green for New Brunswick Avenue, red for Amboy or coming down New Brunswick Avenue.”

There was a discussion regarding the Budget which the administration wished to be amended.

B.A. Michael Green stated that there were additional costs. Council President Petrick argued that these items were not part of the original budget and there is no vote on record. Green stated that the budget incorporates a grant list and utility costs have increase and there also was a hiree in the Clerk’s Office. He added that the budget amendment needs 3 votes to pass.

Law Director Opel reminded the council that this is a caucus meeting, and the voting is Wednesday (6/8/22) at the regular council meeting.

Petrick then stated, “This is not our job. The budget has been confirmed by the state.” He then said that the council needed more time to look at it. Public Comments:

Resident Anna Daily came up to the mike first, “I once was a resident where they are building the new high school. Something needs to be done. Regarding the Thomas Mundy Peterson Archeology Dig (R-306), the Historical Commission was trying to get that done for so many years. That is when we got the plaque (in city hall council chambers). My understanding is that the funding is around for it – if it is not approved by the city, whatever this holdover is, I am pleading with you to pass this.”

The next person to speak was a woman with the first name of Aliana who spoke in Spanish over Zoom. Councilman Pabon translated. “There are 2 issues. Why are police officers not protecting properties? Every day I get tickets after tickets on her car. Our phantom mayor is not around. Tickets are for opposite side of the street (parking). It doesn’t matter where you park.”

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- She asked:
- 1.) The number of police officers
 - 2.) How many tickets were written for littering over the past year?
 - 3.) Parking tickets issued for parking in front of a curb
 - 4.) Tickets for overstuffed garbage cans
 - 5.) Tickets for jaywalking

Nanton then asked about the Bridge on Fayette Street, “Who is responsible to secure funding options. Who is responsible for inspecting and the cost of the bridge (construction of the bridge). The Construction fund is TBD. 10 years later, we still don’t know who is going to fund the bridge”

Petrick answered, “One bridge the city of Perth Amboy is responsible for. Other bridges we have in town - those are all NJ Transit Bridges.”

Colonia Resident Raji Patel who is a former Perth Amboy resident spoke via Zoom, “I moved out more than a month ago. I am a longtime resident of Perth Amboy. There is a lot of drugs. How come we never see the mayor? What are my taxes going to? This is unfair and unreasonable. You guys have to put it together. My next-door neighbor’s convertible was stolen. There was a shooting in Harbortown. Another homicide in the last year. I have to leave my town. Leave – no one really cares. Nobody says nothing. Kids being bullied, everybody only worried about their money. Big music all the time – not a priority call. Have to get it together. When do I hear the mayor talk? What does he have to say to citizens? A PILOT? You want a PILOT? What about residents? Hard working people?”

Resident Maria Vera spoke next via Zoom, “Listen. Truly in his heart he had to move out of Amboy because we have a mayor that doesn’t care. We do have a lot of crime in town. We all pay taxes. Yesterday two houses were playing loud music at 2:00 a.m. We have to go to work tomorrow. The Waterfront is a great place to be. Mr. Green, what do we pay for – port ‘o potties locked, if they work? Would you go into one?”

B.A. Green answered, “I am a marine and I would go into one.”

Vera added, “We have a port ‘o potty, and the owner (of the house behind it) sold her house because it leaked into her house. Stop spending money on something we don’t need. The days we are having music down the Waterfront. We need more check points. We have too many crimes. There were three huge accidents in the last weeks. There are too many cars with dark tinted windows. If somebody hits me, how will I know if it is a guy or a lady? The substation. We don’t see cops walking anymore.” Vera proceeded to complain about dog poop all over the Waterfront but ran out of time on the clock.”

Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to the microphone, “We have officers assigned to areas. We respond. It is difficult to catch every car (playing loud music). They see the police car and turn it down. Harbortown – we just had a social down there with police officers.” Cattano then spoke about crime, “We come across windows smashed. It’s a nationwide problem. We are working with the FBI on a large scale operation.”

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for the meetings to conduct official business. We tried to get the basement fixed up after it was in such a mess after the upstairs renovation. We invited members of the administration and city council to come visit our meetings. No one came until I wrote a letter expressing that we were walking into cobwebs in the basement.

The last library director abruptly left, and the library did not have a director for the last 3-4 years. We were told that it was up to personnel dept. to hire a new director.

Over the last few years Many negative things were publicly said about the library and the trustees were primarily blamed. During one of the council meetings, one of the council members said that the trustees did not attend the council meetings because “they were scared to come.”

I am happy to see that the current administration shows more interest in the library than in the past. I was happy to hear the new president of the trustees state that they are looking for a director. I wish the new members of the Library Bd of Trustees much success.

After I was appointed to the Perth Amboy Historic Preservation Commission, in addition to attending various training opportunities, I became aware of some ongoing projects. I personally made several visits before the council in an effort to get more things done in this city to recognize the importance of this being the home of the first African American to vote in the U.S. as well as other important historical events that occurred in this city. After extensive research, I was made chair of the Thomas Mundy Peterson project. The request for an archaeo-

logical dig on the land that was formerly his home was started before I became a member. Thanks to the council and administration, funds were made available to make the plaque that currently hangs on the wall of council chambers. I helped pursue the efforts to get the day that he voted recognized by the state legislatures as Thomas Mundy Peterson Day each year. I learned about Juneteenth, and as a member of organizations in other cities, our efforts were instrumental in getting it a national holiday. One of my organizations is having a Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony on Sat. June 18th here in front of city hall at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

I share in the great pride of this historic city.

Anna Wilkins Daily



Groundbreakings: The Ferry is on Its Way!

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tor). It’s a great thing for the City of South Amboy. It will put South Amboy on the map!”

Mayor Fred Henry said, “Recently we had a Memorial Day Ceremony and recognized those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It is a right and freedom to vote. In the past we had 50% of people who voted, now it is 40%. We had two groundbreakings: Memorial Park on Bordentown Avenue. I want to thank the Applegate Family for donating the property. I want to thank the Commander of the American Legion. The new American Legion Post is being worked on with the New Jersey State Legion. The building is on lower Davison Street and will be used for their offices. There are units set aside for homeless vets.”

Mayor Henry continued, “The

Ferry Groundbreaking was an incredible journey – a project 25 years in the making. Jack O’Leary in the 1990’s going down to Washington and getting directly involved. NJ DOT, the Planning Board, South Amboy Redevelopment Agency, the City Council. I want to thank Asm. Speaker Craig Coughlin, Sen. Joe Vitale, Asw. Yvonne Lopez, Congressman Frank Pallone, County Commissioner Director Ron Rios, County Commissioners and everyone. It is a great addition to our Waterfront. There will be a restaurant and walkway along the Waterfront. 10 years of meetings and planning. It is a very exciting time in South Amboy. I thank everyone in the background - Public Works cleaning the land and preparing it - I have nothing but praise for them.”

Public Portion:

Resident Mary Szaro spoke, “I want to raise the issue of parking. One resident who lives on Broadway had parking issues. I brought it up since then. In 2017 in the Master Plan for a Parking Strategy Meeting. I’m asking Mayor Fred Henry what actions have been taken on this.”

Mayor Fred Henry answered, “We were in the process in building behind Sciortino’s, but it is private property. NJ Transit is in the middle and talking about doing it back then, then they backed out in the last minute. There is a possibility in the future more different entities within the city. The Master Plan suggests this. We had an open meeting, and the public did participate. It doesn’t mean we can’t open up again.”

The Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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are First Amendment issues if we deny people to speak.”

Morales repeated people can use false names and addresses.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “I’ve been on the council for 12 years. This is the first year it comes back to the council with additions to the budget. You got the votes. It is what it is. Where do our people go? Perth Amboy is not poor and you can leave here. We used to go to Lake Hopatcong or Cheesequake Park. People come to our Waterfront. It is important to keep our parks up to par. The concern to the people in the community is they use those parks. I go to all the parks. We have 60,000-65,000 people here. It’s sad sometimes (if park equipment is broken). Thousands of kids use these things (park equipment). People picnic at the Waterfront. Taxicabs come up with people in

the, and they enjoy the Waterfront. The police are there. This is the beginning of the summer. When you have that about the downtown, the money we pay in taxes, the least we can do for our community is to make clean, safe parks.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada said, “I live next to Washington Park. The kids play. Ever since I came here, one of the things that is important is to respect me. If I do not agree, then don’t tell the public they are not right. The residents can come to me and ask why I voted this way, and I will explain it. As a council member, if you do not agree with me, respect it.”

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “All smoking is illegal in the parks, I’ve seen people smoking hookahs, cigarettes, and cigars. Cigarette smoking kills 500,000 people annually. It is most deadly. By singling out cannabis, this has always been

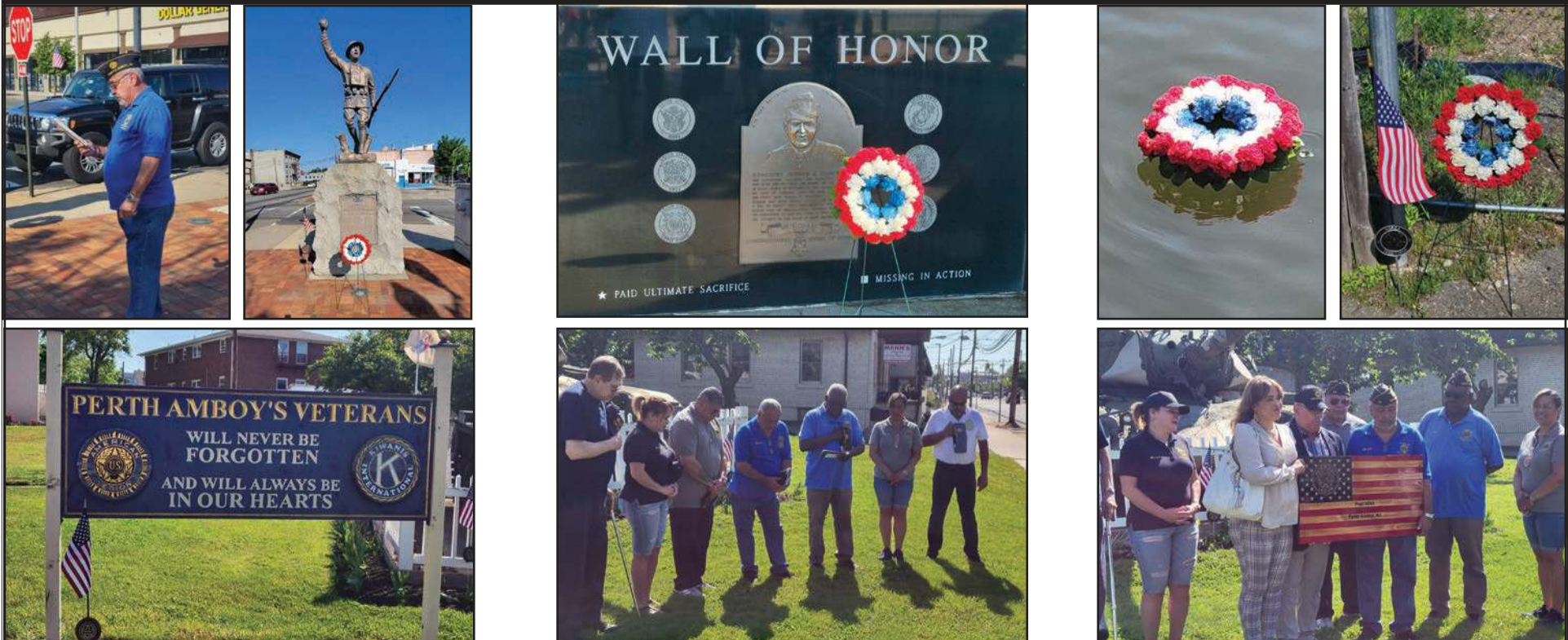
a problem. If someone is caught smoking cannabis, will they have the same courtesy if it was a cigarette? A lot of people cannot smoke at home. How can we address this responsibly, so people know the rules?”

Council President William Petrick thanked everyone who participated and wished everyone a Happy Father’s Day.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m. All council members were present in person.



Memorial Day Ceremonies, American Legion Post#45, Perth Amboy, 5/30/22 *Photos Submitted



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM &
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)
FY 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The City of Perth Amboy is planning for FY 2022 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist persons who are low-to-moderate income, remove slums and blight and /or address urgent needs in the City of Perth Amboy. The City’s allocations for fiscal year 2022 (June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023) are in the amount of \$628,064.00 for CDBG and \$495,170.00 for HOME.

A public hearing is being scheduled in the initial stages of the Annual Action Plan. The information received from interested individuals at the hearing will assist the City and the Development Advisory Committee in the preparation of the 2022 Annual Action Plan. The hearing is designed to obtain resident’s views and to respond to questions. Residents are invited to provide written or verbal comments at or prior to the public hearing. Information will be made available to residents regarding application procedures, timing, eligible activities and other regulations related to the CDBG and HOME programs. As contained in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the housing and community development priorities of the City are as follow: provide a suitable living environment; provide decent affordable housing and create or expand economic opportunities. These priorities will be reviewed and the public is encouraged to comment.

The draft 2022 Annual Action Plan will be prepared following the closing of the committee review and a public hearing is set to be held on July 7, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. via a telephone and ZOOM meeting.

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In addition, this document will be available for a 30 days public review from June 13 to July 13, 2022 in the City’s website www.perthamboy.org or at the Office of Economic and Community Development located in the first floor of City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy NJ 08861. The 2022 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to HUD on August 19, 2022.

Comments can be sent via email to Maritza Rodriguez, Coordinator of Federal and State Aide at mrodriguez@perthamboy.org or by mail at 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Thank you.

Helmin J. Caba,
Mayor, City of Perth Amboy

July 4th Liberty Bell Ringing
Ceremony & Reading of
The Declaration of Independence



Colonial Cannon crew & fire and drums
*Photos Submitted

PERTH AMBOY - At City Hall Circle on Monday July 4th 12:30 p.m, Colonial cannon firing along with fife & drums music will commence. Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and local reenactors will participate, as will members of the Perth Amboy community. There will be Ceremony, the Declaration of Independence will be read & our Mayor will ring the Liberty Bell replica 13 times.


Our Liberty Bell, located in the center of City Hall Circle, is one of 53 Liberty Bell replicas given to our Nation by France. Perth Amboy has one, as it was the Colonial Capital of East Jersey and New Jersey. Congress resolved that the Perth Amboy Liberty Bell be rung on July 4th, and the Declaration Of Independence be read.

Please come out to celebrate America's Independence Day with us at 12:30 p.m., July 4th, City Hall Circle (Council Chambers if rain). All are welcome!



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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: akenney@perthamboynj.org.

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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

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.

Flag
Retirement
Ceremony

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

Vendors Wanted
Outdoor Flea
Market 6/25-26

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks 784 is hosting our annual Flea Market on Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26th from 8am-4pm.\$20.00 for 1 day; per 10 x10 space, \$30.00 for both days. You must provide your own table. All types of vendors and goods are welcome except for food stands. Packaged novelty food is allowed. Call to reserve your space by June 18th - 732-727-7170. We are located at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy. Food and beverage will be for sale by the Elks.

City Wide
Yard Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy will hold a City Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26, 2022 (rain or shine) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All South Amboy residents can participate at no cost. To have your address placed on the interactive map and list, please register by calling 732-525-5965 or email recreation@southamboynj.gov. Registration deadline is June 20, 2022. Registration is not required to participate.

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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 own 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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Series Review: Moon Knight

By: Anton Massopust III

“If this the real world, I want to go back and save the world.” – Mark.

Marvel and Disney+ brings another hero to TV in the new streaming series, “Moon Knight,” based on the Marvel Comics superhero. First of all, who is Moon Knight? Originally, the character was more like Batman, fighting werewolves, monsters, and street level crime. In recent decades, new writers have dived into the psychological element of Moon Knight and how he is connected to the Egyptian gods, especially the god of the moon.

We will go through each of the 6 episodes, and then I will tell you: Is Moon Knight worth watching?

Episode 1: The Goldfish Problem – Steven Grant (Oscar Isaac) works at the British Museum in London. He longs to become a tour guide but is just a guy who works at a gift shop, and he is having problems sleeping. Everything is thrown into chaos when Steven wakes up in the Austrian Alps and meets a cult leader, Arthur Harrow (Ethan Hawke). Harrow is associated with Ammit (the Egyptian crocodile goddess who devours your soul if you are not worthy). Steven has two personalities: one is Steven, the other Mark. Both are the avatar for Khonshu (the Egyptian god of the moon). He believes in protecting the innocent, but he is brutal. Arthur wants Steven to give him his scarab that will lead him to the tomb of the crocodile goddess so he can unleash her. Steven lets Mark take over the body and summons protective white armor and transforms into Moon Knight and unleashes a jackal while he is in the museum.

Episode 2: Summon the Suit – Steven is learning how to control this ability and trying to stop this cult leader, and to dealing with a god who wants

both Mark and Steven to cooperate and do his job. Steven has a wife, Layla El-Faouly (May Calamawy) whom he is on the brink of divorce. Arthur was the avatar for Khonshu, and Arthur wants the scarab to find Ammit’s tomb. His wife tells him not to do it because the cult leader’s plan is to wipe out humanity. Two different suits come into play. When he is Steven, he is in a suit and tie and mask that covers his entire face, and Mark is a full cloak and armor. They kill the jackal but lose the scarab.

Episode 3: The Friendly Type – While looking at Ammit’s tomb, they follow the clues. Mark wants to go before the Egyptian gods so that they can stop the cult leader from destroying the world. This leaves our heroes without any powers for a while.

Episode 4: The Tomb – Steven, Mark, and Layla eventually find clues to the tomb. Both Mark and Steven’s knowledge help them find the tomb of crocodile goddess. Her vessel is contained to be protected by the Eye of Horus and they find in the inside of a sarcophagus inside the body of Alexander the Great. Mark and out get it out but are shot by the cult leader’s followers. Mark wakes up in an asylum.

Episode 5: Asylum – Eventually both personalities: Mark and Steven find out they are not in an asylum but are on a mystical boat on their way to the afterlife, with the hippopotamus woman goddess Taweret and she is taking them to the afterlife. Mark and Steven discover a lot about their past on this journey and what are the causes of his psychological problems and why he can’t sleep at night, what happened to his brother, and his relationship with his mom. Mark wakes up and finds out that he has reached the afterlife, but he has to go back and defeat the cult leader before all



humanity is destroyed.

Episode 6: Gods and Monsters – The final confrontation begins when Arthur unleashes the crocodile goddess and spreads power among his followers in order to destroy all of humanity. Khonshu tries to stop the goddess himself but is unable to. Mark and Steven fully regenerated through their powers defeat the cult leader and bury the crocodile goddess inside Arthur. Khonshu wants them to end the cult leader’s life, but Mark refuses. Our hero ends back in his small flat in London trying to come to terms with his life. Khonshu finds a new avatar.

Is this show worth watching? Absolutely. It is more than just a TV show that is about a superhero who uses Egyptian powers to defeat bad guys. It is more of a statement about the mentally ill, and the deep problems that they have, how people deal with stress, loss, abandonment, pain, and is excellently well acted by Oscar Isaac who is playing three characters at the same time: Steven, Mark, and Moon Knight. These are three complicated characters who are trying to work together to stop this great evil, but also are trying to work out their own problems.

Marvel and Disney have given all their shows big budgets, and these shows are like giant mini movies. Don’t worry, there is plenty of action and adventure, but you have to watch them all in order to follow. It is really worth your time to watch.



Anton Knows

PERTH AMBOY - Check out Anton's podcast "Anton Knows" on Buzzsprout and IHeart Radio.

The Road from May 20th to July 4th

**Continued from Page 4*

South Amboy, (Gross, Councilwoman Dato, Police Chief Darren Lavigne). He then mentioned that the United States has supported Ukraine since the late 1700’s. “With our help, we can help Ukraine be successful. When we complain, we should think about what they are going through. He also wanted to thank Barry Rosengarten for supplying small booklet with a copy of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence in it to all who attended. “We should think about the words of the Star-Spangled Banner. Don’t take the Constitution for granted. I always keep a copy on my desk. As a former history

teacher, the Resolution of the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 2, 1776.”

South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross spoke next. He thanked Yolanda Flores for all her hard work and all of the sponsors. He also had the members of South Amboy Parade Committee stand up to be acknowledged. He also wanted to personally acknowledge Jay Elliot from Code Enforcement.

Perth Amboy Council President Bill Petrick said, “Nothing is impossible with all these people involved. He wanted to thank Middlesex Water, Provident Bank, Buckeye, and Tropical Cheese who have been sponsors from year one. “None of this would have happened without Barry Rosen-

garten with his vision and his drive. He has pulled this event off even if there were obstacles. He started out with having an assistant named Roxana Troche, now he has Yolanda Flores and Noelia Colon on his team.” He acknowledged that it is good to work with Mickey Gross again. “No matter what, Barry always comes through.”

Yolanda Flores made remarks. She pointed out that the sunflower is Ukraine’s national flower. There was a small tree on display with packages of sunflower seeds on them. She invited people to take those seeds and plant them. She recently bought some shoes and when they arrived, she noticed they came from Ukraine. “In

the box was a picture of a man. They didn’t fit, but how can I return them?” She thanked Lakeland Bank for the check they gave today, and Center State Engineers, one of our first sponsors and also our representatives from the 19th District. Rosengarten came back up to finish his speeches by again thanking Yolanda Flores for all her hard work.

Later that day, we attended a fundraiser (JEMMS) in memory of a young woman (Jennifer Metzger) who lost her life in a car accident. On each table was a big glass vase with sunflowers in it. At the end of the evening, it was announced that anyone having a birthday closest to December could take that sun-

flower display home with them. I happened to be that person.

Some of the attributes to sunflowers are happiness, optimism, honesty, longevity, peace, admiration, and devotion, and that is what part of what our Independence Day Celebration represents. The United States is known as the Melting Pot where people from all over the world come here for a better life and freedom. On July 4th, I am an American - not a hyphenated American. I hope others feel the same way and I love to hear good old fashioned patriotic music, and of course, the day would not be complete without seeing the sky lit up in fireworks. *C.M.*

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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.

Museum Pass Program

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have generously provided FREE passes to two of the area’s most popular museums! Museum passes offer a great way for family and friends to experience educational and cultural fun. **Picking Up and Returning Passes:** Passes can be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Patrons must present the library card under whose name the pass was reserved. Only Adult patrons whose cards are in good standing will be able to check out Museum Passes. Passes are good for a total of three days and are **NOT** renewable. Passes can be returned at the Circulation Desk or at the Book Drop after hours. **Late, Lost or Unreturned Passes:** There will be a \$5 amount late fee each day the pass is past due. Passes not returned within 14 days after the due date will be presumed lost and borrowers charged the full replacement cost. Replacement costs for items are as follows: **Lost museum pass: Full cost of the pass.** Replacement costs vary according to the museum and listed on the catalog record for each museum. **Pass Case: \$1**
Museum Passes available: •American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY | free admission and 1 free exhibit or show •Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, New York, NY | pass admits 4 people (2 adults; 2 children).

For the American Museum of Natural History: Until further notice, the Museum will be open five days a week (Wednesday through Sunday). Patrons making use of these vouchers **need to book reservations online in advance.** For more helpful information on visiting the Museum during this unique time, and to book advance tickets, visit amnh.org/plan-your-visit. Through the Library Voucher program, multiple patrons from your library can visit the Museum **on the same day!** Each library voucher can be redeemed for a **free admission** to the Museum's permanent collection, as well as **one special exhibition or show** of the patron's choice.

For the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum: Patrons are able to bring the library's membership pass along with their library card for complimentary admission on the day of their visit. There is no need to reserve tickets in advance, we always have complimentary tickets readily available for our members. Please note, The Intrepid Museum is no longer checking the vaccination status of visitors. However, for the safety of all, we continue to require masks being worn in all indoor Museum spaces for visitors ages 3 and up.

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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.

You’re Invited to Sunday Worship

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

Rev. András Szász – Pastor; Organ Prelude - Richard Russell, Organist. We Extend an Open Invitation to All!

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

Parking behind the church on the Wilson Street side.

Wetdown

SOUTH AMBOY – Mechanicsville Hose Co. #1 is having a Wetdown on Saturday, June 25th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 107 George St., South Amboy. Trophies, Door Prizes, 50/50s, Food, Entertainment, Beverages. Out of Town Companies RSVP: Engine10SAFD@Gmail.com

Book Signing at the Proprietary House on June 18th

PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, June 18th at 2 PM, Proprietary House will host an Authors Event & Book Signing for the recently released publication, “Perth Amboy’s Historic Neighborhoods.” Admission is Free. Meet the authors -- Greg Bender, Al Jekelis, Marilyn Dudash Anastasio and Mona Shangold – and hear about how the four PAHS Class of 1964 Alums composed a loving tribute to their hometown with a collection of never-before-published photographs. A number of the book’s photographs will be highlighted for discussion, with the audience encouraged to share their memories of Perth Amboy’s old neighborhoods.

Books will be available for purchase and signing, with sales benefiting Proprietary House. Light refreshments will follow the authors’ program and Proprietary House’s Museum and Gift Shop will be open until 4:30 p.m.

The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ. Phone: (732) 826-5527 - Email: info@the-proprietaryhouse.org

Greek Festival

PERTH AMBOY – Come and be Greek for the day! Everyone is invited to attend our Greek Festival by the Bay. Rain or Shine. Friday, June 17th 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, June 18th 12 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday June 19th 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Authentic Greek Food, Entertainment, music, pastries. 41-47 Wisteria Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. www.stdemetriosperthamboy.org 732-826-4466. Share in our customs and traditions! You will enjoy every moment especially gazing at our mesmerizing, beautiful waterfront view of the Raritan Bay day and night! Please join us for a great time and a chance to win some amazing prizes!

Cruise Nights on Broadway

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

Blood Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Sun., June 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Church, South Amboy, Stevens Ave. between Augusta Street and Second Street (school cafeteria). Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. For an appointment go to nybc.org/newjerseydrive sponsor code 07743 or call 800-933-2566

Donors 76 and over need a doctor’s note unless one is already on file. 16-year-olds need signed NYBC parental consent form.

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus.

Donations save lives. #NJBloodservices

Thanksgiving In July Dinner Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks is hosting a Thanksgiving in July Dinner. The date is Thursday July 28th, 2022. 5:30P.M. - 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Children under 8yrs. are \$6.00. Dinner includes fresh roasted turkey breast, from scratch sausage stuffing, freshly mashed potatoes, homemade gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, and desert. This one sells out fast! For ticket information please call 732-727-7170. Leave your name and phone number, and state that you would like information or tickets for the turkey dinner. South Amboy Elks is located at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy.

Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed

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SAYREVILLE - Location: 172 Main St., Sayreville, NJ 08872 (Parking Lot). Items Accepted: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, linens, and stuffed toys. (Your donation will not be cut up or shredded). (Please no rags, fabric scraps, pillows, rugs, toys, or household goods, please understand that the above-mentioned items are a hardship and expense to dispose of.)

Turkey Enterprises LLC is a for-profit company that partners with non-profit organizations in communities to help support their fundraising needs by recycling unwanted clothing. The clothing collected is used as clothing – not cut into rags. Turnkey services each location and pays the sponsoring organization by the pound for the unwanted items. www.turnkey-enterprises.com

Help us keep your donation clean and dry Please put your donation in plastic bags. Thank you.



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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IN LIEU OF MY BUSINESS COLUMN
THIS MONTH I WILL BE DISCUSSING
ANIMAL KILL SHELTERS.

My Father used to say “It’s only the beginning” so let’s start from the beginning.
I love all animals and 45 years ago I became a vegetarian. I was staying in Aruba and on the beach there were many stray dogs. It was a sad site to see. I was very moved by this and in the evenings, when my wife was in the casino with our friends, I would bring some of the dogs into my Cabana and bring in food for them. I was very depressed by this. When my wife realized what I was doing she told me I was having a breakdown. As a result..no more meat, fish or chicken.
A few months later we left on another vacation to California. Walking in Beverly Hills I noticed someone riding a bike with a license plate “Doris”. I ran after and sure enough it was Doris Day.
She spoke to us about her involvement in animal rights and the North Shore Animal League on Long Island. We took pictures with her, which is hanging in my office today.
When we returned home to Long Island I volunteered for three years at North Shore trying to get the dogs and cats adopted.
I would like to do something for animals that are in kill shelters. Their policy is to euthanize any animal that is not adopted after 7 days. My dream is not to have any kill shelters and keep animals until they are adopted.
If any of my readers have any suggestions or know of any person I can contact, please let me know. No healthy animal should be “put down”. Remember a dog is your best friend.
On my radio program Getting Ahead in Business on airing Sunday’s on FoxSportsnJ I have the following guests: Peta, Somerset Rescue, Funny Farm, Standardbred Retirement. In the coming weeks there will be representatives from other animal shelters. Together let’s find a way to extend the life of animals at these No Kill Shelters.

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!
If you have any business questions or would like to meet with me in person: e-mail: milton@gettingaheadinbusiness.com 732.306.0040

CASA of Middlesex County
Holding Baby Formula Drive

MIDDLESEX COUNGTY - Due to the national formula shortage, parents are struggling to find enough baby formula for their children. CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Middlesex County is holding a baby formula drive to help the youngest and most vulnerable in our communities.
The formula shortage has caused significant stress and hardship for the foster parents and guardians CASA works with, especially related to infants with specialized dietary needs. CASA of Middlesex County is asking for support from the community to help those that need it the most.
CASA is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving abused and neglected children who are living in out-of-home placements. CASA recruits and trains volunteers to advise the courts and advocate for the children’s best interests.
Those wishing to donate can drop off baby formula during office hours Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30-12:30 pm or contact Lauren Sikora at laurens@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org to make alternate arrangements. The office is located at 77 Church Street in New Brunswick.
Those wishing to donate funds can donate at anytime by going to casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/donate.
If you would like to contribute to the CASA baby formula drive, or are interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer at CASA of Middlesex County, please visit casaofmiddlesexcounty.org, email info@casaofmidddlesexcounty.org, or call (732) 246-4449.
CASA of Middlesex County is non-profit dedicated to standing up for the needs of children living in foster care, advocating for these children through the hard work of trained volunteers who are assigned to a child or sibling group.

This Week in the Civil War
160 Years Ago
June 15, 1862 – July 5, 1862
By Phil Kohn

Phil Kohn can be reached at USCW160@yahoo.com.
From Tucson, Arizona Territory, Col. James Carleton, commanding the Federal California Column, on June 15, 1862, dispatches three couriers to alert Col. Canby, at Ft. Craig, of his presence. (Carleton is unaware that Canby has been promoted to brigadier general and is at Santa Fe. Col. John Chivington, of the 1st Colorado Infantry, is now at Ft. Craig and the commandant of the Southern Military District of New Mexico.)
Union troops, on June 16, attack at James Island, South Carolina, a location crucial to the control of Charleston harbor. The federal attack is soundly repulsed. In Confederate Arizona, troopers of the 7th Texas Cavalry are once again set upon by local residents while foraging. This time the fighting takes place close to Mesilla, not far from Ft. Fillmore, where the troopers are based. The locals resent the Confederates’ attempts to take what sparse forage there is in the area. One Confederate officer and seven troopers are killed in the melee.
On June 17, U.S. Army commands are shuffled in the East. Objecting to being subordinated to Maj. Gen. John Pope — brought east to head the Federal Army of Virginia — Maj. Gen. John Frémont requests to be relieved, tendering his resignation from the army. Frémont is replaced by Maj. Gen. Franz Sigel.
Brig. Gen. George Morgan’s 9,000 Federal troops seize the Cumberland Gap in the Appalachian Mountains near the junctions of Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee on June 18. Capture of this pass through the mountains by the Union presents a serious problem for Confederates in eastern Tennessee. In Arizona, the three Union couriers that had been dispatched from Tucson to alert Ft. Craig of the California Column’s presence at Tucson are attacked by Chiracahua Apaches as they cross into their territory at Apache Pass. Two of the men are killed, but the third — John Jones, a civilian scout — wages a two-hour, running gun battle and escapes, continuing on his way to the Rio Grande.
On June 20, a Union advance is made on Vicksburg, Mississippi, the last Confederate stronghold left on the Mississippi River. Southern troops under Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn begin further fortifying the defensively strong city. Disturbed by Gen. Beauregard’s loss of Corinth, Mississippi, President Davis declares Beauregard — who has put himself on sick leave — absent without leave and places Gen. Braxton Bragg in command of the Army of Tennessee.
A 140-trooper detachment of the 1st California Cavalry, under Lt. Col. Edward Eyre, departs Tucson for Ft. Craig on June 21.
On June 22, Lt. Col. Eyre’s detachment of 1st California Cavalry troopers is attacked by Chiricahua Apaches as they traverse Apache Pass in the mountains east of Tucson. The Apaches are driven off and the detachment continues on its way with no casualties.
Having arrived at Richmond from the Shenandoah Valley, Maj. Gen. Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson on June 23 meets for the first time with Gen. Robert E. Lee and his command staff: generals Daniel Harvey Hill, A.P. Hill and James Longstreet.
In an attempt to head off what is feared will be a crippling blow to Richmond, Gen. Robert E. Lee, on June 25 begins, at Oak Grove, Virginia, a series of offensive thrusts at McClellan in what will come to be known as the Seven Days Campaign. In the West, civilian scout John Jones, after completing a hazardous ride of 200 miles all alone after his escape from an attack by Apaches, arrives at the Rio Grande about five miles north of Mesilla. Turning north to head for Ft. Craig, he is captured by pickets from the 7th Texas Cavalry and brought to Ft. Fillmore for interrogation. Col. William Steele confiscates Jones’s dispatches, learning of the whereabouts of the California Column, its numbers and its planned movements. Steele begins preparations for moving his command.
Lee’s Confederates hit McClellan’s troops at Mechanicsville, Virginia, on June 26. Out West, Col. Steele sends a message to Brig. Gen. Sibley that because of a scarcity of food and forage, a growing number of men falling ill, hostile locals and the approaching California Column, he will have to abandon Ft. Fillmore, near Mesilla. Meanwhile, Jones the scout, manages to communicate with Union sympathizers from his jail cell, and they alert Col. Chivington at Ft. Craig that reinforcements are on the way.
In the third of the Seven Days Battles, at Gaines’ Mill on June 27, Lee loses 8,750 casualties to McClellan’s 6,837. McClellan, however, still fearing that his Army of the Potomac is greatly outnumbered, continues pulling his forces back.
The Seven Days Campaign continues with a clash at Savage’s Station, Virginia, on June 29, 1862, marked by confusion on both sides. The Army of the Potomac continues its withdrawal, leaving behind some 2,500 sick and wounded soldiers. In New Mexico, alerted by local Unionists that the Confederates at Mesilla had captured a Union courier who says that reinforcements are nearing, Col. Chivington dispatches scouting parties westward from Ft. Craig to search for them. One of them runs into Lt. Col. Eyre’s detachment of California Cavalry.
June 30 sees the sixth engagement of the Seven Days Campaign, at White Oak Swamp. The federals are able to consolidate their position, but McClellan again orders a withdrawal southward, to a strong position on Malvern Hill, north of the James River.
July 1: Confederates under Robert E. Lee attack McClellan’s Army of the Potomac at Malvern Hill, southeast of Richmond. Southern forces seem disorganized and are held off by the Federals’ well-placed infantry and artillery. The action marks the end of the Seven Days’ Campaign. Afterward, the Federals withdraw to Harrison’s Landing on the James River. The result: McClellan remains near Richmond, but the Virginia capital is still unconquered. Neither army has destroyed the other. The Seven Days’ toll: for the North, 16,000 casualties; for the South, over 20,000. At Booneville, Mississippi, some 850 Union troops led by Col. Philip Sheridan defeat a Confederate force of around 5,000 under Brig. Gen. James Chalmers. In Washington, the government approves a joint venture by the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific to build a railroad across the West.
On July 2, Abraham Lincoln calls for 300,000 more volunteers for three years’ Federal military service. He also signs into law the Morrill Land Grant Act that will give states federal land upon which to build agricultural colleges.
Federal troops under Col. William Weer on July 3 engage and defeat Col. Stand Watie’s Cherokee Mounted Rifles at Locust Grove, northwest of Tahlequah, the capital of the Cherokee Nation, in Indian Territory.
In an attempt to counter Union moves and strengths in Tennessee, Gen. Braxton Bragg, now commanding the Confederate Army of Tennessee, plans an invasion of the central portion of the state emanating from Chattanooga in the east. Accordingly, on July 4 he begins shipping the bulk of his army — division by division, by train — from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Chattanooga. To create a diversion, Confederate Col. John Hunt Morgan on July 4 launches a partisan cavalry raid into Kentucky.
On July 5, Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside sails from his base in North Carolina with Federal reinforcements for McClellan’s Army of the Potomac, camped along the James River, southeast of Richmond.

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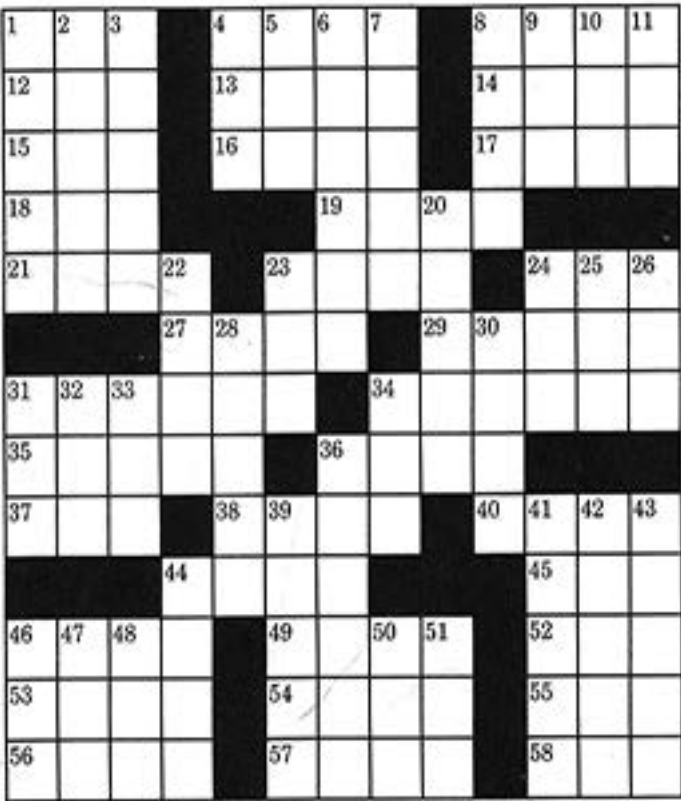
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SAYREVILLE - On May 20, 2022, Sayreville Middle School 8th grade student, Sofia J. Muller, was awarded a National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award. Sofia was chosen as 1 of 500 recipients from across the nation based on her work to support the five pillars of the National Junior Honor Society: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship. She maintains a cumulative GPA of 98% (out of 100%). She has been a volunteer for the Sayreville School District's Unified Club and Sports Programs for the past 7 years as well as being an avid tap dancer since she was 3 years old. She is also a volunteer in a number of community-based programs. (Pictured above (L to R): Richard Gluchowski, SMS Principal; Barry J. Muller, Father; Sofia J. Muller; Justine L. Muller, Mother; Michele Gentile, NJHS Advisor) **Photo Submitted*

**Public Notice of EPA’s Proposed Approval for Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Cleanup Plan at the Former ASARCO Facility site
Perth Amboy, New Jersey
Date: June 17, 2022**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared a draft approval of the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) cleanup plan submitted by First Environment, Inc. for a portion of the Former ASARCO Facility site in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, under the agency’s PCB Cleanup Program.

The cleanup plan calls for removing and disposing PCB-contaminated soil offsite, engineering a site-wide cap, and institutional controls, more specifically, a deed notice to maintain the cap for PCB-contaminated soil indefinitely. Once the soil is removed, First Environment, Inc. will sample to verify that PCB contaminated materials have been removed from the site. They will install the cap and sample soil gas below the surface. To prevent further migration or unacceptable exposures of PCB contamination at the site, First Environment, Inc. will implement further actions if necessary. Once completed, long-term maintenance and monitoring of the lot-wide cap will continue.

EPA is taking comments from the public on the draft approval for PCB cleanup at the Former ASARCO Facility site from **June 17, 2022 to July 18, 2022**. EPA will consider comments submitted during the comment period before making a final decision. If EPA issues an approval, the owner of the property must accept the approval in writing, and cleanup activities will follow. Comments may be emailed to everett.adolph@epa.gov or postmarked to the mailing address below no later than **July 18, 2022**.

Mr. Adolph Everett
Chief, Land & Redevelopment Programs Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 25th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866
EPA will also consider requests to hold a public meeting. Comments are being accepted on the draft approval, not the supporting documents. Copies of the draft approval and supporting documents including the PCB cleanup plan are available online at <https://www.epa.gov/nj/bridge-perth-amboy-urban-renewal-llc> and located at:

Perth Amboy Public Library
196 Jefferson St,
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

U.S. EPA RCRA Records Center
290 Broadway, 25th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866

For additional information about the draft approval for PCB cleanup, please contact **Adolph Everett**, Chief, Land & Redevelopment Programs Branch, at (212) 637-4109 or email Everett.adolph@epa.gov.

30.6.2022
THURSDAY

**PERTH AMBOY
KIWANIS CLUB**

6PM - 8PM

Meet & Greet
RARITAN YACHT CLUB
160 WATER STREET, PERTH AMBOY
COST \$20
Light Fare & Cash Bar

RSVP ROSEMARY OARSLEY BY MONDAY JUNE 27TH
ROarsley@aol.com



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Ceremony

P R I D E

Perth Amboy City Hall Circle

Thursday, June 23 at 5pm

Novena to St. Rita

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

Petition to St. Jude

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

Prayer to Saint Servatius for Those Who Suffer with Foot or Leg Ailments

Glorious Saint Servatius, look down from Heaven and intercede for the many people who suffer with foot or leg ailments in our world. Help them to find patience in their sufferings and resignation to His Divine Will, I beg you to obtain for them strength when they feel weary, hope when they feel discouraged and joy when they are downhearted. O great Saint Servatius, hear our prayers and ask that God, in good time, grant them the healing and grace they so greatly need. Amen. **A.L.S.**

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Resorts Casino Trip

San Salvador Seniors
PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City, on Thursday, July 7, 2022. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephen's Church (St. John Paul II) Parking Lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy at 11 a.m. Cost: \$35 per person; \$25 back in slot play For more information, call Joe at 732-826-0819. Masks are required to be worn on the bus. *You Must Reserve Your Seat! You must pay before you board the bus.*

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 19



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.

Pets of the Week



PERTH AMBOY - Adopt a kitty today! They're fixed, vaccinated to age, dewormed, deflead, tested for FIV and leukemia, micro-chipped, had their nails trimmed, ears cleaned and are fully vetted. Email vmoralespps@yahoo.com for adoption application. Donation fee applies. Text 1.732.486.6382 for pictures of our adoptable kitties or if you would like to donate kitty food or litter. Allforthepaws.org

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

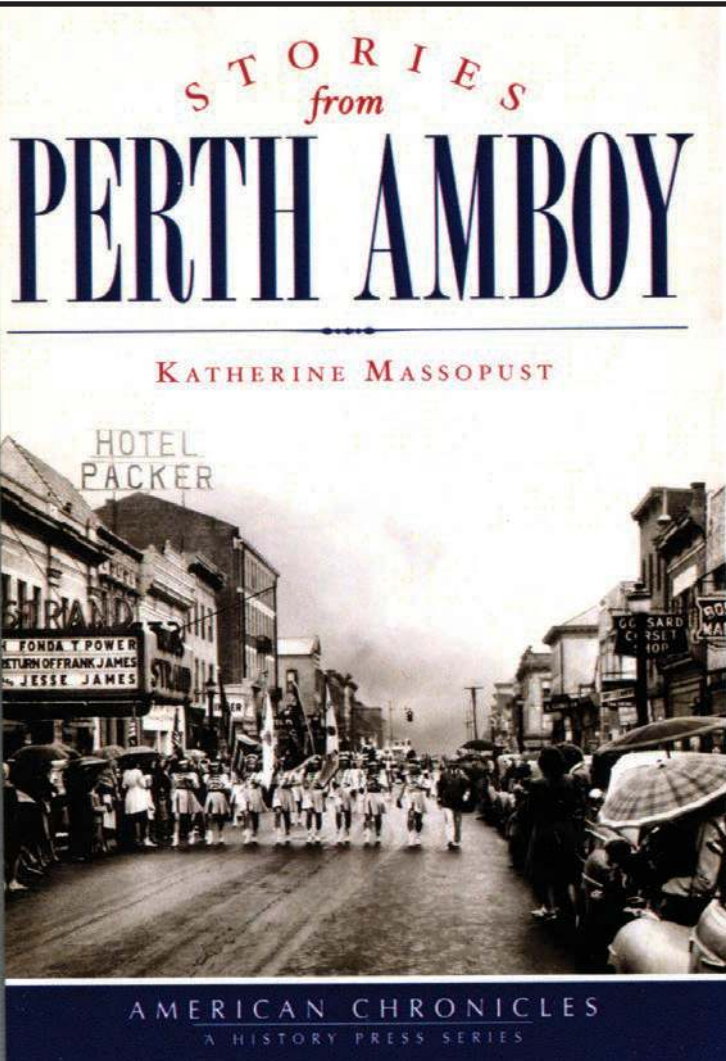
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Senior Citizens club is looking for new members. Anyone 60+ years old that lives in South Amboy or has a 08879 zip code is eligible to join. The meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 12:00 Noon at the Senior Building on Stevens Avenue. Come have fun and join the 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.



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Saturday, July 3, 1976, there was a huge bicentennial parade that began in City Hall Circle at 10 a.m. It featured a hand-knitted bicentennial flag made by Mrs. Terry Vona and carried by a group of women in colonial costumes. (L to R) Debbie Orosky, Maryann Dunay, Christine Kosh, Nancy Bihary and Deborah Stephans. **Photo Courtesy of Eleanor Bates*
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!



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PERTH AMBOY - Great Investment Opportunity! Two Family House (Side-by-Site). Two Bedroom, one bath per unit. Close to the beautiful Perth Amboy Waterfront area and Bus stop, Train Station and Major highways. The only thing this house is missing is your personal touch. **\$450,000**



WOODBIDGE PROPER - Renovated!!! Beautiful colonial with 3 beds 1.5 baths with formal dining and living. A charming foyer to welcome your guests. New kitchen with Quartz counters and all new bathrooms, designed by professional designer. New floors, HVAC, plumbing and electrical. Plenty of natural light streaming in thru large windows throughout the day. A nice deck on a deep backyard to enjoy the outdoors. Minutes to downtown Woodbridge and train station. Call today to make an appointment. **\$435,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Beautiful 3 story townhouse. Very low maintenance fee (\$140). Your grass and snow removal are fully taken care of. Many updates including flooring, windows, kitchen, bathrooms... Move-in ready! Each bathroom has it own full bath, and a half bathroom in the middle level for guests. Third room in the basement currently used as an office, next to the playroom. Close to all major highways and minutes from the Outerbridge Crossing to Staten Island, NY. Two private parking spaces for peace of mind. Enjoy the spring breeze and summer barbecues from your wooden deck. Over 1500 sqft of living space with the finished basement. Hurry, this property will not last! **\$319,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Great investment lots of potential with this brick four family all separated utilities, lots of parking space, needs a little bit of work a must see to appreciate, close to most public transportations and major highways. It is being sold strictly in "AS IS" condition buyer is responsible for C of O and all repairs. **\$575,000**



BURLINGTON TWP - Approved Short sale @\$250,800 as per bank - this 4 bedroom 1-1/2 bath home is located on cul-de-sac in a well-manicured neighborhood with loads of potential. Unique floor plan with large open kitchen. home features lots of closets and storage. needs some TLC. Buyer responsible for C/O and all repairs and termite cert. Short sale subject to third party approval. 50% commission split subject to lender approval. **\$250,800**



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 counter top, new Stanley 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**



EDISON - Updated 2-bedroom mobile home in the heart of Edison NJ. Unit was completely remodeled 1 year ago, has central air and heating system, new furnace, water heater and gas tank. monthly land lease of \$917 a month includes taxes, sewer, garbage removal and common area maintenance. Must get approved by Edgewood properties management. **\$70,000**



WOODBIDGE PROPER - All Brick Ranch, they don't build them like this anymore, located in Woodbridge proper only few blocks from train station and most public transportation, 3-bedroom w/spacious closets in each, maintenance free exterior, attached car garage, all redone kitchen w/tiled floor and granite countertops, hardwood floors throughout, 2 full baths all redone, Brand New A/C unit, finished basement and much more, a must see to appreciate. **\$524,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Immaculate spacious colonial a truly move-in condition all redone, close to hospital, shopping and most public transportation. A must see. Hurry!!!!!! **\$319,000**