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Water, American Rescue Act Funds and Update on Borinqueneer Park Amongst Topics Discussed 7/11/22 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – The first person to speak was Aderito M. Campos who complained about the low water pressure at 687 New Brunswick Avenue. He stated that the city and water company will not run high water pressure near that residence. “There is a pharmacy nearby located at 653 New Brunswick Avenue that bought their own pressure pump. The law in the books says the city has to supply the required pumps needed for high water pressure.”

Council President Bill Petrick saw that City Engineer Jeff Rauch was on Zoom and asked if he could give more insight.

Rauch replied, “I don’t have any information on the New Brunswick Avenue line, and you may have to have Luis Perez Jimenez answer that question.”

At that point, Luis Perez Jimenez had just entered the council chambers.

Before Jimenez talked, Campos continued, “685 and 687 New Brunswick Avenue have 6-inch pipes, and the PSI (Pounds per Square Inch) Pressure is between 10-22. It requires the PSI to be at least 17. There is a 24-inch main line in

front of my house which only gives us low water pressure.”

Luis Perez Jimenez stated, “A 24-inch main is a transmission from Runyon to the reservoir. The home built at 687 New Brunswick Avenue was built in 1961. The house next to that address is probably using the same service line. The Safe Water Act rules were not in effect at that time. There are also low water pressure problems existing on other streets due to low pressure in the main lines. Middlesex Water doesn’t own the service lines. The city does the service lines, and you have to call us if you need those lines serviced and the homeowners will bear the cost.”

Mr. Campos continued, “You are asking me to go across the street, then a half a block away (to have those lines installed). Middlesex Water says that this is dangerous to do.”

Perez Jimenez responded, “Other houses are connected to water main lines via Colgate Avenue. We (the city) only approve the connection of the main lines and they must use copper. The Mocci Property (located on New Brunswick Avenue) runs their main line from

Vincent Place.”

Petrick spoke up, speaking to Campos, “It is up to you if you want to run your own main line or purchase a booster pump like the pharmacy did.”

Luis Perez Jimenez spoke up again, “PSI 20 is the state law.”

Campos was not satisfied, “My stance is that you are in violation of the law by not providing adequate water pressure.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “If we do his work (installing these lines for this resident) for free, will it open up a lawsuit for people who paid for their service lines out of their own pocket?”

Law Director Opel said, “This is complicated. We will have to look at the city code.”

Petrick ended the conversation, by stating, “We have low water pressure throughout the town.”

The next person who came up was Sam Delgado, who along with Mel Ramos gave a presentation to update the council on Borinqueneer Park. When they came to the podium, they had a mock-up of what they hoped the park would look like upon completion. They also had a slide-show presentation. Both

men are on the Board of Directors for the Borinqueneers Park Education Alliance. They stated what the goals are.

Sam Delgado spoke first, “Our goal is to foster Puerto Rican heritage and to remember those who served in the 65th American Regiment. Included in the park will be an Internet kiosk which will not only display Puerto Rican Veterans but all New Jersey Veterans. People who ride the New Jersey Coast Line will be able to see this prominent display (from the train). Our seed money will be \$400,000 and the State of New Jersey will give us \$200,000 of that funding. The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce sent a letter of support for this park.”

Mel Ramos then spoke up, “A resident from the 65th Regiment is now 91 years old. Many members of the Borinqueneers did their training at Fort Dix.”

Delgado continued, “There was a documentary on public TV and a lot of New Jersey residents contributed to the production cost of the documentary. I promise Irvine Mercado who we spoke about who is now 91 years old, that we hope to have this park completed in his life-



PERTH AMBOY - Sam Delgado and Mel Ramos give a presentation on the Borinqueneer Park

**Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

time.”

After the presentation was made, Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “Our goal was to make sure this monument was built. This is a U.S. Army Unit. The carousel that you describe that will have the history of

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Potential Easement on City Property and Rentals Discussed 7/13/22 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust

SOUTH AMBOY – Council Vice President Christine Noble ran the meeting since Council President Mickey Gross participated via remote. The meeting began at 6:03 p.m.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz explained an easement request for 524 John Street. He stated that the owner is remodeling his property and wanted a landing which encroached 3-feet into city property and applied for an easement.

City Clerk Deborah Brooks stated that the owner paid the \$1,500 deposit of escrow.

Councilwoman Zuzette Dato asked if the Zoning Officer thought it was not a good proposal.

Rasimowicz stated that the matter was reviewed with the Zoning Officer. He stated that the stairs could be turned at a 90° angle, and the owner would

not need the easement. “If the council feels no easement is necessary, this will go back to the resident.” He then stated that if this is done, it may affect the owner’s plans for renovations of his property by encroaching into a retaining wall.

Mayor Fred Henry asked if this was already discussed with the homeowner.

Rasimowicz answered that the property owner is renovating their home and moving the door.

It was decided to go back to the owner and see if the easement is necessary.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski went over the consent agenda and explained each item. A vehicle for the police department and a vehicle for the fire department, and for the OEM was on the agenda as a contract for road improvements. Also included was the purchase

of a new audio system for the court/council room.

Deborah Brooks was reappointed city clerk from 2022-2025.

Council Comments:

Councilman Brian McLaughlin thanked the food pantry volunteers and donors. “Enjoy your summer.”

Councilwoman Zuzette Dato said, “The fireworks were stunning. It was quite an event. The display was stellar. There is so much planning. Thank you to all who made it happen. I thank the OEM, the Fire Department, Police Department, First Aid Squad and everyone. It was a special event and occasion.” Dato then said, “We are having another Lunch and Learn on July 20th on Understanding Changes with Aging. On Monday, July 25th the Bowl for Hunger event is taking place. Please donate. Every Wednesday there

is Music at Waterfront Park.” Dato then stated, “As for the recycling issue, Council President Mickey Gross is working with the county to improve the situation.”

Law Director Francis Womack had no comments.

Council Vice President Christine Noble had no comments.

Mayor Fred Henry said, “Enjoy the car show outside tonight. Shop local. Keep our businesses going. I am pleased the resolution passed for our streets to be paved.” Mayor Henry noted that Main Street will begin as early as Monday.

Council President Mickey Gross had no comments.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski said, “I want to thank the council for reappointing our clerk. She is a stellar addition. She sees things don’t fall through the cracks.” Skarzynski proudly added, “In a few weeks,

we will reopen our ballparks.” Public Portion:

Resident Greg Babolack asked, what is the occupancy rate at the new apartment buildings were and how many people were renting from them.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski said, “They are almost full.”

Babolack then asked, “Are you aware there are giving two months free (rent)? How does that affect the PILOT?”

Skarzynski answered, “We have not yet received a report yet. At the end of the day, they are on the hook for occupancy.”

Babolack asked, “Why are they giving out two free months of rent?”

Skarzynski explained that this is not unusual to offer an incentive to potential renters.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Councilman Tom Reilly was not present.

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The Continuance 7/13/22 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – The meeting was opened up to those who wanted to speak on ordinances that have their own public hearing.

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak about Ordinance No. 2 – Dissolving the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency and designating the City Council as a Redevelopment Entity.

Balut said, “The people that are controlling PARA are county leaders and people who don’t live in the town. The council gets things dropped in their lap at the last minute and you should be controlling this. There is still no money for schools with these PILOTS and they are only making money for the developers. I get a lot of calls from people who talk about all the overdoses happening in the schools. You should have your own lawyer when dealing with issues that were handles by PARA. Do you know of any pending PILOTS that PARA has right now?”

Councilwoman Rose Morales, who is also on PARA, spoke up and said, “No.”

Balut continued, “You can’t keep giving money to the rich while the poor get nothing. Sometimes these developers will grab you aside and say: “Let’s make a deal.” We only have 29% of homeownership in this town. A lot of people who own these homes rent them out and live out of town. This has got to stop.”

After Balut finished speaking, Council President Petrick stated that the council will not be voting on this ordinance tonight because it requires approval from the Local Finance Board prior to adoption.

The next ordinance that the public spoke about was No. 5 – A \$2,400,000 bonds or notes to provide for the construction of the Smith Street Shop Distribution Building for the Water Utility.

Balut stated, “You waited 14 months to spend the first allotment of money (from the American Rescue Act). Legal fees were already used, and we are flushed with money. The money will probably be used for the reelection of county officials. Inflation is too high now and landlords will suffer. It will cause rents to go up and people will use unsafe methods to warm up. Stop pushing things down the line. The banks and lawyers are making out and there should be no more gimmicks, or you would have used the money if it was needed. I am asking you to table this ordinance.”

The meeting was then opened up to Zoom participants.

Resident Sharon Hubberman also talked about Ordinance No. 5, “Who are the underwriters? This is not the time to do any type of construction because consumer goods and materials are going up in cost. Are the water meter replacements compatible with our housing? We need more details on these bonds such as the maturity, rates, etc. Compound interest goes up. We need to have a Water Utility Commission. We have more urgent matters such as what is go-

ing on with the water (quality).”

For Ordinance No. 6 – The honorary naming of Linden Street as Peru Boulevard, a woman who resides on that street came up to the podium to thank the council for this ordinance and she hoped to see them all when they are there to unveil the name on July 30th.

Ken Balut came up for the public hearing on Ordinance No. 7 – A tax exemption and a financial agreement with E-Port Phase II Urban Renewal at Block 430 Lot 1.02.

Balut said, “What are the terms and what are you giving away? The county gets their money, but nothing for the students. We get a bandstand with no toilets. You are making billionaires rich, and they are getting lower taxes. I see Woodbridge has the same law firm that we do working on PILOTS. We need to see the full amount of taxes we will be getting with and without a PILOT.”

Business Administrator Michael Greene responded, “In this instance, the city would get a lot more. Based on 20 years, with a 20-year PILOT, we would get a total of \$7.7 million without the PILOT. With the PILOT, we would have accumulated \$54 million, and the city would also get a lot more. If we have our own health department, we could use \$500,000 (of that money).”

Balut added, “You also have to factor in what the cost would be if taxes go up. When I come up here and ask questions, that’s when the residents get answers.”

Resident Dave Szilagyi came up to the mike and asked how a PILOT works.

B.A. Greene explained giving the numbers with and without a PILOT, “Year#1, the city would get \$2 million with the PILOT. Without the PILOT, the city would receive \$350,000. Year #20, the city would get \$3.5 million with the PILOT. Without the PILOT, the city would get \$426,000.”

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

Resident Ken Balut came up first. He asked why there were no bids in Resolutions R-358 – 7/22 – Regarding an amount of \$304,150 for construction services related to the Youth League Complex. And on R-371-7/22 – Solar Parking Pay stations for \$90,978.50. “There is only group qualified to do these parking meters. When I went to the League of Municipalities Meeting, I found out there were several people who can do this work. The bid amounts would always be on the agenda in the past. People call me to ask questions at the meeting for them because they are afraid to come here in person.”

Police Chief Cattano answered, “The people who were contracted who put in these meters (IPS Group) – all the machines were shipped from California, and we have been using the same company. They supply all of our needs, and all of the machines are purchased directly from the manufacturer.”

Balut continued, “Is there an original bid on the contract for the parking meters? And was the original contract a no bid contract? The solar meters were placed in town around four years ago for \$113,000. I know because I put in an OPRA about it.”

The next person to come up to speak was Ariel, a 26-year-old resident who lives on Brighton Avenue. “I submitted an application for a new APP called Timestamp which was developed to help residents and business owners so they can advertise what services they have to offer.”

Council President Bill Petrick replied, “We really can’t help you because it would be an unfair advantage to market your business when there are so many other businesses in town. You can talk the BID.” Petrick pointed to BID Chair Barry Rosengarten who happened to be sitting in the audience. “The administration handles the city website, and you are also getting publicity because the meetings are televised on our Public Access TV.”

Before sitting down, Ariel said, “You will not be favoring me, because my APP will help the residents and the businesses, and it will favor many people in the city (to give them more exposure).”

The meeting was then opened up to Zoom Participants.

Resident Sharon Hubberman referenced R-376-7/22 – A grant to Celebrate Perth Amboy for the Fourth of July Fireworks to be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Hubberman stated, “You need to look into nonprofits and make sure they have certificates in good standing and are in compliance with New Jersey Law. Financials have to be public. They need to comply with the intent of the funds.”

The next person to speak came up in person was a resident from Kirkland Place, He complained about a business located at 442 Smith Street. “There’s a container that they have on the sidewalk that has liquid that smells awful. I and some of the neighbors have to pick up the garbage on this property. I went to Code Enforcement to complain, but nothing has been done.”

Council President Bill Petrick told the resident to talk to B.A. Michael Greene about this problem.

No one else spoke via Zoom.

The council voted on the consent ordinances and consent agenda.

Ordinance No. 1 – Public Entertainment was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. When it came to vote individually, Tejeda and Morales voted “No.”

Ordinance No. 2 – Dissolving PARA was not voted upon.

Ordinance No. 3 – Flood Damage Prevention was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 4 – Handicapped Parking Spaces – regarding additions was moved



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Kerry Dyke Wins Women's Distance Festival 5K, New York *Photos Submitted



PERTH AMBOY/NEW YORK - Perth Amboy Kerry Dyke takes first place in the Women's Distance Festival 5K in New York. This is the second year in a row that Kerry has won the title. Kerry is also three-times New Jersey cross country champion, along with many other titles. Congratulations!



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Well Deserved Honor



Borinqueneers at the viewing of the Documentary that tells the days of their heroic acts of service to their country.
*File Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



The Groundbreaking of the Second Street Park which will be named The Borniqueneers Park in their honor.
*File Photo by Paul W. Wang

Many books have been written about Perth Amboy's History and our vast array of different nationalities that have made significant contributions to Perth Amboy and our country. The Bornique-neers stories should be incorporated into the Perth Amboy School Curriculum along with others who have served in their country proudly with honor and dignity, in spite of some of them having uphill battles. We thank the late Dioris Arliquin who often wrote poems about Perth Amboy Residents and their impact on the city C.M.

In Honor of the Brave 65th

65th Infantry – Devils of the Mountains
They are the forgotten, brave, Puerto Rican soldiers who fought in the Korean War. Devil of the Mountains, that was their nickname. Because of their bravery they were elevated to U.S. Infantry fame. Fighting off the invading Chinese. They gave their hearts, their lives, and much more. They were also praised as fierce fighters by their enemies. the 65th Infantry who valiantly fought the Hungarian and Pusan. Praised and cherished in the island, they led their fellow soldiers to victory. Most of the time they were out numbered but they stood their ground. Fighting from a hill or a little mound. They killed all the communists that were around. Hail! to the brave 65th.

Dioris Arlequin

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Now that things are returning back to normal from the pandemic, I am left to wonder how many people were laid off from city, county, state, and federal agencies during the epidemic. While many in the private sector lost jobs and medical coverage, I’ll bet those who worked

for the aforementioned were getting paid full salaries with benefits, receiving paid vacation time, and accruing pension time. If questioned, I’m sure they will say they were working remotely and were kept busy (wink, wink) and that taxpayers were justified in keeping them on their various payrolls. Actually, we should all be irate!!! I wised up a long time ago, and it’s about time everybody else

does as well! As taxpayers we don’t owe anyone a living, especially when they are doing nothing or next to nothing. Yes, it seems as if we’ve been duped again! Cities, states, and the federal government could’ve saved millions!

Thank you!
The Honorable
Michael Rusznak

It Ain't Over til the Fat Lady Sings for the \$33 Billion Gateway Project

There is more to do after Governors Murphy and Hochul Sign A MOU for funding the \$33 billion Gateway Project before the Federal Transit Administration will enter into negotiations with the project sponsor to approve a \$14 billion Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA). This would pay for two new tunnels plus rehabilitation of the existing tunnels damaged by Super Storm Sandy. Who will oversee engineering, contractors and procurement? Will it be the Gateway Development Corporation, NJ Transit, Amtrak or the Port Authority?

To win an FTA FFGA, any project needs documentation that the billions in matching local share is secured, along with an approved Project Management Plan (technical capacity), Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plan (monitors that the

contractor builds to the design and engineering specifications), Fleet Management Plan, Annual Force Account (Amtrak and NJ Transit employees who work with and provide support to third party contractors) and Annual Track Outage Plan. Also needed is approval for Title VI, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) programs.

All must be reviewed and approved by FTA to insure that this record investment is completed on time, within budget, built to the design and engineering specifications so that it will remain in beneficial use for the promised intended life.

Is the GDC, Amtrak, NJ Transit, Governors Murphy and Hochul prepared to pay for the unanticipated inevitable cost overruns? There is also contract change orders due to unforeseen site conditions and last-minute scope changes. How much money is budgeted under project contingency to pay for these costs?

Have they updated the overall project budget to account for this year’s 8% inflation

rate? What about ongoing supply chain issues, rising material costs and labor shortages especially in special trades such as tunnel boring needed for this project. Has this been incorporated into the latest proposed budget and schedule?

Sincerely,

Larry Penner
Retired
Former Director
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(Larry Penner -- transportation advocate, historian and writer who previously worked for the Federal Transit Administration Region 2 New York Office. This included the development, review, approval and oversight for billions in capital projects and programs for NJ Transit, New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, NYC Transit bus, subway and Staten Island Railway, Long Island and Metro North Rail Roads, MTA Bus, NYCDOT Staten Island Ferry along with 30 other transit agencies in NY & NJ.)

2022 Road Improvements Contract Awarded



Press Release 7/14/22
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy City Council has awarded a contract to Black Rock Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$514, 766.63 to perform local road improvement projects. Per specifications developed by City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz the following streets will be resurfaced: Mason Avenue, Henry Street (500 block), Thompson Avenue, Spinnaker Drive, Parker Avenue, Augusta Street (100 block), Ward Avenue (1/2 width) George Street (400 block), and the Senior Center parking lot at the corner of Stevens Avenue and David Street.

"We make it a point to pay particular attention to infrastructure" said Mayor Fred Henry. "In the past twelve years my administration has, through

a combination of grant monies and tax dollars, paved over 65% of our City Streets. We will continue to fund this program moving forward to ensure that our roadways are in top condition", said Henry.

Other roadway improvements on tap for this year include the Middlesex County annual road improvement program which will allow for the resurfacing of Main Street between Route 9 and Broadway as well as a New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant that will bring roadway, curbing, and sidewalk improvements to Feltus Street between Main Street and Bordentown Avenue. "We will continue to identify the remaining roadways that require improvements and prioritize them in subsequent budget years", said Mayor Henry.

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Water, American Rescue Act Funds and Update on Borinqueneer Park

Amongst Topics Discussed

7/11/22 Caucus

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the Borinqueneers is out of this world – it’s off the hook! I wish you all the best.”

Sam Delgado then remarked, “We need to market this town. I’m not from here. I grew up in Spanish Harlem, New York. I love this city.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda spoke up, “I am pro keeping history alive, and I hope this park will educate future generations.”

Councilman B.J. Torres spoke next, “The military service and history should be inclusive of all people who have served. It is 70+ years and is good to acknowledge (The Borinqueneers).”

Council President Bill Petrick had a question regarding Ordinance No. 5 - A bond ordinance providing for the construction of the Smith Street Shop Distribution Building for the Water Utility appropriating \$2,400,000 bonds or notes of the city to finance the cost.

Petrick asked, “Can we take the cost out of the stimulus money?”

B.A. Greene responded, “The money has already been allocated for this project from the 2020-2021 Capital Plan. The cost has gone up since them.”

Luis Perez-Jimenez spoke next, “WAWA has already bought part of that property.”

Councilman B.J. Torres spoke up next, “I heard some of the original restrictions were changed from the \$16 million we were supposed to receive from the American Rescue Plan.”

Petrick then talked about Ordinance No. 7. – Approving the application for a long term tax exemption and authorizing a financial agreement with E-Port Phase II Urban Renewal LLC for the property located at Block 430 Lot 1.02.

Petrick asked, “Should we table this for further discussion?”

No one responded so it stayed on the agenda.

Council President Petrick had a question on R-341-7/22 – Insertion of revenue in the CY 2022 Budget for Safe Routes to Schools Grant in the amount of \$650,000.

Petrick asked, “Does the STEM School (located on Carlock Avenue) have a crossing guard?”

Police Chief Larry Cattano came forward, stating that he would find out, “We are looking to add two more crossing guards.”

Councilman Joel Pabon asked about R-343-7/22 – Putting in revenue of the CY 2022 Budget for the Veteran Memorial Park Improvement Grant in the amount of \$1,200,000.

Pabon asked, “Which park is this?”

Petrick responded, “It is the little league park behind Wendy’s on Convery Boulevard. The name always throws people off.”

Office of Economic and Community Development Assistant Director Tashi Vazquez spoke

on Zoom about R-344-7/22 – Insertion of revenue in the CY 2022 Budget for the Neighborhood Preservation Grant in the amount of \$125,000.

Vazquez said, “This is an OECD Grant along with the Department of Recreation and we have already received this grant. It is part of the NPP (the Neighborhood Preservation Program) Budget which is a 5-year plan that was approved by the council. Included would be murals, sidewalk cleanups, etc.”

Petrick then talked about R-347-7/22 – A contract with B&W Construction for removal and replacement of Settled Concrete walkaway along the bay, Water Street between High Street and Luis Street in amount not to exceed \$40,475.”

Petrick said, “I hope this doesn’t happen again. Older landfills had all kinds of debris. I remember Front Street near the Yacht Club had sand as fillings which wasn’t very sturdy.”

Engineer Jeff Rauch spoke up via Zoom, “The sidewalk will be removed, and the site excavated, and we will put in clean materials. It will be compacted, and a new sidewalk will be built over it.”

Petrick then talked about R-348-7/22 – A contract with Center State Engineering for project cost which will include design engineering, specifications, bid documents, and construction inspection where capital road improvements to Truxton Drive, Fayette Street (Goodwin Street to Stockton Street), Fayette Street (High Street to Front Street), Brighton Alley and Patterson Alley in an amount not to exceed \$45,500.

Petrick said, “This amount is the low cost compared to the new Water Department Building.”

Pabon spoke up next, “I hope they get this done this year, because they keep putting it off. Sunshine Alley already had money allocated to it, but what happened to it? A lot of streets were repaved and opened up again shortly after. Hold their feet to the fire. Smith Street, State Street, and New Brunswick Avenue are horrible. We can’t wait until October and be told it is too late to start (because of bad weather coming up).”

Petrick said, “We need to start dates for road repairs.”

Rauch replied, “We have to go out for bid to start this work at the end of July. Truxton will be the first road to be repaired after the contract is awarded. Utility companies are doing separation of lines and in the winter, it could create icing. We are also repaving streets.”

Petrick brought up the fact that Brighton Avenue, Patten Street, and Sunshine Alley were discussed to be repaired during the Diaz Administration.”

Rauch replied, “Funding was not in place for those streets until the 2022 Budget. Elizabethtown Gas is still doing connections for residential and commercial properties. After they complete their work, then

we can start working on street repairs.”

Bill Petrick asked if they could go back to Resolution R-354-7/22 – Authorizing the proper city officials to execute an Administrative Consent Order to resolve all penalties associated with the failure to complete a remedial action by the regulatory timeframe.

“A partner from the Northgrave Law Firm spoke via Zoom, “This is for the landfill at the DPW facility. The timeframe was extended to 2027 for the city to do a remediation. This timeframe is mandatory.”

Law Director William Opel talked about R-355-7/22 – A settlement agreement and release in the matter of Crows Nest Condominium Association versus Landline Investments, City of Perth Amboy.

Opel said, “This is a tax appeal on one unit shared by other units.”

There was a lengthy discussion regarding R-357-7/22 – Approving the issuance of a mural permit to Olga Muzician for artwork at 272 Smith Street.

Councilman Torres asked, “Is there a time constraint on this grant for this project?”

Tashi Vazquez answered via Zoom, “The grant is in the second year, and we have to do this by early August. We have not been getting many responses. We paid artists to submit their renderings which the BID and OECD agreed to do. No one applied to do the mural at the train station.”

Torres spoke up again, “We might be setting a precedent if we pay for an artist rendering.”

Vazquez replied, “We put the mural at the train station on hold until renovations are completed.”

Torres continued, “Some of the artist’s work are not that detailed, and we might need an art’s coordinator. We have put in for ten murals through the county and it fell through. With \$20,000 budgeted for artist renderings, we should have had several artists applying.”

Vazquez responded, “Having murals are an economic driver, and that is why we try to do at least one a year.”

Torres then mentioned, “Jersey City has had several artists doing murals throughout the years.”

Vazquez then explained, “We have reached out to artists who have also done murals in Jersey City. There is another resolution for artwork to be done at Rudyk Park. It is your call. We never put in the money for the artist’s rendering, yet. The cost for the mural done by RiteAid cost \$16,000.”

Torres continued, “I was not able to attend the meeting about this mural and the other council members were not aware the cost associated with artist renderings. The timelines are not matching up to advertise when artists are needed and the deadline to submit their renderings.”

Vazquez explained, “I had given the council the paperwork on time. We want to continue to

work with the Arts Council.”

Councilman Torres made a motion to table R-357. It was seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon.

Fire Chief Ed Mullen talked about R-360-7/22 – A contract to Metalcraft Marine US Inc. for the purchase of Fire Rescue Boat to replace Marine 5 under a General Services Administration Government Agency Contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,375,000.”

Chief Mullen said, “We will have one boat and the old boat will be traded in. It took us two years to do a crossmatch grant and we lined up additional funds. This new boat will be 2-feet longer, and it will float in deeper waters. We will be given a \$900,000 Port Security Grant. The remainder of the cost will be through another grant. The Marine 5 Boat did not catch fire. The barge that had the fireworks caught fire. The remainder of the fireworks were set off later.”

The next item discussed was R-365-7/22- Authorizing the cancellation of interest and fees on account# 146-0 in the amount of \$819.75.

B.A. Greene spoke, “We had entities to pay bills online, but if your water bill was \$25,000 or more, it could not be paid online and those who couldn’t pay online were charged interest. That glitch was fixed, and we had to cancel the interest for those water bills.”

Luis Perez-Jimenez spoke about R-368-7/22 – A contract with CDM Smith Consulting Engineers to assist the city with achieving compliance with the Water Quality Accountability Act Cyber Security Changes enacted into law November 8, 2021, in the amount of \$22,800.

Perez-Jimenez said, “The Governor made amendments. Anyone who has a system with 500 internet connections must develop a cyber security plan.”

Police Chief Larry Cattano talked about R-371-7/22 – A contract with IPS Group 414 Solar Parking Pay Stations in an amount not to exceed \$90,978.50 which is being funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Cattano stated, “This is for two parking lots. One at the train station, and maybe one at the Jefferson Street Parking lot and on some of our city streets.”

Pabon spoke up, “I see the American Rescue Act spent on items that I don’t think are that important.”

Greene responded, “The American Rescue Plan has money for community grants, broadband technology and security. We hope to receive more money within the next two months.”

Pabon had a comment about R-373-7/22 – An amendment to R-102-2/13 – An agreement between the city of Perth Amboy and the NJDOT for the Rte. 35 Convery Boulevard Bridge over the 440 Connector Road for an additional amount of \$440,000 as outlined in the Utility Modification Agreement of April 23, 2013.

Pabon stated he hoped there were no more delays on this bridge.

Perez-Jimenez spoke up, “It is for a force main owned by the city for emergency purposes, such as if there are vibrations under the bridge.”

There was a discussion on R-377-7/22 – Authorizing a grant to Borinqueneers Park Education Alliance in an amount of \$75,000 to be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Councilman Pabon questioned, “How can the American Rescue Funds be used for this?”

Greene responded, “It is a community grant for an event.”

Opel added, “It can be used for nonprofits.”

B.J. Torres then asked about R-376-7/22 – Authorizing a grant to Celebrate Perth Amboy in the amount of \$50,000 for the Fourth of July Fireworks to be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Torres asked, “What was the expense of the fireworks?”

Greene responded, “There might be a reimbursement for some of the funds.”

Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes Chair Barry Rosengarten came up to speak. He thanked all who participated in making the fireworks a success. “I have been doing this since 1989 and it has been exciting, and it has been a privilege to be a part of this. All the expenses were paid for except for the police and fire departments. The cost was \$100,000 which was paid mostly through our sponsors. We had a hardworking staff and Yolanda Flores did the bulk of the work. We worked hard, and we are proud of what we’ve done to show pride for our country.”

Torres continued, “The fireworks get marketed as being for the Perth Amboy and South Amboy residents, but we are more cash strapped.”

Rosengarten responded, “South Amboy is a third of our population. We’ve had donations from our city, but people want to celebrate the pride we have in our city.”

Petrick said, “It is money well spent. I love fireworks. It is money coming back to us that will circulate back into our community. One year, Staten Island joined us. We all enjoyed the patriotic celebration. This country is a place where everyone wants to come to at any cost. We all benefit and people from other towns come in and are exposed to our town. I remember Mrs. Nanton said we need pamphlets to distribute to people at all of our city events to point out all the positives of our city such as restaurants and other attractions.”

Rosengarten responded, “It is funny that mentioned that, because we just signed a contract with a company who will do a restaurant guide.”

Petrick then spoke about R-378-7/22 – Authorizing an agreement with Kaboom to install a community playground

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on city property located at Albert G. Waters Stadium. =

Patrick said, “We need to reach out to Dr. Roman (Superintendent of Schools). We want to repair and not replace the structure and gates to the main entrance to Water Stadium. The Board of Education was supposed to pay for that. Nothing has been done and it needs to be done.”

Public Comments (in-person first):

Resident Ken Balut came up first. He asked about the new proposed DPW Building, “Was the contract bidded out? We are finally getting the American Rescue Act Money. Councilman B.J. Torres was right. We keep getting everything at the last minute. The first \$8 million was supposed to go to help the public, but instead it is going to pay legal bills. When the lawyer was speaking on Zoom earlier in the meeting, you couldn’t hear what he is saying. Consultants are making a lot of money. We are finally getting the American Rescue money. Our gas prices keep going up and we are having shortages of consumer

goods. Did you know that the DEP has an order against us? This government hides everything from the council.”

Resident Vince Mackiel came up next. He made mention of the constant change orders regarding our water/wastewater expenses. “Can the American Rescue Money be used for some of these expenses?”

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “Yes.”

Mackiel suggested, “There may be a need for an extra person to look at all of our water expenditures, and that person should work with the comptroller. It seems like someone is cooking the books. We need to get away from the oil companies.”

A resident from 377 Washington Street came up next. He complained about a business on 389 Washington Street that has cars parked all over the street. “It makes it hard for the residents to find parking spaces. I keep getting tickets when I park by the hospital which has residential parking. This auto repair business has some cars parked in the same spot for 3 months. One time, he had a car that was sitting in the same spot for over

a year.”

Councilman Pabon spoke up, “I brought this up a couple of years ago. This business is a menace to the neighborhood. Maybe the police and Code Enforcement should look into this.”

The resident stated, “I just want this business owner to clean up and be fair so that the residents can park near their homes.”

Police Chief Cattano came up to address this issue, “The residents should have pictures sent to us so cars can be ticketed and towed.”

The resident stated he had parking tickets. “I went to court to complain about the lack of resident parking available due to the many vehicles this business parked on the street that needed to be repaired. The court suggested that I should take up this matter at a city council meeting.”

Petrick said, “We can’t do anything to help you with this. You will have to go back to the courts.”

The meeting was opened up to Zoom participants.

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke first. She made a state-

ment about the American Rescue Funds. “The answers given as to the use of those funds were not acceptable. I am very patriotic, and I support our military and our police. If you give some of those funds to the Friends of Library, it will give back to the community. The fireworks were funded by the sponsors before the American Rescue Funds were created. We should use these funds to be used for tax relief.” She then talked about the business located at 389 Washington Street. “I live in that area, and I never heard about any complaints about this business before. I’ve never seen any loitering of cars. I’ve talked to the owner of this business to express the concerns of the neighbors. I’ve seen other businesses that are a nuisance, and no one complains about them.”

Councilman Pabon responded, “There were complaints about the business at 389 Washington Street in the past.”

The next person to speak via Zoom was Ala Abass who is owner of a multifamily building on Smith Street. He spoke at the last council meeting regarding this property that he has owned since 2005 and the problems he

is having with PARA. “I cannot presently sell this property even though I had a buyer. PARA said I couldn’t do it because it is already sold to someone else. PARA cancelled Viridian’s project without prior notice.”

Pabon addressed this issue, “PARA needs to reach out to these people who are stuck and want to get out from owning single and multifamily properties. Landlords are not getting money from the tenants because landlords are not doing repairs.”

Joel Rosa from PARA spoke via Zoom, “I sympathize with this owner. PARA doesn’t prevent a person from selling their property. Viridian is still working with PARA and is still the designated developer for that area where that property is located. Viridian has not presented their plans yet for that area. The man should hire a lawyer.”

The council went into closed session at 8:44 p.m. with no further action to be taken. Councilwoman Rose Morales was present on Zoom. All other council members were present in person.

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by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 5 – Regarding the Smith Street Distribution Building for the Water Utility was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Before voting, Council President Bill Petrick asked if they could use the American Rescue Plan money for this project instead of bonding the finance cost.

B.A. Greene said, “Money is not coming in until the next two months.”

When it came to voting, the only two council members who voted, “No” were Torres and Petrick. Ordinance did no carry because you needed 4 “Yes” votes. They council only had 3.

Ordinance No. 6 – Renaming Linden Street as Peru Boulevard – was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 7 - Tax exempt in a financial agreement with E-Port Phase II – was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Petrick and Pabon voted, “No.”

For the consent agenda, R-334 thru R-356; R-358 thru R-373; R-375; R-378 thru R-380 was moved by Pabon and seconded by Tejeda. R-357 was removed at the Caucus.

R-374 – Dissolving PARA was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. The only council members to vote “No” were Morales and Tejeda.

R-376 – A Grant to Celebrate Perth Amboy for \$50,000 for the Fourth of July Fireworks thru the American Rescue Plan Act. – was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Pabon and Torres voted “No.”

R-377 – A Grant to the Borin-

queeners Park Education Alliance in the amount of 75,000 to be funded thru the American Rescue Plan Act. – was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Pabon abstained since he is a part of that committee.

Public Portion:

Resident Ken Balut came up and asked the council if they knew about a marine car stolen on Smith Street.

B.A. Greene stated that the car that was stolen has been recovered.

Balut also handed out photos to the council. These photos showed cats that have been abandoned on Wagner Street. “Someone contacted the police, and because the animal control office was closed at the time, the police just left the cats there. There is several cats that had conditions that could have been cleared up if treated on time. Animal Control needs to be on duty 24/7. The EPA has imposed penalties on the city from 2014. We can’t keep kicking this down the line. You need to take over PARA and negotiate the contracts with the developers. Our lawyers are getting rich.”

The woman who lives on Linden Street came up again and thanked the council again for voting to make Linden Street Peru Boulevard. “Also on July 30th, we will be honoring Mr. Rosengarten.”

Mrs. Silva, who is on the Peruvian Committee came up next. She also invited the council to attend the event. “There will also be other Peruvians honored who have made contributions to the city.”

Barry Rosengarten came up to speak, “I’m humbled at those

who want to honor me, and this is about honoring all those who have made contributions to the city. I want to thank the council for voting to pass this resolution to give money for the Celebrate Perth Amboy Fireworks.”

A resident spoke via Zoom who had several questions regarding a city employee.

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “We cannot answer any questions you present to us because it is a private matter that can only be discussed in closed session.”

The meeting was opened up to Zoom Participants:

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke first. She referenced a man that spoke at the Caucus that was having low water pressure at his mother’s house on New Brunswick Avenue, “During Covid, a lot of people were dealing with hardships. With the water meter replacements, the connection may not be compatible with the older homes, and they may need to upgrade their water heaters. The American Rescue Act Funds should not be used to upgrade water heaters. Some of the older homes may not be compatible with the new infrastructure with the new meters. It should not be the homeowner’s burden. Who is responsible to update the service lines? And which homes need to be done?”

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “Some of the steel piping in the homes could have lead bins coming from the walls. Some supply lines are coming from the streets, and then the lines are separate in their homes. The Runyan Facility has a low-pressure lines and the homeowners are responsible

if the lines need to be replaced.” Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales said, “Thanks to all who participated and enjoy your summer.”

Councilman Joel Pabon asked if there is an office of ethical matters.

Business Administrator Michael Greene answered, “No.”

Pabon continued, “We need an ordinance to limit the types of businesses in town. Current businessowners are complaining. I’m looking for suggestions to see if we should do this. When I was growing up, we only had 3 barbershops and 3 beauty salons in the whole town. I want to thank Eddie and the Brenda Trujillo Foundation and the PAL (Police Athletic League) for teaming up to open up this new center (On High Street at the old Knights of Columbus Building). When the young man who was speaking earlier about his new Timestamp APP at the meeting, he looked familiar. I remember when he and his sister used to attend Safe Haven. His parents are also active in the community. It’s important to have young people who want to help their community. Civilians and the Police Department work well together. The PCPP Program was successful, and I hope the new PAL is at least half as successful. People are still concerned about Covid, and I have 7 test kits in my home. We no longer get the numbers from the county, and I was hoping that Chief Cattano can come up and fill us in.”

Police Chief Cattano came up and said, “People are hesitant on getting additional vaccines. Our hospital numbers are very low. The EMS are not getting

calls from people having problems associated with Covid and people are getting less sick.”

Pabon continued, “I want to thank the DPW for working on the park repairs, but some of that work should have been ready in early May.” He then asked how much mulch is put in the parks. “Rudyk Park has slides, but there is not enough mulch or padding at the end of the slide. There can be an injury which may result in a lawsuit. I hope everyone continues to enjoy their summer.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda said, “I thank all who participated tonight and to let us know about your problems. I wish the young man who is starting a business the best of luck. I want to thank the Peruvians for their contributions to the city.”

Councilman B.J. Torres reminded everyone about the Live at the Ferry Slip Concert Series.

Council President Bill Petrick reminded everyone that the Covid numbers are going up, “Covid is alive and well. Take precautions, and we will see you all in August unless we have to call a special meeting.”

The council went into closed session at 8:36 p.m. with not further action to be taken. All council members were present in person.





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New Jersey LCV Responds to Passage of a Bill Concerning Liberty State Park by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee

Press Release 6/16/22
NEW JERSEY - New Jersey League of Conservation Voters Executive Director Ed Potosnak released the following statement in response to the passage of a bill concerning Liberty State Park that was passed out of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee today:

"The amendment adopted by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee today is an important first step in ensuring that investments in Liberty State Park benefit the residents of Jersey City — and not powerful corporate interests driven by profit. Our state parks are not revenue-generating theme parks, and they should not follow that same business model.

While we agree that Liberty State Park needs investments,

any state spending must benefit Jersey City residents and must bring community leaders to the table.

Liberty State Park must not be turned into a playground for wealthy out of towners. It is essential that we preserve critically important ecological resources, particularly Coven Point, while also delivering recreational opportunities that have been long-desired by Jersey City residents.

Today's hearing represents one step in that process, but more needs to be done. We look forward to working with the sponsor, chairman, legislative leaders and Governor Murphy on a bill that we can all be proud of — one that puts the needs of Jersey City first."

Pallone Secures \$370,000 to Modernize South Plainfield's Emergency Response System

Press Release 6/17/22
WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that he secured federal funding for South Plainfield in the Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security spending bill for Fiscal Year 2023. The House is expected to vote on the underlying legislation in the coming months.

South Plainfield will receive \$370,000 to modernize the emergency operations center. The funding will be used to replace equipment and upgrade the Communications and 9-1-1 Center used to coordinate police, fire, and EMS services during emergencies. These upgrades will ensure that first responders can work together more effectively and will increase their capability to respond to emergencies.

"I'm proud to announce to-

day that I've secured federal funding for South Plainfield to modernize its emergency operations. The COVID-19 pandemic showed just how important our first responders are to our communities, and this funding will help them respond to emergencies more quickly," said Pallone. "I'm looking forward to seeing this project move through the legislative process."

"I am pleased the United States Congress recognized the need to allocate funds for South Plainfield's Emergency Operations Center," said South Plainfield Mayor Anesh. "Congressman Pallone's Office and the South Plainfield Police worked well together to secure this Homeland Security grant to ensure the Borough's 911 Communication Infrastructure continues to remain state-of-the-art for the safety and well-being of South Plainfield's residents."

Pallone Secures \$640,000 for Monmouth University to Educate Entrepreneurs from Underserved Communities

Press Release 6/17/22
WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that he secured federal funding for Monmouth University in the Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services spending bill for Fiscal Year 2023. The House is expected to vote on the underlying legislation in the coming months.

Monmouth University will receive \$640,000 to educate entrepreneurs from underserved communities in Central New Jersey. The University will use the funding to establish a program at its Center for Entrepreneurship through the Leon Hess Business School that will focus on developing, educating, and accelerating entrepreneurs with a particular focus on communities in need.

"I'm proud to announce today that I've secured federal funding for Monmouth University to support educational opportunities for underserved communities. This funding will help educate the next generation of entrepreneurs from communities in need and strengthen our state's economy in the process," said Pallone. "I'm looking forward to seeing this project move through the legislative process."

"Monmouth University is very appreciative of the support and confidence from Congressman Pallone," said Monmouth University President Patrick Leahy. "This funding would be used to support budding and aspiring entrepreneurs through educational offerings committed to achieving social and economic progress."

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING CONSOLIDATED PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY PROGRAM YEAR 2021

Notice is hereby provided that the City of Perth Amboy, NJ has completed its draft of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2021 Program Year for the Community Development Block Grant CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership programs. This report contains information including: 1) summary of the resources and accomplishments, 2) status of actions taken during the year to implement the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan, and 3) evaluation of the progress made during the year in addressing identified priority needs and objectives.

This report is available to the public for review in the City's website www.perthamboynj.org and at the Office of Economic and Community Development located at 260 High St., Perth Amboy NJ 08861. As required by HUD, the CAPER will be available for a 30 days public comment period as of Monday, July 18, 2022, during which time the public is invited to address written comments to: Maritza C. Rodriguez, Coordinator of Federal and State Aide, Office of Economic and Community Development at microdriguez@perthamboynj.org.

The City will also hold a public hearing for citizens desiring to comment on the CAPER report on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. via a phone and ZOOM meeting due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and following the social distancing guidelines.

OECD Zoom is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Consolidated Plan Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)- FY 2021
Time: Jul 27, 2022 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Perth Amboy intends to submit the final 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on Friday, August 26, 2022.

Thank you.

Helmin J. Caba,
Mayor

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Pallone Secures \$500,000 for Metlar-Bodine House Museum Historic Site Project in Piscataway

Press Release 6/22/22
WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that he secured \$500,000 for the Metlar-Bodine House Museum Historic Site Project in the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Environment spending bill for Fiscal Year 2023. The House is expected to vote on the underlying legislation in the coming months.

The funding will be used to complete the final phase of an extensive restoration project for the museum, including construction of the Forever the 4th gallery that will feature the Ross Hall Wall and other important historic treasures. The museum is listed on the state and national registered historic sites and highlights the rich history of Middlesex County through a collection of local memorabilia and architecture.

"I'm proud to announce that the Metlar-Bodine House Museum will receive funding to help complete construction of a new Forever the 4th educational wing for the museum. This

funding will make sure that our state's rich history is preserved for future generations, including the treasured Ross Hall Wall," said Pallone. "I'm looking forward to seeing this project move through the legislative process, and I can't wait to visit the museum after the renovation is complete."

"Congressman Pallone is bringing history to life with this funding," said Mayor Brian C. Wahler. "Because of his help, future generations of Americans will be able to gaze at the same decorative wall as General Washington and other Revolutionary luminaries as they enjoyed the first national Fourth of July celebration in Piscataway."

"This is wonderful news. The Township of Piscataway and the fellowship for Metlar House have been waiting 22 years to give this Revolutionary War relic a home. The funding Congressman Pallone has helped to secure will soon make this a reality," said Junelynn Sadlowski, Executive Director of the Metlar-Bodine House. "Some have said that the Ross Hall Wall is

just as historically significant as the Liberty Bell, and the National Park Service designated it an American treasure in September 2021. With America's 250th birthday in 2026, it is important for this incredible artifact to finally be on exhibit. These funds will make this happen. Museum volunteers, staff, and members of the fellowship are over-joyed and thankful for Congressman Pallone's efforts."

Ross Hall served as headquarters for the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. The Ross Hall Wall is a parlor wall that was part of the room where General George Washington wrote the order for the first national celebration of the Fourth of July. It is the only part of the original building that exists today.

Ads Sell!
Call Carolyn!
732-896-4446

Woodbridge Public Library Events

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

All of our programs this month will be in-person!

July 20 | 3:30PM | Main Library (In-person) DIY Beach Bag

Join us in-person to create your own DIY Beach Bag. All Supplies will be provided. Open to Adults and Teens (13+). Registration Required—

July 26 | 7PM | Virtual Program Meditation: The Path to a Sustainable Life

Learn how meditation tunes us to the greater harmonies of Nature. Please join Jim Rose for this enlightening workshop on meditation. All participants will have a firsthand experience of the bliss and joy available within each of us. Registration Required—<https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13006&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/07/01>

July 28 | 6:30PM | Fords Library (In-person) Adult Craft Night

Come to the Fords Library and receive supplies to make your on craft! Find out more details when you register. Registration Required—<https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12615&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/07/01>

Movies at Main | Fridays at 2PM

Join us every Friday at 2PM to catch a free movie! This 6-week series is themed a Sea of Movies!

Iselin Saturday Movie Matinee!

Looking for something to do on a Saturday afternoon? Catch a movie once a month throughout the summer at 1PM.

Thank you for your support!

Woodbridge Library Programming Department
Woodbridge Public Library
1 George Frederick Plaza,
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095
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www.woodbridgelibrary.org
Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!

Thanksgiving In July Dinner Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks is hosting a Thanksgiving in July Dinner. The date is Thursday July 28th, 2022. 5:30 P.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.

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.

Oceans of Possibilities

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — Readers of all ages will dive into the ocean depths this summer as The Dowdell Library presents "Oceans of Possibilities. There are activities for everyone!

Adult programs will be held weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Programs include scrapbooking, making glass stem charms, and 3D pens. Tween and teen programs are every Tuesday at 1:00 pm and involve making a reading journal and sea serpent eyes. Children's programs are on Mondays & Wednesdays; times vary. Activities include Storytime, mermaid magnets, starfish crafts, and more! Visit Dowdell.org for information about all of these and other fun summer programs or stop in and pick up your summer calendar!

Registration is now open for the free Introduction to Watercolor Painting class. Local artist and illustrator Cella Mahoney will teach a hands-on class where patrons will learn the basics of watercolor painting. The July class will be held on the 11th, 18th, & 25th from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. The August class will be held on Monday the 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 6:15 – 8:15 pm. Preference will be given to South Amboy residents. To register, you must be able to attend all three sessions. Call the Library at 732-721-6060 for more information and to register.

If you want to learn more about watercolor painting or our guest artist Cella Mahoney, visit the Library on August 16 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm for the Artist-at-Work program! Cella will be set up inside the front of the library painting. You will have the opportunity to visit and ask her questions while watching her work come to life in real-time! To view Cella's work or learn more about her passion, visit <https://cellabellaiillustration.com> or follow her on Instagram at @cellabella_illustration.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Tuesday, July 26, at 10:30 am. July's book is The Great Gatsby by Scott Fitzgerald. Looking ahead August's book is Malibu Rising by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Contact the Library for more information.

The Food Explorers Club is a new summer program for ages 5-14. Children will explore the art of cooking while making fun & easy recipes. Join us Friday, July 15 at 1:00 pm and make an English Muffin Pizza. Patrons must register in advance by calling 732-721-6060.

Test your knowledge about all things ocean at Trivia Night (ages 18+) on Thursday, July 28 at 6:00 pm. You can also guess the name of the fish swimming on the Circulation Desk starting July 1 through August 24. Win prizes for both!

Dowdell Library is excited to share online virtual health programs in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health. Some courses offered in July include Stress Reduction through Imagery and Stretch It! Chair exercising, stretching, and flexibility workshop. If you are interested in these online events, please register by emailing Kathleen Johnson kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org.

The Library will be closed Monday, July 4. We hope everyone has a safe and fun Holiday!

Looking ahead: Join us for What's It Worth? Antique Roadshow with Mike Ivankovich August 4 at 6:30. Then, don't miss the Outdoor Music concert featuring New Jersey's Premier Rock Band, The Paul Nagy Project. Tuesday, August 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Rain date on August 23. Bring your beach chairs and enjoy the summer air and good music!

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

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

PAHS 35th Class of 1987 Reunion

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

Comprehensive Family Reading Club

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library and Learning w/ Leigh are teaming up to provide a comprehensive family reading club that not only exposes families to various works of literature but provides resources to work on language arts skills for six weeks during the summer. The purpose of the club is for the whole family to sit down together and listen to, then discuss, the book of the week. Afterwards, families can choose to participate in the accompanying literary activity.

Enrolling in the family reading club provides access to the weekly story readings via zoom as well as a google classroom full of resources and guides to assist parents and students alike in maintaining and building language arts skills. The cost to enroll is \$35 for all six weeks for all members of the household. The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library has generously arranged a 5% discount for all Perth Amboy community members that utilize the coupon code FOLPerthAmboy. Coupon code will be valid on all summer zoom classes offered through Learning w/ Leigh, however the Friends group highly encourages Perth Amboy residents to enroll in the Family Reading Club.

<https://learningwleigh.com/products/family-reading-club-summer-2022>

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.

For more information email us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com, or call us at 201-381-1903 and like us on Facebook. Dealers are welcome. We are also welcoming new members.

Ringing of the Liberty Bell, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy, 7/4/22
**Photos by Chris Dyke, Katherine Massopust*



Firing the Cannon



Procession to City Hall Circle



Smoke from the Cannon



Perth Amboy Fire Department



Anton Massopust III
Council President Bill Petrick



City Historian John K. Dyke



City Historian John K. Dyke
Pastor Carlos Flores
Perth Amboy Police Chaplain
Corps. Invocation



Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez
Congressman Frank Pallone
Cmdr American Legion Post #45
Harry Scheman



Thomas Foy
Perth Amboy Catholic Schools
Pledge to the Flag



Javier Cruz PAFD
National Anthem



Mayor Helmin Caba



Asm. Speaker Craig Coughlin



Congressman Frank Pallone



Helen Kovaleski
Perth Amboy Catholic Schools
Declaration of Independence



Harry Scheman
Cmdr. American Legion Post #45
Declaration of Independence



Betty Crews
Royal Garden Club by the Bay
Declaration of Independence



Miguel Arocho
Pepino Social Club
Declaration of Independence



Melvin Ramos
1683 Society
Declaration of Independence



Fife & Drum



Dorothy Carty-Daniel
Chair Perth Amboy Housing Authority
Congressional Resolution



Mayor Helmin Caba rings the
Liberty Bell



Daniree Gutierrez, Vocalist
God Bless America



Fr. Martin Vavurak
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THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Central New Jersey Regional Chamber of Commerce--New President, New Kickstart for Growth Monroe Township, NJ—The CNJRCC announces a new president to its board and fresh plans to enhance benefits for increased membership. Milton J. Paris, long-time member of the chamber and 50 years in sales consulting with his own business, Getting Ahead In Business, has taken the reins of the steadily growing chamber to inject innovative ideas for further growth. In addition to its monthly business luncheons, Milton and the board are working with different community venues to offer educational, social, and fundraising activities to attract new business members, expand networking opportunities, and stimulate local consumerism. Currently, the CNJRCC services communities such as Monroe, Jamesburg, Spotswood, and Helmetta but endeavors to expand its reach to a broader area of Middlesex County.

Milton Paris comments, “This can only promote more opportunities for our members to get their businesses in front of as many potential clients as possible. As we grow in this way it is my belief that we will be able to expand our service to a broader area of New Jersey with ever-growing economic needs. My business motto has always been ‘Nothing is Impossible’ and that goes for our chamber!”

Any industry, large or small is welcome to become a part of the CNJRCC. For more information about membership or to subscribe for events news go to: Benefits – Central New Jersey Regional Chamber of Commerce (cnjrchamber.org). Signup for Updates – Central New Jersey Regional Chamber of Commerce (cnjrchamber.org) Milton J. Paris, President and Founder of Getting Ahead In Business has been helping businesses grow for over 40 years. As a sales training guru and motivational speaker Milton’s motto is, “Nothing is impossible working with Milton Paris.” In addition to helping owners increase their sales, Milton hosts a weekly business talk radio show at FOX SPORTS NEW JERSEY 93.5FM/1450AM every Sunday from 11 am- 12 noon.

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 COUNTY - 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@casaofmiddlesexcounty.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
July 20, 1862 – August 2, 1862
By Phil Kohn

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

Union cavalry surprises Col. John Hunt Morgan’s Confederate raiders at Owensville, Kentucky, on July 20, 1862. The Southerners are forced to scatter, and the Federals capture horses and supplies. In the Far West, a third detachment of the Federal California Column — five companies of infantry — departs Tucson and heads eastward toward the Rio Grande.

July 21 sees a fourth detachment of the California Column head east from Tucson. This time two infantry companies and an artillery battery make the trip. In the East, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman takes command of the District of Memphis (Tennessee).

The U.S. and Confederate governments on July 22 establish the Dix-Hill Cartel (named for the army officers on each side who signed the agreement) for the exchange of prisoners. Exchanges are to take place at two locations: Aiken’s Landing, near Dutch Gap, Virginia, and Vicksburg, Mississippi. Previous prisoner exchanges were typically sporadic, *ad hoc* arrangements between opposing field commanders. In Washington, D.C., President Lincoln presents a draft of his intended Emancipation Proclamation to the members of his Cabinet, surprising most of them. It proposes that as of January 1, 1863, slaves in all states then in rebellion would be freed. After some discussion, President Lincoln agrees with Secretary of State Seward’s suggestion that the pronouncement not be made public until after a Federal military victory.

In the Far West, the fifth and last large detachment of the California Column — five infantry companies — departs Tucson and heads eastward on July 23. In the East, Maj. Gen. John Pope, adding to his already highly restrictive orders, announces that any disloyal citizens within the jurisdiction of his Federal Army of Virginia are to be arrested, risking seizure and destruction of their property. In Tennessee, Confederates under Gen. Braxton Bragg continue moving toward Chattanooga from Tupelo, Mississippi.

Skirmishing occurs between Federal and Confederate forces near Brown’s Spring, Missouri, on July 27.

The governors of Arkansas, Louisiana, (Confederate) Missouri and Texas on July 28 send a joint appeal to President Davis in Richmond for a commanding general for their region, as well as money, armaments and ammunition.

On July 29, the Confederate raider *CSS Alabama*, commanded by Capt. Raphael Semmes, sets sail from Liverpool, England. U.S. authorities in Great Britain have tried for months to prevent the ship’s departure, but to no avail. Between September 1862 and June 1864, *Alabama* will capture 69 U.S.-flagged prize ships. In Warrenton, Virginia, a woman named Belle Boyd is arrested by Federal soldiers, accused of being a Confederate spy and courier, and sent to the Old Capital Prison, in Washington, D.C.

Maj. Gen. Henry Halleck, now general-in-chief of the U.S. Army, on July 30 orders Maj. Gen. George McClellan to remove his sick and wounded soldiers from Harrison’s Landing, Virginia. Halleck’s ultimate intention is to move the entire Army of the Potomac back towards Washington, D.C., and northern Virginia. Acceding to the request of four western governors, the Confederate War Department appoints Maj. Gen. Theophilus Holmes as commandant of the Trans-Mississippi Department. The 58-year-old, partially deaf West Point graduate from North Carolina had been dismissed by Gen. Robert E. Lee for poor performance during the Seven Days Battles around Richmond, but Holmes’s friend, Jefferson Davis, revives his career with this posting.

Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg and Brig. Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith meet in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on July 31 to make plans for a campaign. Smith is to take the Cumberland Gap — a pass in the Cumberland Mountains within the Appalachians near the junction of Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee — then join Bragg in a united campaign based out of Chattanooga. In Richmond, reacting to Union Maj. Gen. Pope’s Draconian orders to civilians in the vicinity of his troops, President Jefferson Davis issues orders that any commissioned officers captured from Pope’s Army of Virginia are to be treated as felons rather than prisoners of war. Davis says he regrets threatening such retaliation on the officers, but notes that Pope has put them in the position of being “robbers and murderers.”

Col. Joseph Porter leads his roughly 400 Confederate guerrillas in an attack on Newark, in north-eastern Missouri, on August 1. The 75-man Federal garrison is surprised and capitulates quickly. Though the military captives are treated well, the town is put to the torch with homes and businesses looted.

Orange Court House, Virginia, is seized by Federal troops of Maj. Gen. John Pope’s Army of Virginia on August 2. Several Confederate cavalry regiments that had been holding the town are ousted.

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**

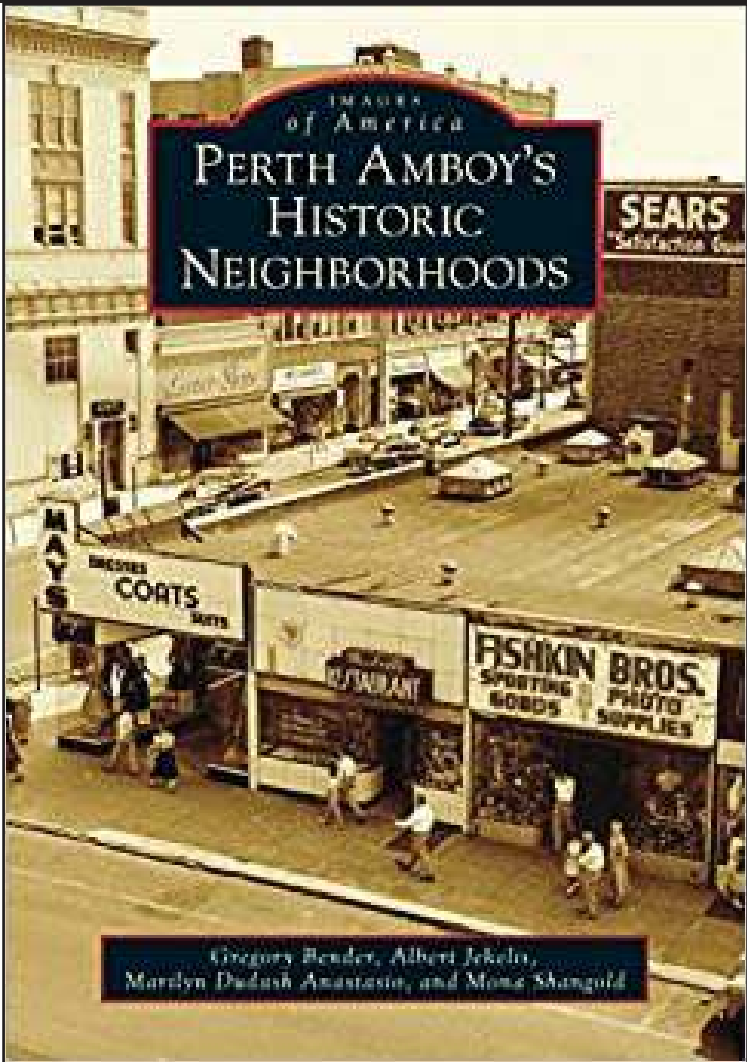
Museum Passes available: •American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY | free admission and 1 free exhibit or show •Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, New York, NY | pass admits 4 people (2 adults; 2 children).

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.

Sponsored by the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. www.folperthamboy.com For more information, please call the Perth Amboy Free Public Library: 732-826-2600.

Book Review: Images of America:
Historic Neighborhoods of Perth Amboy



By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – Arcadia Publishing’s Perth Amboy’s Historic Neighborhoods is a trip down memory lane. The Four Authors give accounts to the many old neighborhoods, their locations and history through a series of vintage photographs labeled through time. It’s a fun read of ever changing Perth Amboy.
If you live or ever lived in Perth Amboy, the book is full of pleasant memories and nostalgia of days gone by. These never before published photographs offer a fresh look to the history of Perth Amboy.
If you love nostalgia and are interested in Historic Perth Amboy, this book is a definite add to your bookshelf.

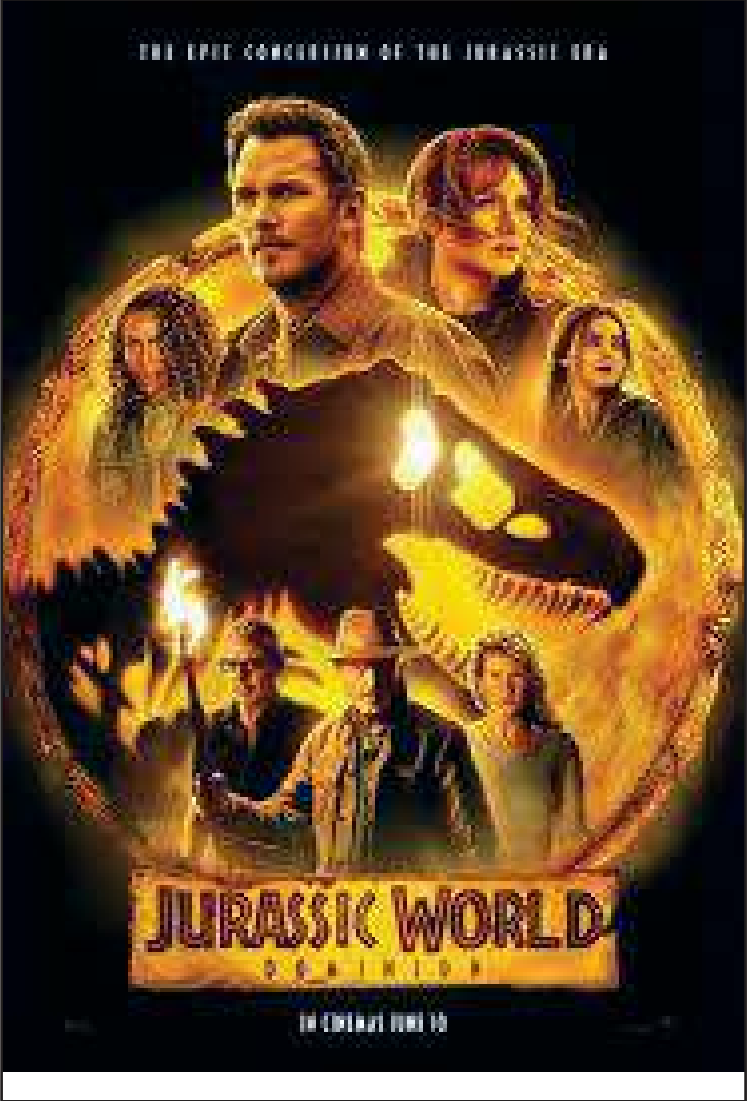
New Local History Book
Perth Amboy's Historic Neighborhoods
By Gregory Bender, Albert Jekelis, Marilyn Dudash Anastasio, and Mona Shangold. Available: Monday, May 9, 2022

PERTH AMBOY
About the Book
Perth Amboy, New Jersey, has always been a wonderful and unique place in which to live. Centrally located in New Jersey on Raritan Bay, the city has a deepwater seaport, a marina, white sand beaches, many historical landmarks, and proximity to New York City. The residences, businesses, and industries intertwined in each neighborhood gave the areas their own identities. Industrialization and immigration changed the land and lifestyle of its residents. As immigrants moved into areas with those of similar ancestry and culture, their descendants studied, worked, and played with people from other cultural backgrounds. The resulting assimilation created a strong, unified community in which all Perth Amboy residents accepted, respected, and celebrated their diversity without racial, religious, or ethnic disharmony.
About the Author
Born and raised in Perth Amboy, Gregory Bender, Albert Jekelis, Marilyn Dudash Anastasio, and Mona Shangold are proud members of the Perth Amboy High School class of 1964. Although they have retired from their primary careers (in engineering, science, education, and medicine, respectively), their interest in and passion for Perth Amboy have not diminished. They prepared this book to share their images, knowledge, and appreciation of Perth Amboy’s history, landmarks, and unique features.



Movie Review: Jurassic World: Dominion

By: Anton Massopust III
“So, you made a promise to a dinosaur,” Dr. Ian Malcolm.
Jurassic Park returns to the big screen and engages some of the subjects that are happening today. It also has plenty of action and adventure. This new film picks up right where Jurassic Park: Fallen Kingdom ended. The park is gone due to a volcanic explosion. And now dinosaurs are everywhere on every continent in every city in every town in every corner of the Earth. There's a new company that designed a sanctuary for the dinosaurs. They use the same technology that dinosaurs were created from to fight diseases and create a new form of grain. For the Dinosaurs it is a Safe Haven so nobody bothers them, and they can be studied and can live in peace. Owen Grady (Chris Pratt) and his girlfriend Claire Dearing (Bryce Dallas Howard) are keeping a young girl Maisie Lockwood (Isabella Sermon) safe from Biosyn, a company who want to harness her DNA and get her genetic code because she is connected not only to the dinosaurs but because she is a clone of the granddaughter of Hammond (Richard Attenborough) who created the park. She is some kind of scientific miracle and Doctor Grant (Sam Neill) and his girlfriend Ellie (Laura Dern) get involved in this because giant prehistoric locusts are genetically engineered by Biosyn to eat only the grain from the competition of rival farms. They are behind this and creating a worldwide famine so that everyone will be pressured to buy from them.
The old cast in the new cast from both Jurassic Park franchises join together to rescue the girl and find Blue’s



(one of the Raptors) baby. Of course, we'll see plenty of new dinosaurs including an Allosaurus who fights a Tyrannosaurus Rex and an Archaeopteryx. Add a huge dinosaur that's a vegetarian with huge claws. I like the environmental message they are using throughout these movies, and they touch on exactly what's going on today because of all the things that are going on at the grocery store.
Chris Pratt is very funny and has always been a great action hero. Doctor Grant and the rest of the cast are great, including Malcolm (Jeff Goldblum) who had all the funny lines as he usually does. And of course, those great special effects and a huge dinosaur fight. What kid (or a kid at heart) doesn't want to see that? It's hard to believe that the first Jurassic Park came out so long ago (1993) and the special effects have so much improved to make it seem like dinosaurs are back from the prehistoric past. There isn't much on plot here, but that's not we don't go see these movies. There’s plenty of dinosaurs and action. Go and see it because it is a lot of fun, and maybe beforehand introduce your family to the new and old Jurassic Park.

Anton Knows:
A Review of Pop Culture



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



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8-20-2022 BOURRE ATLANTIC CITY N.J
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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.

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

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville is looking for vendors for its annual Flea Market. This year it will be held on Saturday September 10, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The rain date is September 17, 2022. The cost of a space is \$20.00 for one space and \$30.00 for two. There is a limited number of tables available for another \$8.00. For more information, please contact the church at 732-257-6353 or churchoffice172@optimum.net. We have been continually growing this flea market over a number of years and would love to add you to our event.

Resorts Casino Trip Good Shepherd Seniors

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City Tuesday, August 2, 2022. Cost is \$35 with \$15 back in play. Bus leaves our parking lot at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please call Connie at 732-442-4978.

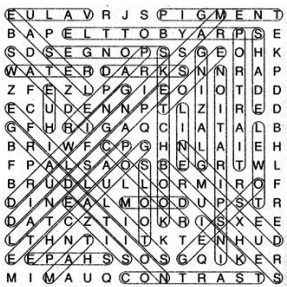
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San Salvador Seniors
PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City, on Thursday, August 4, 2022. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephen's Church (St. John Paul II) Parking Lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy at 11 a.m. Cost: \$35 per person; \$15 back in slot play. For more information, call Joe at 732-826-0819. Masks are required to be worn on the bus.
Please note there will be no A.C. Bus Trip in September.
You Must Reserve Your Seat! You must pay before you board the bus.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!



Answers From Puzzle On Page 17



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Image of what the Warren Home looked like during the very early 20th Century. This predates the Knights of Columbus. Temple Beth Mordecai has yet to be built on the right.

**Photo Courtesy of John K. Dyke, Perth Amboy City Historian*

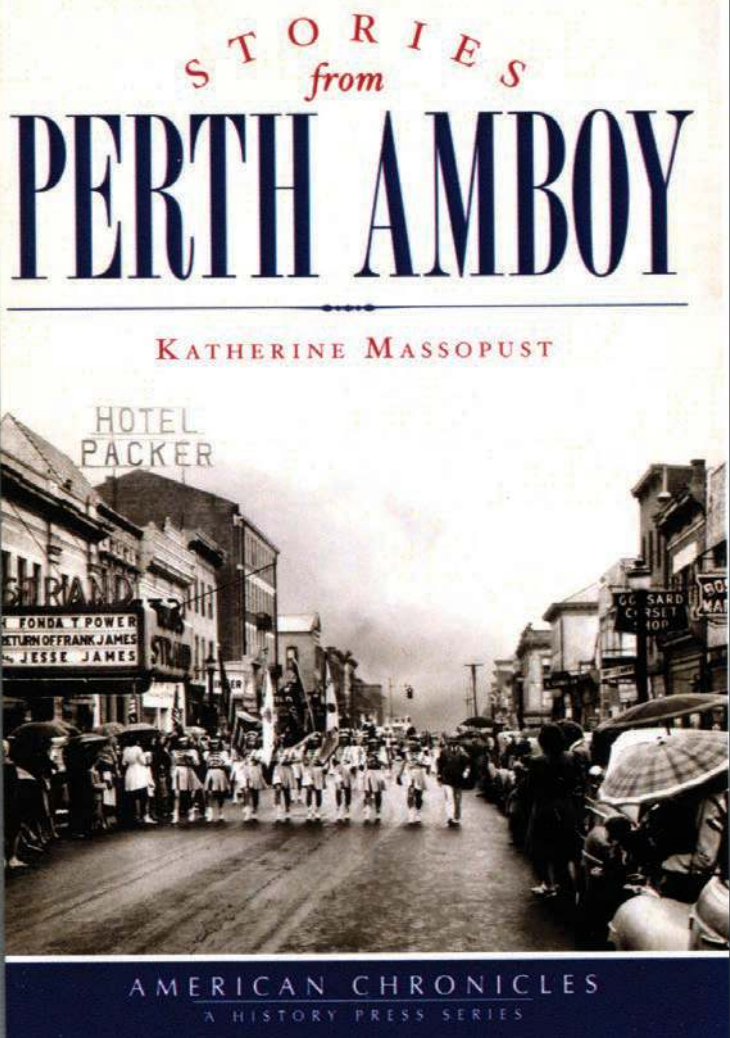
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THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY LAUNCHES ANNUAL SINGING COMPETITION
"The Voice" with a special performance by the Perth Amboy High School Class of 1981
cast of "Godspell."

PERTH AMBOY NJ – The City of Perth Amboy's Community Theatre kicks off summer with an exciting showcase scheduled for Friday, July 29, 2022, at the William Warren Park Amphitheater, Florida Grove Road, Woodbridge, NJ.

"The Voice," an annual singing competition based on the American televised franchise, sets to feature aspiring vocalists drawn from Perth Amboy and the surrounding communities to be judged on their performance with the chance of being the next "Voice winner."

Following "the Voice," the original cast from Perth Amboy High School Class of 1981's "Godspell" will perform songs from the play.

"Better than a high school reunion! After 40 years, original cast members of the Class of 1981. Perth Amboy High School's Godspell musical reunites in a showcase benefit performance. Entrance free. Donations welcome." –Anita Dowd, Perth Amboy Community Theatre Director

**ADMISSION IS FREE.
BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND BLANKETS.**

Contact (732) 826-1690 ext. 4305 or by email at pact.org.group@gmail.com for more information about the show.




Photo: Perth Amboy Community Theatre Meet & Greet held on May 2, 2022, at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy

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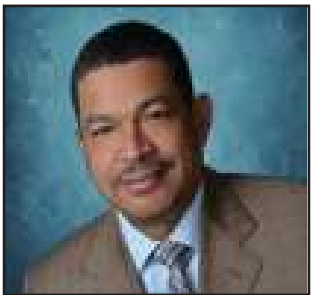
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Juneteenth Flag Raising, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy, 5/30/22 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Pride Flag Raising, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy, 6/23/22 *Photos by Paul W. Wang





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