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## Perth Amboy Police Department Swearing in and Promotion Ceremony Perth Amboy High School, 8/11/22



PERTH AMBOY - On 8/11/22, There was a formal ceremony swearing in of over 30 police officers. Mayor Helmin Caba gave the Oath of Office to Larry Cattano who was sworn in as Police Chief. The following officers were promoted: Captain Eddie Padilla, Captain Panagiotis Bouileris, Lieutenant Nicholas Millroy, Lieutenant Joseph Sassine, Lieutenant Marcos A. Valera, Lieutenant Emma Cabrera, Sergeant Jessica DeJesus, Sergeant Michael Bucior, Sergeant Luis A Corro, Sergeant Tyrone Burch II, Sergeant Manuel Lopez. The following were sworn in as Police Officers: Police Officer Daisy Arocho, Police Officer Gilberto Luis Arocho, Police Officer Juan Chavarry, Police Officer Ismael F. Capellan Cruz, Police Officer Gregory M. Cruz, Police Officer Kyle L. Savoia, Police Officer Julius A. Madden, Police Officer Bobby A. Minaya, Police Officer Kevin J. Morillo-Collado, Police Officer Patricio A. Nova-Diaz, Police Officer Claribel Peralta, Police Officer Adrian Reynoso, Police Officer Bryan J. Rodriguez, Police Officer Jayson Sanchez, Police Officer Victor D. Torres, Police Officer Pablo C. Vargas, Police Officer Matthew Vazquez. The following were sworn in as Special Officer 1: Special Officer 1 Isais Ayala-Soto, Special Officer 1 Brandon Barreto, Special Officer 1 Daniel O. Franco, Special Officer 1 Ramon E. Nunez, Special Officer 1 Xavier R. Rivera, Special Officer 1 Brandon Rodriguez, Special Officer 1 Maria F. Schrls. Hon. Mayor Helmin Caba (Center) Congratulations! *\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



Jesus Martinez - Retired PAPD Detective was Master of Ceremonies  
*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



Pastor Dr. Michael Leach Perth Amboy Police Chaplain Corps gave the Invocation  
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Members of the PAPD salute the flag during the singing of the National Anthem by PAPD Officer Julius Madden (Far Right) *\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



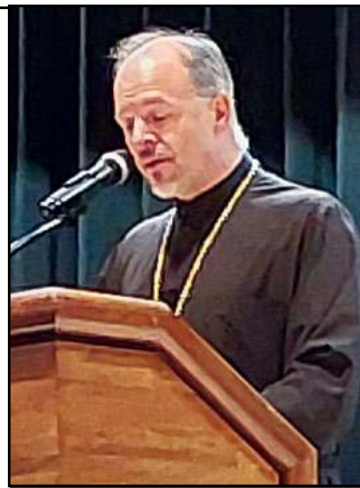
Mayor Helmin Caba administers the oath of office for Chief of Police to Larry Cattano as his wife Denise holds the bible and his family looks on.

*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



Chief of Police Larry Cattano gives some remarks

*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



Fr. Michael Chendorain gives the benediction

*\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*



Councilwoman Milady Tejeda, Councilwoman Rose Morales, Council President Bill Petrick. Councilman Joel Pabon also attended  
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# Unresolved Issues Addressed

## 8/8/22 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – There was a lengthy conversation on Ordinance No. 1 – (No public discussion) – Adoption of an Ordinance creating a Inclusionary Zoning of the Municipal Code requiring all applicable developments to include a Mandatory On-Site Affordable Housing Set Aside. A public hearing was held on June 8, 2022.

Council President Petrick questioned if the administration went to court to say they wanted to do this deal.

Law Director William Opel responded, “The city initiated this, and they need the guidance, so they didn’t lose control of this deal.”

Petrick continued, “Why would we have a need for affordable housing. Former Mayor Vas had taken a lot of money from other cities and gave it to Perth Amboy which would have satisfied our obligation for affordable housing for the next 20 years.”

Opel said, “We have a number of benefits that will come with this ordinance.”

Petrick wasn’t satisfied, “It looks like developers are steering the ship when it comes to affordable housing.”

Opel then stated, “This will satisfy our affordable housing obligation.”

Petrick then said, “I heard other towns are fighting against this.”

Opel then explained, “I was not involved with other cities filing lawsuits (involving building more affordable housing).”

Petrick then asked, “Are we paying for professional advice regarding affordable housing?”

Business Administrator Michael Greene responded, “This ordinance will set aside money for rehabilitation of certain properties.”

Opel then further commented, “It will not be used for ETC upcoming projects.”

Petrick then asked, “What about the new properties that Kushner wants to put up?”

Opel responded, “They will be included.”

Petrick continued, “I know there is a need for apartments which developers are pushing for. There was a developer who constructed 16 single family homes which sold very quickly. Multi-family buildings will affect our water resources negatively.”

Greene spoke up again, “The money collected from this ordinance can be used for rehabilitating of some of the HUD buildings.”

Leslie London from the Law Firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann spoke up via Zoom. “Part of this ordinance will include a spending plan and a rehabilitation plan. You control how the money is spent that you collect.”

A woman who works in the same law firm also spoke via Zoom gave more input, “This ordinance also includes administration fees and rehabilitation for low and moderate income households. Some people will be eligible for rental assistance,

especially with hardship cases. Some of the units will have improved energy efficient units (HVAC).”

Petrick then asked, “Will the developer recoup any money for making those improvements?”

The woman was unsure about that.

London spoke up and stated, “The money will go to the owners of those units and not to the developers.”

Petrick asked, “Will GCP&H be the agent to help the city with this?”

Councilman Joel Pabon (who participated via Zoom) said, “Opel was hard to hear, but the other people who spoke on Zoom were crystal clear.”

Council President Petrick then asked about Ordinance No. 2- (No public discussion) – Amending Section 430, Zoning and Land Development to create affordable housing. Public Hearing was held on June 8, 2022. “Is it a sister ordinance to the one we just spoke about?”

Opel replied, “Yes.”

Petrick had a problem with Ordinance No. 2 (Public Hearing) – Regarding NEWSRACKS (Regulating the placement in public streets, sidewalks, and outdoor spaces).

“Is this a violation of First Amendment Rights? One of these newspaper owners said it would be a financial hardship for them. The mayor told that owner that would be taken care of. If this ordinance is not going to be taken seriously, why put it on the agenda?” Petrick then talked about the bid for the Jefferson Street Parking Garage 2022 repairs. “I hope someone watches over this to make sure the work is done correctly.” He then asked Business Administrator Greene about a problem at Harborside Marina, “The slips are too small for some of the boats.”

Greene explained, “Due to a new Marine Director, we’ve had a company look at the current mooring, and many were unsafe. We had to refund money to some of those boat owners who used to be put in those moorings in the past. They decided to take a marina slip instead.”

Petrick continued, “Some of the boats are hanging over part of the walkway.”

Greene said he would look into that.

Councilman B.J. Torres asked for a breakdown of the \$3,860,000 in Ordinance No. 2 (first reading) – from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. This money will be used for the acquisition of various equipment in and by the city of Perth Amboy.

Greene gave a brief breakdown, “\$828,000 of it will be used for a cost of license plate readers.”

Torres then asked, “Will the city have their own lot when cars are towed instead of people having to go out of town to get their cars back?”

Greene responded, “We are looking at land for our own lots.”

B.J. Torres responded, “We should remove that amount un-

til we find land. A lot should come before license plate readers.”

Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to speak, “One has nothing to do with the other. The license plate reader will be used in case of stolen vehicles, car crashes. Right now, we can get 45 additional readers with part of this money which will cover our 4-square miles of land.”

Greene spoke up again, “The city would like to purchase our own lots.”

Petrick suggested, “We own a lot of land at the end of Fayette Street. Just get the equipment and level it out. We can use a vacant lot where the Academy Bus Company used to be. That lot can also be used to park police cars.”

Greene responded, “That would be a short-term solution for a long-term plan.”

Petrick then questioned Ordinance No. 3 (first reading) - \$650,000 of American Rescue Plan Funds for the replacement of all existing single-head meters throughout the city with compatible pay stations for the Parking Utility by and in the city of Perth Amboy.

Petrick stated, “I am against this. Woodbridge is putting in free parking. We are getting all this revenue – but at what cost?”

Greene said, “People pay for parking in Woodbridge.”

Petrick corrected Greene and said, “People pay for parking for the train station lot. Are we losing the ability to track more people to shop here if paying for parking is an issue?”

Greene explained, “These meters will be put in place where meters already exist.”

There was a discussion on Ordinance No. 6 (first reading) – Entitled, “Smoking and Lighted Objects.”

Greene explained, “These will be for cigarettes and cigars.”

Petrick spoke up, “I remember when Philip-Morris and other tobacco companies would testify in front of congress while they smoked to say there are no harmful effects from cigarettes. We should not be promoting smoking areas – especially with children playing in the parks. We have high asthma rates. We shouldn’t promote unhealthy habits as responsible adults.”

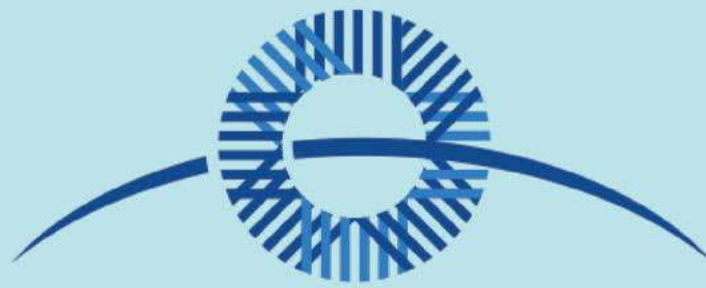
Councilman Pabon spoke via Zoom, “Why was this ordinance even brought up?”

Greene responded, “There are some parks where there is no smoking at all. Now, we are giving smokers access to smoke in some of the specific areas of parks and other areas.”

Pabon continued, “I never heard of this ever happening here before, or in any other cities. This is very surprising to me.”

B.J. Torres spoke up, “I piloted this ordinance. I saw people constantly smoking all kinds of paraphernalia. Not everyone can smoke in their homes or in their rental communities. This will give everyone a chance to smoke, but only in designated





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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Those Pesky Lanternflies



According to nj.gov: Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula*, is an invasive planthopper native to China, India, and Vietnam; it is also established in South Korea, Japan and the U.S. It was first discovered in the U.S. in Pennsylvania in Berks County in 2014 and has spread to other counties in PA, as well as the states of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, New York, Connecticut and Ohio. This insect has the potential to greatly impact agricultural crops and hardwood trees. SLF feeds on the plant sap of many different plants including grapevines, maples, black walnut, and other important plants in NJ. While it does not harm humans or animals, it can reduce the quality of life for people living in heavily infested areas.

How to get rid of the Spotted Lanternfly:

If you look all over the internet, there are many suggestions on how to get rid of the Spotted Lanternfly. It is recommended to contact the New Jersey Department of Agriculture about Spotted Lanternfly sightings. 609-406-6943 or email slf-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov

The SLF have gotten to be so invasive, and all over the place. It is recommended to kill any Spotted Lanternfly on sight.

Recommended Methods of killing the Spotted Lanternfly (This information is from PlanetPrinceton.com by Krystal Knapp August 21, 2020)

- Stomp or squish the bugs with a fly swatter or wiffle ball bat.
- Spray with insecticidal soap.
- Spray with rubbing alcohol and water (you can add dish soap)
- Catch them in a plastic bottle.
- Wrap your tree with sticky paper or duct tape – Spray your tree with water and the bugs will go on the sticky paper.
- Use sticky paper at least 4’ off the ground all over the place
- Spray weeds vinegar
- \*Plant Milkweed – The Spotted Lanternflies are attracted to Milkweed because is a similar plant from Asia, but Milkweed is poisonous to them. Monarch Butterfly Caterpillars eat Common Milkweed so you also will be helping the Monarch Butterfly.
- Table Salt at close range
- Kill Spotted Lanternfly Eggs
- It is also recommended to scrape off the eggs which are usually laid out on tree bark and the undersides of branches - sometimes on rocks and flat surfaces. It is recommended to use a credit card to scrape the eggs and put the eggs in a container filled with alcohol.

These pests are getting all over the place. There are sightings on the beaches, they are all over gardens, trees, etc. Remember - Kill a spotted lanternfly upon sighting one.

Hopefully with everyone working together, we can eliminate these invasive insect pests. K.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Missing Person: Hector Gonzalez

My brother, Hector Gonzalez, of 177 Market Street Perth Amboy went missing out of the town on 7/22. His phone has been turned off and no contact has been made. Detective Rosado, 732-324-3872 has been as-

signed to the case and any info can be given to him.

Sincerely, April Gonzalez

Ed. Note: Hector Gonzales body was later found and identified. No further information is available.



Speaker Coughlin LSP on the Caven Point Protection Bill

Speaker Coughlin should stop blocking protection for Liberty State Park. The NJ Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously and with bipartisan approval recently moved the Caven Point Protection Bill out of committee. The bill would keep a rich estuarine ecosystem, located at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, as natural habitat. It is important to many migrating and nesting birds along the Atlantic Flyway, and it is a source of in-

spiration for many park goers. However, once again, there is fear Speaker Coughlin will not help move on the legislation in the assembly. The original Liberty State Protection Act was approved by the senate only to never come up for a vote in the assembly. It was replaced with another bill that omitted key protections from the original protection act, leaving the park vulnerable to privatization and commercialization. This has resulted in a grass roots effort by the community who uses the park, their elected officials, and environmental groups across the state to obtain legislative protection for the most critically sensitive environmental areas, such as the Caven Point Peninsula.

Let me be clear. Our elected officials in the 19th Legislative District, representing Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy, and Woodbridge should not be blocking legislation that conserves critical ecosystems already in our state park system, protects such natural habitat from a history of attempted redevelopment schemes, and does not add one penny to the taxpayers of the State of New Jersey. We need to stand with our fellow New Jerseyans and urge Assemblyman Coughlin to support the Caven Point Protection Bill.

Regards, Chris Smiga

Happy Anniversary Americans With Disabilities Act

Let us all celebrate the 32nd Anniversary for the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) signed into law by former President George H. W. Bush Senior on July 26, 1990. This coincides with the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration announced a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on July

27th. This is an opportunity for New Jersey Transit and other transit agencies around the nation to apply for a share of the \$343 million under the new national competitive All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP). Funds can be used to pay for station rehabilitation work including elevators, ramps, along with visual or audible aids to assist riders in accessing the system. The deadline to apply is September 30,2022. The program will total \$1.75 billion over five years. Here are two more ways NJ Transit can obtain financial support to pay

for bringing more stations into compliance. NJ Transit receives almost \$1 billion in annual assistance from various Federal Transit Administration grant funding programs. Why not ask any major business, college or hospital who benefit from subway stations adjacent to their facility to sponsor installation of elevator(s). Let them split the cost 50% with NJ Transit in exchange for naming rights to the elevator(s).

Sincerely, Larry Penner

9-11 Remembrance Day Issue is Coming up On September 7, 2022 Deadline: September 2, 2022 Please take advantage of Our Special Advertising Rates!

PAHS Class of 1962 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The time has come for us to celebrate our 60th Year Reunion of the Perth Amboy High School Class of 1962. A time where we can gather together, cherish the memories and enjoy being with one another again. The date of the reunion is Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27 (Lincoln Highway), Edison, NJ 08817 (Phone 732-287-2222).

- We anticipate a full afternoon of fun and making new memories:
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Welcome
  - 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Cocktail Hour-Beer and Wine Open Bar (Cash Bar available 12 noon-5 p.m.)
  - 1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Class Photo
  - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Deluxe Pines Manor Buffet including soft drinks, coffee, dessert
  - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Four Hours of Entertainment with DJ Dr. Dan.

The price for our afternoon of fun and friendship is \$90.00 for those replying by September 1. Guests are welcome at the same price. After September 1, the price will be \$100.00. DEADLINE FOR ALL RESPONSES IS SEPTEMBER 10.

We hope you can attend this celebration, dedicated to you, the members, and guests of the Perth Amboy High School Class of 1962!

A special Room Rate of \$109.00 (plus tax) is being offered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for those needing Overnight accommodations. Please call the hotel directly at 732-287-3500.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again! Sincerely, Karen Karczewski Degnan & Your Reunion Committee email: kldegan@aol.com

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WED. Aug. 17 City Council, Regular, 6 p.m.  
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WED. Sept. 7 City Council, Regular, 6 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway

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**Perth Amboy Catholic School's Performance of Diney's Encanto, Perth Amboy 7/30/22 & 7/31/22**  
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# Unresolved Issues Addressed

## 8/8/22 Caucus

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areas. This will also isolate them away from families in the parks. With the drought, any flammables are dangerous, and smokers will be able to discard their materials in safe containers. It will not be appealing when children see these individuals being isolated."

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch spoke up next, "We had a concern from a resident who spoke about this."

Law Director Opel said, "State law allows us to designate smoking areas in public places."

Council President Petrick then asked, "Can we have a public shooting range?"

Opel responded, "I'll look into it."

Pabon then spoke up, "Shooting ranges are permitted if they are at least 100 feet away from a building. At the end of the day, parks are for kids – not smokers."

Petrick then spoke up again, "I agree with Pabon's last statement. Children should come first. It is not a good message if you allow smoking on city properties. Tobacco companies targeted our youth and say if you hook them (at an early age), they will probably be smokers for lifetime." He also mentioned, "This shows how out of touch the administration is with the community."

Torres then asked, "Have any tickets been given out to smokers, now?"

Petrick remembered, "There used to be No Smoking Signs that were taken down. I vote to table this ordinance."

Pabon said he would second that motion.

The only person who voted "No" to table was Councilman Torres.

Torres said, "I see city employees smoking in city parks and while sitting in city vehicles. I'm a former 20-year smoker and I don't like to have cigarette smoke around me."

Pabon spoke up, "A memo should be sent out to city employees stating that they should not be smoking while on duty."

Greene responded, "We will do that, and give them warnings that they should not be idling their vehicles."

Petrick had something to say about that, "I saw that there was a city vehicle that was idling, and it was stolen, but it was recovered shortly afterward."

Torres then spoke a similar incident. "I saw a city vehicle idling while two of its workers were in the park. I got inside that vehicle and could have stolen it while the city workers were away from it. It was 16-passenger van. We should tighten our belts like other families have to do."

Petrick changed the subject, "Several city buildings had damage and need to be fixed."

There was a discussion on Ordinance No. 7 (First Reading) – A lease agreement between the city and New Cingular Wireless, PCF LLC. (AT&T) with respect to certain real property

located at Runyon Watershed within the Township of Old Bridge.

Luis Perez Jimenez, Director of Operations at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) said, "This will be a permanent tower."

Opel stated, "This is an amendment for Redevelopment Focus 2020 Plan which will change plans in the footage for 2 single-family units that would have 7-feet between both buildings."

Petrick said he would like to see the drawings of the plans first.

Opel stated he would request that information and mark it as Exhibit A.

City Clerk Kupsch said, "This will be the first reading, and it will be Ordinance No. 8 to be put on the 8/10/22 Agenda." Kupsch then talked about R-382-8/22 – Authorizing the 2022-2023 Renewal of Certain Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses effective August 11, 2022. She stated, "There are two bars that did not get a tax clearance on time. El Patio Bar got an extension to operate from the State, but not from the city."

Petrick spoke up, "I want to make it clear that the council did not approve on the El Patio Bar getting an extension. Let the ABC be aware that the council did not approve of this."

Opel said, "I will contact the agency (regarding this) and we can do an appeal on your behalf. There are procedures and requirements for filing to the ABC on both sides (El Patio Bar and the City). It is in the administration's court."

Kupsch concluded the discussion, "The El Patio Bar can still operate while the appeal is taking place."

Petrick then discussed R-383-8/22 – Overriding the Mayor's Veto of Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Entitled, "Public Entertainment." He said, "This is just to reduce the time (on festivals) by one hour on Saturday and Sunday. The mayor wants to veto this."

Opel then reminded the council that it would require four votes to veto this."

Pabon then commented, "I'm surprised that the mayor took this stance. I thought it would satisfy both sides and maybe the mayor misread the ordinance."

Petrick said, "You have to consider the residences in the areas how it would affect them."

Luis Perez Jimenez spoke on R-390-8/22 – The insertion of revenue in the CY: 2022 Budget for an NJDOT (Pulaski, Parker, Jane, Lynd, Additional Streets) Road and Drainage Improvements Grant in the amount of \$750,000. He said, "This will be for sewer separations. There are certain sections of these streets that are getting flooded, and this will take care of that."

Opel spoke briefly about R-392-8/22 – Approving a seasonal fixed location peddler lease at the foot of Sadowski Parkway and Madison Avenue with Carlos Rodriguez d/b/a

Torres Café. He said, "The hours will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and it will be a 3-year term. It was oversight on my part, and this will be a final agreement."

Petrick then questioned R-393-8/22 – Directing the Tax Collector to place a lien on 600 Jacques Street in the amount of \$268.70 for charges incurred by the Department of Public Works to cut and trip and clean. Petrick stated, "This a low number compared to what would be charged in the past."

Greene explained that it depended on the type of cleaning that was done.

Greene then explained R-396-8/22 – A refund of an application fee and escrow payment in the amount of \$4,000 to Pay-Chem II LLC for a property located at 406 Alpine Street. He said, "This is for an additional bedroom that was added."

R-400-8/22 – Approving the issuance of a mural permit to the Emerging Leaders of the School Base Youth Services Program Artwork at the Brighton Avenue Teen Center.

Gretchen who is the Project Manager of the emerging leaders said, "This has been approved by the Arts Council. I submitted the application to the Arts Council and to the City Council. If you want, I can do a presentation now via Zoom."

JohnLuke Chapparo who is the Camera Operator/Video Coordinator informed the council that they were not set up for her to a video presentation via Zoom right now.

IT Technician John Alleman came up to the mike and said we can do a screen shot at a later date.

Gretchen stated that she could give a brief presentation on what the Emerging Leaders do by having different people speak about different projects and programs that they are involved in.

Petrick stated that was fine and they could coordinate with the City Clerk and the IT Department to do a brief presentation via Zoom on Wednesday (8/10/22).

Gretchen said that this particular program would be ending soon, and she preferred to talk tonight with no screenshots.

It was decided for the Emerging Leaders to speak briefly during the public portion.

Greene spoke briefly on R-401-8/22 – Rescinding R-641-12/21 – Authorizing a contract with Spatial Data Logic for Enterprise License for Medium/Large Towns for up to a 5-year contract in the amount of \$276,000 funded through the American Rescue Plan Act. He stated, "It's a 5-year deal to access Broadbands so citizens can pinpoint problem areas such as potholes and send those photos to appropriate department heads."

John Alleman from the IT Department added, "It is for a longer term than in the past. In the past, they had to use temporary funding."

Council President Bill Petrick had a question about R-410-8/22 – A contract with Consult-

ing & Municipal Engineers for Planning Services in an amount not to exceed \$65,000. He asked, "What is the Scope of the Work?"

Tashi Vazquez from the Department of OECD spoke via Zoom, "It is for municipal planning purposes which gives them the authority to testify for the city. They are project-based consultants."

Greene then spoke up, "This will also be for renovation and upgrades throughout our buildings. This is money that we have gotten from our congressman. This is an autonomous agency."

Vazquez spoke up again, "We will be working with the Board of Trustees to identify projects in the building and on the outside on the parking lot. Final improvements will be made through HUD."

Council President Bill Petrick stated, "There should free parking for library patrons."

Councilman B.J. Torres asked, "Are they still looking for a Library Director?"

B.A. Greene replied, "The Library Board of Trustees does that."

Petrick spoke up and stated, "The State Legislatures dictate the qualifications of a Library Director."

Greene said, "They are presently looking at an interim Director."

Torres said, "It is not listed for a job opening for a Library Director, and we have all this money coming in."

Petrick spoke again, "There are many websites and options to advertise for a permanent Library Director. They should have a background in library sciences."

Greene responded, "I would talk to the Board of Directors about what they have been doing to fill this position."

Torres continued, "We have an additional library employee who has no qualifications. There was supposed to have been a plan to have them take classes to qualify as a director. There is no experience, ability, or resources to draw on. In the school system, the librarians are qualified. We need research librarians to help students with their projects. I can't emphasize that enough, especially with disinformation being spread."

Petrick said, "The Caba Administration has not moved on this for two years."

Greene said he would talk to the Board about the council's concerns, and it was the Library Board of Trustees who decided who they wanted from the administration to work on the Board, and they chose Joel Rosa. They are the ones paying Joel Rosa, and not the city."

Torres continued, "The Library Board was cherry-picked by the Administration. We are asking that they have people who have the expertise to work in the library system."

Law Director Opel spoke up, "There are no state statutes for Library Director Qualifications. It gives the Library Board of Trustees free reign to appoint

who they want."

Greene then spoke about R-413-8/22 – A Contract with Morris Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$220,000 for calendar year 2022. He stated that he would sign off on all of these contracts.

He said, "I am the one who signs off on these contracts."

The next resolution discussed was R-416-8/22 – A contract with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation Alternative Education Institute in the amount of \$17,000.

Tashi Vazquez spoke via Zoom, "This is a Perth Amboy based program that has been taught online since Covid."

To give a more detailed information on this program was Deborah Robinson from the JRF Foundation spoke via Zoom, "Thirty students use the services and at least of ten of those students were Perth Amboy residents. The classes are equivalent to the High School Equivalency Test and on June 19th of this year, seventeen students graduated from that program. The organization supplies all the computers and materials needed for learning."

Police Chief Larry Cattano was called up to the mike to speak regarding Communication No. 10 – Mayor Helmin Caba appointing eight members of the police force to the position of Special I Police Officers effective July 15, 2022. "Most of them were prior auxiliary police officers and two used to be parking attendants." Public Portion (in-person first):

The first person to speak was Vince Mackiel. He referenced the last meeting where there was a presentation from two members of the Borinqueneers Park Committee. "The American Rescue Plan Funds were going to be used to fund part of that park. We need to use some of the money for the rebuilding of the railroad bridge. What are the difficulties of this project? It's important for the public to comment, and who is responsible for the repairs (of the bridge)? The military took part in planning of waterways in the past." He then talked about the King High Garage Walkway on State Street. "There is a Head Start Facility nearby. There is unsafe wiring (that needs to be addressed). I'm glad to see improvements of some of the properties in that area, and it has been noted by Pallone and others."

Council President Petrick responded, "In regards to the Borinqueneers Park, more environmental work needs to be done (removing contaminants and capping of the property). They can start the cleanup after that, but they are still in the state of recovery."

Mackiel continued, "Munitions might be in the waterways. You should get the military involved. Some of the things they find may have government markings on them."

Petrick then said, "The LSRP will take care of it and call the

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### Woodbridge Public Library Events

*Listed below are the free events we have planned for August 2022. We will be hosting events both in-person and virtually throughout the month. Please make sure to check which format the presentation will be presented in.*

**August 16 | 7PM | Virtual Program**  
**The Tragic Wreck of the John K. Shaw - A Hit and Run at Sea**  
Current president of the New Jersey Historical Divers Association Daniel Lieb will tell us the riveting story of the John K. Shaw, the first three masted schooner ever built on City Island which tragically sunk off the Woodlands on the New Jersey coast with the loss of its entire crew. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13020&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/08/01>

**August 17 | 3:30PM | Main Library (In-person)**  
**DIY Beach Sign Craft**  
Join us in-person to create your own DIY Beach Sign Craft. All Supplies will be provided. Open to Adults and Teens (13+). Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12878&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/08/01>

**August 25 | 6PM | Virtual Program**  
**Acrylics and Seashell Art**  
Join local artist Komal Mehra via Zoom to learn the basics of acrylic painting! Supplies will be provided by the library. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13043&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/08/01>

**August 25 | 7PM | Iselin Library (In-person)**  
**Craft & Chat: DIY Visor**  
Get stylish and protect yourself from those fierce rays with your own cotton DIY sun visor! A variety of decorating tools will be available. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13165&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/08/01>

**August 27 | 12PM | Main Library (In-person)**  
**Games in the Library**  
Love to play? Come out and join our new Tabletop Gaming Group! This month we will be meeting in the Woodbridge Main Library's 2nd Floor Periodicals Room, from 12 - 4 PM. No Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13158&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/08/01>

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### CASA of Middlesex County Holding Baby Formula Drive

MIDDLESEX COUNTGY - 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://casaofmiddlesexcounty.org), email [info@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org](mailto: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.*

### 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 Friday at 6:30 pm; children's programs will be held on Monday and Wednesday; times vary. Visit [Dowdell.org](http://Dowdell.org) for information about all of these and other fun summer programs.

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!

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 August 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](mailto:kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org).

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

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](http://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](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto: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.

### Free Virtual Health Services @ Dowdell Library!

Press Release  
SOUTH AMBOY — The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library received a grant to provide the community with telehealth services and just launched a program which allows the community to schedule a doctor's visit using the library's private telehealth space. Just schedule an appointment to participate in a private online video conference with your healthcare provider and obtain online access using one of the library's iPads. This free service also provides access to online medical and mental health information using suggested websites on the iPad screen.

The library is bridging the digital divide and is committed to connecting the community to their healthcare providers to improve access to health information to ensure they lead healthy lives.

Telehealth iPads are available for private telehealth appointments for South Amboy Library cardholders. Just make a reservation to ensure a time slot. Contact the library at 732-721-6060.

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

### 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.

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### Friends of the Perth Amboy Library Book Sale Return!

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

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# Uses for American Rescue Funds Questioned

## 8/10/22 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – During the first public portion on agenda items, Resident Ken Balut spoke first.

Council President Bill Petrick spoke up to remind Balut that he speaks directly into the mike, “Because there is a conspiracy theory that we are deliberately muting you.”

Balut stated, “I don’t know why there is a problem because I always talk loud.” Balut asked, “Why are we refunding money back on R-398 for the Perth Amboy Harborside Marina 2022 Mooring Summer Season?” He then asked, “How much money was spent for R-401 (\$276,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act with a contract from Spatial Data Logic)?”

Business Administrator Michael Greene responded to R-401 first, “These are for eight meters and the money has not been spent yet because of a supply chain problem.”

Balut continued, “You should have a running total of where all this money is going. There also is a lot of hidden money. We are paying a lot of interest fees on bonds and the lawyers are making a lot of money on legal fees. Now, we have another lawsuit against us due to a person drowning. We don’t know the amount of the fees that the lawyers are charging. We are getting \$16 million in a two-year timeframe. We are giving millions on no-bid contracts. I don’t trust these contracts and these bids. Both Democrats and Republicans do it and also people who give donations.”

The next person to come up and speak was Carlos Rodriguez who is the owner of Torres Café on High Street. He referenced R-392-8/22 – Approving a seasonal fixed location peddler lease at the foot of Sadowski Parkway and Madison Avenue with Carlos Rodriguez d/b/a Torres Café. “We pride ourselves on being one of the last Puerto Rican Cafes in Perth Amboy. We are looking to get approval of this license. I spoke with the Clerk’s Office and with Councilman Pabon. I also supplied a contract (for this location).”

Law Director William Opel responded, “We just had to make a slight change in the hours of operation.”

The next person to come to speak was Precious Ojeda from the Jewish Renaissance Foundation. She told the council that she has copies of the presentation that was made via Zoom at the Caucus Meeting, and she is here to answer any questions they may have about the organization.

No one had any questions. Public Comments (for agenda items only – Participants Via Zoom)

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke first. She asked for a list of the items that the \$3.8 million of the American Rescue Fund and how much for each item. She also questioned, “What is the citywide camera system?”

B.A. Greene responded, “The sum of the money will go to-

wards a computer replacement network upgrade and system updates. License plate readers, a video security system for public safety (broadband and security for our citizens). They can pinpoint where a crime is happening.”

Hubberman then asked, “Will there be additional items added? It is disturbing to have cameras all around the city. Who will be monitoring this? It is against our constitutional rights. They are not in critical spots (regarding terrorist threats).”

Councilman Joel Pabon responded, “We need to table this ordinance. There is not enough information. We need an explanation of a layout of the cameras. A lot of our firetrucks need a lot of room (when turning onto the streets). What are we getting with this new truck? It is a lot of money.”

Councilman Torres spoke up next, “I want to table this ordinance.”

Pabon stated he would second that because each item should be voted on separately.

Fire Chief Ed Mullen spoke up via Zoom to talk about the new firetruck. “It is a pumper and will be replacing a 33-year-old truck and is the same price as the current pumper.”

Police Chief Cattano came up to the mike to speak, “The surveillance cameras will be placed in public areas on the streets.”

Councilman Torres said, “That is a lot of money just to have license plate readers.”

Cattano then explained, “There are a lot of stolen vehicles that are coming into Perth Amboy.”

Pabon spoke up, “We need to find out about those stolen catalytic converters.”

Petrick then asked, “Will those cameras have real-time monitoring?”

Cattano explained, “They will have artificial intelligence and will be able to view past and current crimes.”

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch spoke up, “We can move the ordinance when it comes time to vote.”

Councilman Pabon asked, “When will Elizabethtown Gas end their work so we can start paving on those streets? They started working on some of those streets months ago and we need to be kept abreast.”

Council President Bill Petrick spoke up next, “During the Diaz administration, they were proactive getting the work done on the streets, so we could start paving on a street that Elizabethtown Gas was working on. The meters that are being placed in front of buildings are dangerous.” He referenced the explosion of a former building that had a laundromat on the first floor and apartments above it on New Brunswick and East Avenues around 20 years ago.

Petrick asked for any updates at the boats at the marina that were in slips that were too small for them. Greene said he would get the information for him.

The council voted on the ordinances. The first two ordinances passed. Both dealing with man-

datory onsite affordable housing set aside. Public Hearings were held on June 8, 2022, for both of them.

Ordinance No. 1 – Handicapped Parking Spaces regarding additions. It was Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 2 – Regulating News Racks in outdoor public spaces. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 1 (first reading) – Using the American Rescue Plan Funds for equipment for the water/wastewater utility. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 2 (first reading) – Using \$3,860,000 of the American Rescue Plan Funds for the acquisition of various equipment. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Torres. When it came to voting individually, Tejeda and Morales voted, “No” to table. Motion passes.

Ordinance No. 3 (first reading) – Using \$650,000 of the American Rescue Plan Funds for the replacement of all existing single-head parking meters. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 4 (first reading) – American Rescue Plan Funds for Construction of Smith Street Shop Distribution Building for the Water Utility. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 5 (first reading) – Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces regarding additions. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 6 (first reading) – Smoking and Lighted Objects – Removed at the Caucus.

Ordinance No. 7 (first reading) – Amendment to a Lease Agreement between the city and New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC (AT&T). Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 8 (first reading) – Amendments to the Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for Area No. 2. Moved by Pabon. Seconded by Tejeda.

For the consent agenda, R-382, R-384 thru R-391; R-393 thru R-402; R-404 thru R-411; R-413 thru R-422 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

R-383 – 8/22 – Overriding the Mayor’s Veto of an ordinance entitled “Public Entertainment.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda had a question, “It looks like there were additional changes made such as no beer garden by the Wilentz School and I saw a 3-hour difference in the time of the festival.”

Councilman Pabon mentioned, “The time would be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday for the festival.”

This resolution was voted on individually, Morales, Tejeda, Pabon voted, “No.” Resolution does not pass.

R-392 – 8/22 – Approving the fixed location peddler license with Carlos Rodriguez located on the foot of Sadowski Parkway and Madison Avenue. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. When voting, Tejeda abstained.

R-403 -8/22 – Authorizing a settlement in the matter of Ivette Rios vs. the City of Perth

Amboy in an amount not to exceed \$14,000. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. When it came time to vote, Petrick and Pabon abstained.

R-412 – 8/22 – Accepting a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Project Funding in the Amount of \$1,500,000 for the Perth Amboy Public Library Renovations and Upgrade Project.

B.J. Torres said, “We need to have a presentation. People wrote about not having the needed personnel, but we need the money, so I vote “Yes.”

Council President Petrick said, “Who will oversee this money and the construction?”

Greene responded, “It will be shared services, but we will still have oversight of the project.”

Petrick continued, “All of those on the Board were appointed by the mayor and will have a lot on their plate, plus they should have their own attorney.”

There was a late-starter R-423-8/22 – Opposing Elizabethtown Gas Company Petition to New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to review its basic gas supply service rate and Conservation Incentive Program Rates. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda to be put on the agenda. All voted “Yes,” for this resolution.

Public Portion (in-person first):

Resident Ken Balut spoke first, “Is Joel Rosa now working in the Library?”

Petrick answered, “Yes.”

Balut then talked about security cameras, “Which we’ve had before...and the information on the cameras should be held for 60 days. What is the timing on the cameras? There are a lot of trips and falls and other incidents and cameras would be a good solution. We are not as safe as people think. I feel safer on some streets in Newark than I do here. We need safe streets and housing. We can use grant money for solving homeless, and there is property available. There are a lot of legal fees when we use bonding, and this has got to stop. We are now flushed with money that we didn’t have before.”

Petrick asked B.A. Greene, “How many active cameras do we have at the marina?”

Greene was not sure, but he said that the police have access to the recordings and Eddie Perez Jr. is the Marina Supervisor.”

Petrick continued, “There is also a car that was hit and wound up on the sidewalk by the Vocational School.”

Resident Dorothy Daniel came up to speak next. She wanted to know if the library is handicapped accessible. “I go to the Woodbridge Library because they are handicapped accessible.” She then asked if we have the monkeypox vaccine.

Greene responded, “It is in short supply everywhere, but we are reaching out to the county.”

Daniel continued, “They have a high count of monkeypox in New York and you know, over the weekend they come here to shop.” She continued, “They

need to build a footbridge over Rte. 35 by the new high school.” She also mentioned that there should be a new entrance to get into Wendy’s and Quick-Chek and people should only be allowed to exit on to Rte. 35 when leaving those two locations. She said, “People should be aware when flying a flag outside, along with the American flag, the American flag should always be flown higher than any other flag.”

Petrick said, “I agree.”

Businessman Carlos Rodriguez from Torres Café thanked the council for approving his seasonal license for the location on Sadowski Parkway.

Council Comments: Councilwoman Rose Morales said, “I thank everyone for participating in person and on Zoom. On August 17th at 6:30 p.m. at Woodbridge City Hall, there is going to be a rally to oppose the new powerplant in Keasbey. National Night Out had a good turnout and I want to thank the police department. I hope everyone enjoys their summer. Be safe.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “We need an update on monkeypox. We always read about it and see it on the news. I rely on these updates for Covid or any other health concerns. There are many monkeypox cases in New York, especially with Black Males. Be careful and take precautions. I want to congratulate the Special I Police Officers. There were good turnouts for National Night Out and Peruvian events.”

Director of Department of Human Resources Dianne Roman spoke via Zoom about monkeypox, “We reached out to local pharmacies, other cities, and the state regarding vaccines. New Brunswick has some vaccines, but the state wants to make sure they have the correct and current information before sharing it with the public. I’ve met with our hospital personnel, and they have no information from the state, yet.”

Petrick stated some of the symptoms of monkeypox. “It is a virus, has a rash with painful eruptions on the skin. You should avoid close contact with a person exhibiting those symptoms. Males are more susceptible because of not taking the proper precautions.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda thanked all who participated tonight. “And all of the community organizations who planned all of the activities. National Night Out was tremendous, and the Basketball Workshop with Brian Taylor was fun.”

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “This is why I have been fighting for our own public health department. There was an AIDS Epidemic at one time, and now we have monkeypox. We need proper information. People had health issues when we had Superstorm Sandy, and people still have issues when they were locked up for such a long time during the Covid Pandemic.”

Council President Bill Petrick

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Peru Day, International Park, Perth Amboy 7/30/22 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang





## Persona IQ Smart Knee captures and transmits knee motion data that can optimize patient monitoring, recovery and research after knee replacement surgery

HACKENSACK, NJ – Hackensack Meridian Hackensack University Medical Center is the first hospital in New Jersey to use the Persona IQ Smart Knee, a knee replacement joint component that securely tracks and transmits knee motion data. Physicians can then use the data to optimize patient monitoring, recovery and research after knee replacement surgery.

Yair Kissin, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist with a special interest in treating conditions of the knee, was the first in the state to implant the smart knee component into a male patient on July 11, 2022.

The Persona IQ implantable knee component includes a 10-year battery and sensors that constantly capture long-term post-operative data on:

- Cadence (steps per minute)
- Average walking speed
- Stride length
- Range of motion
- Distance traveled
- Step count



HUMC Sugical OR- Dr. Yair Kissin - Ortho Knee Replacement and Persona IQ



The data collected by the sensors is transmitted daily to the patient's Home Base Station, uploaded to the secure cloud, analyzed overnight, and made available in the mymobility Care Management Platform app, which organizes and displays the data for patients and physicians. In addition to graphs and charts that display collected data over time, the app includes patient education

materials, pre- and post-operative exercises, and telemedicine and messaging capabilities.

"The Persona IQ represents an exciting development in knee replacement technology," said Dr. Kissin. "Physicians can use the collected data to monitor how patients are doing after their knee replacement, as well as for research that will improve future knee replacement procedures. Patients can also use the

app to track their progress since their surgery."

"As one of the premier joint replacement programs in New Jersey, Hackensack University Medical Center is at the forefront of developing technology for knee replacements — including robotics and 'smart' technology such as the Persona IQ," said Michael Kelly, M.D., medical director of Orthopedics at Hackensack Meridian Health.

"The Persona IQ will allow us to monitor patient progress and point to areas of focus for future research, such as enhancements in component design or surgical techniques."

A surgeon must qualify patients to receive a Persona IQ implant during their knee replacement procedure.

### Pallone on Signing of the CHIPS and Science Act into Law Energy and Commerce Chairman Attends Bill Signing of Legislation that Invests \$52 billion to Ensure More Semiconductors Are Built Right Here in the United States

Press Release 8/9/22

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) issued the following statement after President Biden signed H.R. 4346, the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, into law, which passed the House last month. The law will bolster semiconductor manufacturing, boost resilience in U.S. supply chains, create good-paying American jobs, and lower costs for families in the United States. New Jersey could benefit from this investment in chip manufacturing, especially the New Jersey Innovation and Technology Hub in New Brunswick.

"By signing the CHIPS and Science Act into law today, President Biden is lowering costs for consumers, creating 100,000 good paying American jobs, and ending our dangerous dependence on foreign manufacturers of critical goods. It's a pleasure to join him today for this bill signing, which was a priority of the Democratic Congress.

"Over the past three decades, America's share of semiconductor production has plummeted, jeopardizing both our national security and economic wel-

fare. This new law appropriates over \$52 billion to ensure more semiconductors are produced right here in the United States – ending our reliance on other countries and lowering costs for consumers for automobiles, consumer electronics, home appliances, and other goods. My home state of New Jersey has a well-known reputation for research and manufacturing. There's simply no reason why we can't invest in American workers, innovation, and manufacturing.

"This legislation invests \$1.5 billion in the Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund for the deployment and promotion of Open Radio Access Network, or Open RAN, 5G networks. This investment will help bring diversity and innovation to wireless supply chains while also countering the spread of harmful network equipment from companies backed by adversaries like Communist China-backed Huawei.

"I'm pleased these two key provisions came from my Committee and look forward to seeing them bolster our economy and reduce costs for consumers."

### PARA Partners with Morris Habitat for Humanity to Build Two Homes on Pearl Place

Press Release 8/9/22

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Authority (PARA) has contracted to sell two adjacent lots on Pearl Place to Morris Habitat for Humanity for the construction of single-family homes within a redevelopment zone.

The two homes, to be constructed on two 25 by 100 lots, are part of a partnership between Morris Habitat and the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (PARTNER), a non-profit that creates housing and economic opportunities for low- and moderate- income residents. Morris Habitat and PARTNER have been named as the project redevelopers.

Blair Schleicher Wilson, CEO of Morris Habitat, said the next step is to seek construction approvals from the city for the two homes, which will ultimately be sold to families who meet low income guidelines, but can demonstrate the ability to pay property taxes, utilities and all other expenses related to home ownership. The homeowner selection process will be completed by random selection; preferences will be given to veterans and current Perth Amboy Housing Authority residents.

"This type of partnership is a perfect fit with our vision of community redevelopment," said Joel Rosa, PARA chair. "We are taking under-used parcels of land and creating single-family homes for families who have the dream of home ownership through our relationship with Morris Habitat. It strengthens neighborhoods and fulfills a direct need."

The project germinated last August, when Doug Dzema, Executive Director of the Perth



Amboy Housing Authority, contacted Morris Habitat about this opportunity that PARA posed for these two parcels. The non-profit had already been working in Perth Amboy, completing two homes at 662 Cortlandt St. and 440 Lawrie St. and about embark on the construction of two others, at Inslee Street and Garretson Avenue.

Morris Habitat, with a regional territory that includes Middlesex County, has precise stipulations for homes. For example, all must be designed as "user friendly" as possible, with Energy Star appliances, maintenance-free materials, a single garage, handicap accessibility, the ability to use side and rear yards for recreation and plenty of storage space. All homes are for sale; there are no rentals.

"The exterior design of the homes are slanted toward the nature of the existing neighborhood," Wilson explained. "Not

only do we design our homes to be affordable for our homeowners, but we are also mindful of the cost of living and maintaining a home. Those values are built into all of our Habitat homes."

Wilson expressed her appreciation to PARA for recognizing the benefit of the Pearl Street parcels, as they will ultimately become dream properties for families who never thought they would have a chance to own their own homes.

"Working with local redevelopment agencies, Morris Habitat is turning empty or blighted properties into new opportunities for residents, while strengthening neighborhoods in the process" she said. "We hope to continually work with PARA as we embrace a shared vision for a revitalized Perth Amboy."

### You're Invited to Sunday Worship

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


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

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


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Milton has always loved the West and he and his employees live and work by these values:

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2. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK
3. ALWAYS FINISH WHAT YOU START
4. DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE
5. BE TOUGH, BUT FAIR
6. WHEN YOU MAKE A PROMISE, KEEP IT
7. RIDE FOR THE BRAND
8. TALK LESS AND SAY MORE
9. REMEMBER THAT SOME THINGS ARE NOT FOR SALE
10. KNOW WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE

\*The Code of The West written by author Jim Owen from Cowboy Ethics

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.

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### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.southamboynj.gov/page/senior-citizen) for calendar of monthly activities.

## Hackensack University Medical Center Awarded \$500,000 Grant to Provide Artificial Intelligence (AI) Assisted Colonoscopy Technology to Underserved Communities

Only hospital in New Jersey to offer GI Genius™ intelligent endoscopy modules through Medtronic *Health Equity Assistance Program*, supported by *American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE)* and *Amazon Web Services (AWS)*

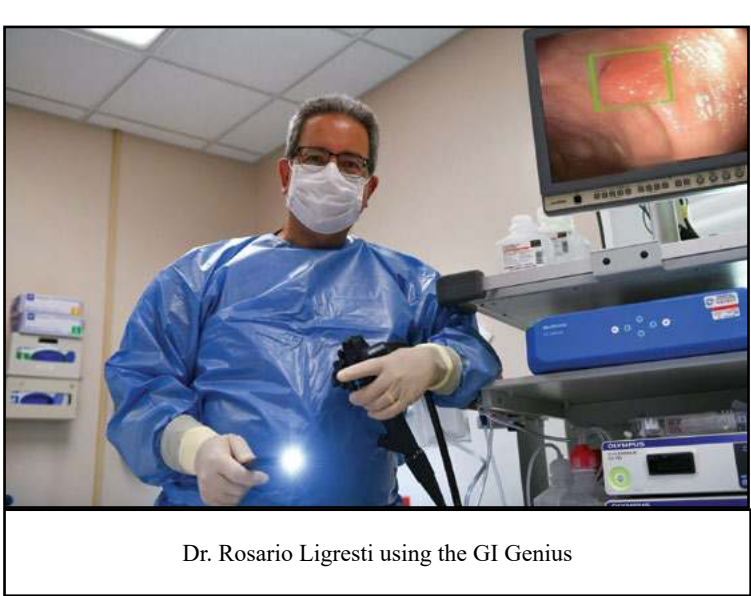
Press Release  
NEW JERSEY - Hackensack University Medical Center is the only hospital in New Jersey – and the first in the tri-state area – to receive a grant to provide the Medtronic GI Genius™ artificial intelligence (AI)-assisted colonoscopy technology to low-income and underserved communities. The \$500,000 grant, awarded by the Medtronic Health Equity Assistance Program, with support from the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) and Amazon Web Services (AWS), will fund the installation of three GI Genius modules in the Outpatient Endoscopy and Surgery Department, plus training and ongoing support.

“Hackensack Meridian Health is deeply committed to ensuring that all New Jersey residents have access to high quality, innovative care, regardless of who you are or where you live,” said Robert C. Garrett, FACHE, CEO, Hackensack Meridian Health. “We will continue to innovate health care and work diligently to eliminate unacceptable gaps in outcomes based on race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status.”

The GI Genius intelligent endoscopy module, authorized by the FDA in April 2021 uses computer-aided detection algorithms to identify colorectal polyps of varying shapes and sizes in real time, facilitating the diagnosis and prevention of colorectal cancer, the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the U.S.

Hackensack University Medical Center will receive three of the 50 GI Genius modules to be donated to endoscopy centers nationwide by the Medtronic Health Equity Assistance Program, which aims to increase screening, early detection, and diagnosis of colorectal cancer (CRC) in underserved communities who benefit from this type of cutting-edge technology that is often not available to them. As the centerpiece of the program, GI Genius has demonstrated ability to improve detection of colorectal polyps that can lead to CRC.

“Currently, colorectal cancer is the third deadliest cancer and one of the most common among adults in the United States,” said Mark D. Sparta, FACHE, President & Chief Hospital Executive, Hackensack University Medical Center and President, North Region, Hackensack Meridian Health. “Hackensack



University Medical strives to provide the most cutting-edge screenings and treatments for our patients, including this new program that uses artificial intelligence to improve the early detection of polyps or colorectal cancers - ultimately decreasing colorectal cancer mortality rates.”

“For communities that historically have not availed themselves of colorectal cancer screening, the availability of GI Genius is a game-changer,” commented Rosario Ligresti, MD, FASGE, chief of the Division of Gastroenterology at Hackensack University Medical Center. “It’s a real door-opener not only to colonoscopy, but to high-quality colonoscopy. GI Genius is a major advance because of its ability to detect smaller and earlier precursor lesions in the colon, thereby enabling the removal of these lesions before they become cancerous. Moreover, with its AI-driven precision technology, GI Genius eliminates much of the variability between colonoscopists in detecting adenomas.”

At the discretion of their doctor, any patient having a screening colonoscopy can be screened with the assistance of GI Genius at no extra cost and the procedure is covered by all insurances. Patients with a history of polyps; younger patients and patients with a history of inflammatory bowel disease are likely to benefit most from the increased precision of the test.

Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in April 2021, the GI Genius intelligent endoscopy module is the first-to-market, computer-driven, AI-powered colorectal polyp detection system. In a 2020 prospective, randomized study, the addition of GI Genius to high-definition (HD) colonoscopy increased the absolute adenoma detection rate (ADR) by 14.4%, compared to HD colonoscopy alone, representing a 30% relative increase in ADR. For every 1% increase in ADR, patients’ risk of CRC decreases by 3%. In the 2020 study, GI Genius was also 50% more likely to detect multiple polyps and 53% more likely to detect polyps in the distal colon (the last part of the colon), compared to HD colonoscopy alone.

More recently, in a multi-center, international study in which participants underwent two same-day, back-to-back colonoscopies with or without GI Genius, use of GI Genius resulted in an approximately two-fold reduction in the adenoma miss rate (AMR), mainly due to a decreased miss rate of flat and small lesions. The investigators commented that “computer-aided detection reassures health care providers and patients on the decreased risk of perceptual errors.”

“GI Genius not only detects more lesions than a colonoscopist would normally see, it also detects more clinically relevant lesions, and it does so without adding any extra complexity, time, or effort to a conventional colonoscopy exam,” Dr. Ligresti noted. “By offering this cutting-edge technology to populations long underserved by the health care system, we have the potential to greatly improve upon the 5,000 colorectal cancer screening procedures we perform annually at Hackensack University Medical Center. If we can double or even triple the procedure rate, we can potentially impact as many as 15,000 lives through earlier detection and prevention, which would be a tremendous benefit to the community.”

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# Unresolved Issues Addressed

## 8/8/22 Caucus

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government if needed.” Mackiel concluded, “This site is important now, and for the future.” The meeting was open up to Zoom participants:

The first person to speak was Precious Ojeda from the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, and she is the Leap Program Coordinator. She talked about how the Emerging Leaders Program is involved in many community activities, especially when it comes to suicide prevention, and the mural they will be creating at the Teen Center will have positive signs on how you can be helped and supported with many programs they have to offer. “Many high school students are involved in this program. They have murals painted throughout the State.”

Sharon Hubberman spoke next as the Chair of the Rent Leveling Board, “In January of 2022, the Rent Leveling Board saw increases of rent, and raises of taxes. We are in the midst of an economic inflation period. Some of the conditions of restaurants are not that good and there is a health oversight, especially when it comes to delivery and safety of all food products.”

Resident Caroline Pozyski spoke next. She spoke about public smoking, “15% of the parks should have space des-

ignated for smoking areas. It is difficult to regulate cannabis.” She also mentioned the Bike Fest down on Sadowski Parkway was a real good event. “We need to have bike lanes and use American Rescue Funds for it.”

Junel Sadowski from Kosciusko Avenue spoke next. She asked if other people could speak about the Emerging Leaders Program. “They had participated on the march on the Victory Bridge to bring awareness about suicide prevention.”

Council President William Petrick responded, “We (some of the council members) marched on the Victory Bridge to get barriers on that bridge to prevent suicide. What they put up was not effective fencing and the State has not taken any further action. There are two other bridges nearby that are even higher. Prevention is the best solution, and you helping is commendable.”

Sadowski continued, “Murals are placed where people can see them to let them know they can get help. I want to thank the council for letting us have a presentation tonight.”

The council went into closed session at 8:18 p.m. No further action was taken. Councilman Joel Pabon was present on Zoom Councilwoman Milady Tejeda was absent because of work obligations.

# Uses for American Rescue Funds Questioned

## 8/10/22 Council Meeting

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thanked all who participated tonight and on Monday. “We need more people to come here. I’m glad to see there are more people making improvements on their homes and properties. Be careful with Covid, because there is another variant that

came out. It is mostly practicing common sense.” He also congratulated all those who were promoted to the position of Special I Police Officers. “Good luck. I hope you all do well.”

The meeting was over at 8:32 p.m. All council members were present in person.

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# New Jersey LCV Reacts To 21 Counties In New Jersey Declaring A Drought Watch

Press Release 8/9/22 NEW JERSEY - The following is a statement from Ed Potosnak, Executive Director, New Jersey LCV, regarding 21 counties in New Jersey declaring a drought watch.

“We are disheartened to hear that we are entering into a drought watch during the height of these hot summer days. By taking steps to conserve our precious freshwater resources now, we will hopefully avoid a drought emergency,” said Ed Potosnak, Executive Director, New Jersey LCV. “While we take steps to conserve water to-

day, we also need to plan for our climate future, or these severe climate conditions will keep repeating like a TV rerun. Governor Murphy needs to release an updated water supply master plan, enact the Protecting Against Climate Threats rules through the NJDEP, and invest even more in energy efficiency and electrification. Climate change in New Jersey results in either too much water or not enough. Until we end our addiction to fossil fuels and fully switch to clean energy sources, we will continue to see severe weather events.”

# THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

ANTI – RABIES VACCINE CLINICS  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2022  
CITY GARAGE – 599 FAYETTE STREET  
1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.



**GATES CLOSE AT 4:00 PM**

(PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE)

**PROTECT YOUR PETS AND YOUR FAMILY  
AGAINST THE DEADLY THREAT OF THE RABIES VIRUS NOW!**

Cats and Dogs that were inoculated in 2019 are due for re-inoculation in 2022. Due to the continuing rabies threat, we are strongly recommending that all animals inoculated in 2020 be re-inoculated at this time to insure no lapse in immunity.

**All Dogs must be leashed and accompanied by an adult.**

**All Cats must be in carriers or leashed.**

**2022 LICENSES MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE CLINIC.**

**LICENSE FEES:**

**Spayed or Neutered Dogs or Cats \$7.00  
(Bring Veterinarian’s Certificate)  
\$10.00 Not Spayed or Neutered**

## CITY OF PERTH AMBOY CAT/DOG LICENSE APPLICATION 2022

### Owner Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Pet Information

Cat/Dog Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair: (Long or Short) \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spayed/Neutered (Yes or No): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies Expiration Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*In accordance with New Jersey State Health Department regulations rabies coverage shall be through November 1<sup>st</sup> of current license year.\***

### Payment Information

Spayed or Neutered (Written Proof Required): \$7.00  
Non Spayed or Neutered: \$10.00  
**(Make Check Payable to City of Perth Amboy)**

City Clerk’s Office – City Hall  
260 High Street  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
(732) 826-0290 Exts. 4019 or 4042  
**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

# Woodbridge Center Kids Club Events

## August Fun

Press Release 8/5/22

WOODBIDGE, NJ, August 5, 2022 – Woodbridge Center will be holding FREE fun events for kids during the month of August.

Wednesday, August 17, 2022, from 2pm – 3pm, lower-level near center court by The Children’s Place. The Woodbridge Township Public Library and Woodbridge Garden Club, and Kidz Kuts will be hosting a “Dried Flower Fun” event. Learn about local flowers and create a dried flower craft.

Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 10:30am – 11:30am, lower-level center court near Forever 21 and Aldo. KidsUnited has a state-of-the-art training facility inside Woodbridge Center featuring soccer, geared towards early development, teaching unique methods of physical, personal, intellectual, and social development for children ages 1.5 to 10.

The KidsUnited coaching staff will introduce our attendees to a small sampling of their program. After stretching exercises, participants will partake in an inflatable indoor soccer field. We highly recommend all kids who plan to attend wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.

Wednesday, August 24, 2022, from 2pm – 4pm, lower-level near center court by The Children’s Place. The local Macaroni KID team will be hosting a fun “Macaroni” based event. Kids can stop by and create their very own unique macaroni craft.

The www.woodbridge.macaronikid.com website is a resource for family activities, events, news and information for the Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, Linden, and Carteret areas. No pre-registration is necessary for these events. “The NEW Kids Club offering at Woodbridge Center, has turned out to be a huge success. We are thrilled to be able to provide some fun and educational programs for the children of our local community”, said Brian Rubin, General Manager of Woodbridge Center. “Our goal is to hold free monthly events for the local youth of Woodbridge and surrounding areas. To sign up for our Kids Club, please visit the mall website at www.woodbridgecenter.com and click on Kids Club at the top of the page. By signing up you will receive advance email notifications of future events.”

Upcoming events will include a Macy’s Kids back-to-school fashion show extravaganza, Mall-o-Ween, Trunk-or-Treating, Santa Arrival Parade, etc. The center is partnering with mall merchants and local community organizations on their monthly events. If your community organization is interested in coordinating a Kids Club event, please email us at woodbridgecenter@jll.com

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# 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](http://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](http://www.folperthamboy.com) For more information, please call the Perth Amboy Free Public Library: 732-826-2600.

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This Week in the Civil War  
160 Years Ago - August 17, 1862 – September 6, 1862  
By Phil Kohn

Phil Kohn can be reached at [USCW160@yahoo.com](mailto:USCW160@yahoo.com).  
August 17, 1862, marks the beginning of an uprising in Minnesota by the Sioux tribe, protesting near-starvation conditions on its reservations. Between 450 and 600 settlers and townspeople are killed before the revolt is put down in September.  
Having bypassed Cumberland Gap — leaving 9,000 soldiers as a rear guard to protect against the 8,000 Union troops holding the position — Maj. Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith leads the remainder of his Confederate force northwestward and surprises and defeats the small Federal garrison at Barboursville, Tennessee, on August 18. In Kentucky, partisans led by former civilian scout Adam “Stovepipe” Johnson, now colonel of the 10th Kentucky Partisan Rangers in the Confederate Army, overwhelms the Federal garrison at Clarksville, in the northwestern part of the state.  
On August 19, Horace Greeley, editor of the influential *New York Tribune* newspaper, publishes a criticism of President Lincoln’s stance on slavery: “All attempts to put down the Rebellion and at the same time uphold its inciting cause are preposterous and futile.”  
Troops of Maj. Gen. John Pope’s Army of Virginia begin encountering Maj. Gen. Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson’s Confederates on August 20 at various points between Culpeper, Virginia, and the Rappahannock River. McClellan’s Army of the Potomac, intended to support the Federal Army of Virginia, is still making its way northward from the Virginia Peninsula.  
On August 21, at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, in Indian Territory, Cherokee chief John Ross is deposed and replaced as chief by Stand Watie, colonel of the Confederate Cherokee Mounted Rifles. Ross had been arrested and removed from the Cherokee Nation by Federal troops who occupied Tahlequah in July. (Ross was arrested for signing a treaty with the Confederacy. Ross, although himself a staunch Unionist [one of his sons serves in the Union army], had signed the treaty reluctantly under pressure from Confederate sympathizers in the tribe, followers of his strong and popular rival, Stand Watie.) In Virginia, Confederate troops attempting to cross the Rappahannock River encounter strong resistance from Union forces. Over 700 Confederates are killed and almost 2,000 are captured. Farther south, Gen. Braxton Bragg moves his Confederate forces to a position above Chattanooga, Tennessee.  
President Lincoln, on August 22, responds to the criticism published by Horace Greeley, editor of the influential *New York Tribune*, that he is not aggressive enough on the slavery issue. Lincoln retorts that his focus is on saving the Union, adding: “If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone I would also do that . . .” Confederate cavalry led by Maj. Gen. “Jeb” Stuart attacks a Union encampment at Catlett Station, Virginia, destroying the camp, cutting telegraph lines and capturing 300 Federal soldiers as well as supplies. The biggest prize, however, is the capture of orders from Maj. Gen. John Pope containing detailed and critical information about Pope’s planned campaign. In New Orleans, Louisiana, Maj. Gen. Benjamin Butler authorizes the enlistment of free Negroes as Federal soldiers.  
On August 23, after six weeks of traversing the hot, arid West Texas desert, harassed by Comanches and Kiowas, Confederate Col. William Steele and roughly 300 of his Arizona rear guard reach San Antonio. Initial plans are made for another New Mexico invasion, but it never occurs. From this time forward, West Texas between Ft. Bliss and just west of San Antonio becomes a “No Man’s Land” that is the domain of hostile Kiowas, Comanches and Mescalero Apaches. In Kentucky, Maj. Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith’s Confederates capture Big Hill, some 45 miles southeast of Lexington.  
In the Atlantic Ocean, near the Azores, *CSS Alabama* on August 24, 1862, is commissioned a cruiser in the Confederate Navy. She takes on armaments and supplies and heads out on a raiding career under the command of Capt. Raphael Semmes.  
Edwin Stanton, U.S. Secretary of War, issues orders to the Federal Department of the South on August 25 authorizing the enlistment into the army of black soldiers “up to 5,000 in number and to train them as guards for plantations and settlements.”  
Confederate troops under Maj. Gen. Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson seize Manassas Junction, Virginia, and the railroad there on August 26. Continuing to move in on Maj. Gen. Pope’s force, Jackson splits his troops to encircle Pope’s position. Seeming to not comprehend Jackson’s intent, Pope does little while Jackson’s men move into place.  
Heavy skirmishing takes place between Union and Confederate forces at Kettle Run, Bull Run Bridge, Buckland Bridge and Waterford, Virginia, on August 27. The Confederates have now successfully interrupted communications between Washington, D.C., and Maj. Gen. Pope, with roughly half of the Confederate force between Pope and the Federal capital. Pope orders a pullback from positions along the Rappahannock River.  
On August 28, Stonewall Jackson’s Confederates proceed to Groveton, Virginia, where they engage Federal troops there under Gen. Rufus King. Fighting is extremely fierce, and casualties are heavy on both sides. Maj. Gen. John Pope, mistakenly assuming that Jackson is retreating to the Shenandoah Valley, orders his troops toward Groveton, intending to rout the Confederates remaining there after the battle with King’s men.  
In Virginia, on August 29, Maj. Gen. Pope’s Union troops attack Stonewall Jackson’s Confederates at Bull Run, near Manassas, Virginia (site of the war’s first major battle, in July 1861) to cut off Jackson’s “retreat.” Pope has no idea that the Confederates have no intention of withdrawing and have been anticipating and preparing for this action since Pope’s orders were captured on August 22. Pope squanders his numerical advantage (roughly 62,000 Federals against some 20,000 Confederates) by launching piecemeal attacks by his somewhat disorganized troops. Stalemated, Pope intends to continue the fight the next day. In Kentucky, Maj. Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith launches attacks against Federal troops at Richmond, only 25 miles or so from Lexington. In Washington, D.C., Belle Boyd — arrested by Federal soldiers in Culpeper, Virginia, in July and charged with spying for the Confederacy — is released from Old Capital Prison for lack of evidence. She returns to Virginia — and resumes her role as a Confederate spy.  
Maj. Gen. John Pope, on August 30, renews his attack on Stonewall Jackson’s Confederates at Manassas, oblivious to Maj. Gen. James Longstreet’s arrival on the field with 25,000 Confederate reinforcements. After Confederate artillery stops a Union attack against Jackson’s front, Longstreet launches a surprise mass counterattack by his five divisions, crushing Pope’s left flank and forcing a precipitous Union retreat to Bull Run. Only a strong Federal rear-guard action prevents a debacle such as happened at Bull Run in 1861. In Kentucky, Maj. Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith’s 12,000 Confederates on the second day of the Battle of Richmond overwhelm the 7,000 Federals under Brig. Gen. William “Bull” Nelson. The Federals withdraw through Lexington and then westward towards Frankfort and Louisville. Kirby Smith’s victory opens up central Kentucky to the Confederates and convinces Gen. Braxton Bragg to switch his planned campaign from central Tennessee to central Kentucky.  
There is scattered skirmishing in Virginia on August 31 in the aftermath of the Second Battle of Bull Run. Federal casualties number 14,462 dead, wounded and missing (of 62,000 engaged) versus 7,298 Confederate killed and wounded (of roughly 50,000 engaged). Maj. Gen. Pope begins consolidating his forces near Centreville, Virginia, where, finally, two fresh corps from McClellan’s Army of the Potomac arrive.  
Closing out the Second Battle of Bull Run (Manassas), a portion of Gen. Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia on September 1, 1862, attacks Federal forces at Chantilly, Virginia. Confederate casualties number around 800, while U.S. losses are about 1,300, including two of the Union Army’s most-promising officers: Major Generals Philip Kearny and Isaac Stevens. U.S. Maj. Gen. John Pope pulls his Army of Virginia back to Washington, D.C.  
Union Brig. Gen. James Carleton, having gathered his 2,500-strong California Column around Mesilla, New Mexico, considers, then decides against, invading Texas. On September 2, he paroles the sick and wounded Confederates left behind at a hospital in Franklin, Texas, by Col. William Steele. He dispatches a doctor and a cavalry detachment to escort the sick and wounded to San Antonio. The Union force is not molested by hostile Indians on either leg of the round trip.  
Over the objections of Cabinet members Edwin Stanton and Salmon Chase, President Lincoln on September 3 restores Maj. Gen. George McClellan to full command of Federal armies in Virginia and around Washington, D.C. Lincoln agrees that McClellan didn’t do enough to support Maj. Gen. John Pope at Bull Run/Manassas but restores him to command “for the sake of the army.” (Soldiers, almost to a man, love McClellan.) Maj. Gen. Pope is sent to the Northwest to deal with the Indian uprisings in Minnesota, which have now spread to the Dakotas. The Federal Army of Virginia is disbanded and incorporated into the Army of the Potomac. Frankfort, Kentucky, is occupied by Confederate troops led by Maj. Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith. Plans are made to install a secessionist government in the state’s capital.  
Having decided that he cannot successfully attack Washington, D.C., Gen. Lee, with about 50,000 Confederate troops, crosses into Maryland on September 4. He hopes to recruit sympathetic Marylanders to boost his army’s ranks and possibly invade Pennsylvania.  
Maj. Gen. Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson’s 2nd Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia arrives at Frederick, Maryland, on September 6 but finds a total lack of the support expected from the citizenry. The remainder of Gen. Robert E. Lee’s army concentrates around the city the next day. A Confederate surprise attack on Washington, North Carolina, is successfully repulsed. In eastern Kansas, William Quantrill and his Confederate guerrillas attack Olathe. The action results in six deaths, and most of the town is destroyed.



# City of South Amboy Announces Date of Its Second Annual Irish Festival

Press Release 8/5/22  
SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy, in conjunction with the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, announced that it will host the second annual Irish Festival on Saturday, October 1, 2022 (rain date will be Sunday, October 2) 2pm to 8:30 pm at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, John T O'Leary Blvd., South Amboy.

The festival, which is free to the public, will include performances by "Irish America's Favorite Son" Andy Cooney, The Willie Lynch Band "which brings a great time for all ages", as well as demonstrations by the The D. B. Kelly Pipes and Drums, the Lynn Academy Of Irish Dance and Fitzgerald School of Irish Dance. Food and craft vendors will offer a wide variety of specialty items and a special Kid's Zone with amusements, puppeteers, music and interactive activities will be available. Adults can enjoy the outdoor beer garden where

responsible drinking is encouraged. A spectacular fireworks display at 8:30 pm will conclude this day of fun, family and entertainment.

South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross explained, "The South Amboy Parade Committee did a wonderful job coordinating the first annual Irish Festival in conjunction with the City of South Amboy. The event was well attended, and participants of all ages enjoyed themselves. We are proud to continue this new tradition for our residents and surrounding community members and hope to provide a bigger and better event this October."

All vendors must pre-register to participate in the festival by contacting Parade Committee co-chair Jay Elliot at [elliottj@southamboy.nj.gov](mailto:elliottj@southamboy.nj.gov) Event updates, including parking and shuttle bus information/routes can be found at [www.southamboyparade.com](http://www.southamboyparade.com).

# Residential Paper Shred Event

SOUTH AMBOY Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Middle/High School Parking Lot (200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza). Rain or Shine.



# Resorts Casino Trip Good Shepherd Seniors

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City Tuesday October 4, 2022. Cost is \$35 with \$18 back in play. Bus leaves our parking lot at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please call Connie at 732-442-4978 or Nancy 732-541-5929.

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Saturday, Oct 1, 2022 2-9pm  
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Waterfront Park South Amboy**

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*Special appearances by "The Willie Lynch Band" and "Andy Cooney".*

*Visit the Kids Zone complete with face painting, activities, amusements and puppeteer shows.*

*Performances by the D B Kelly Pipes and Drums and students from local schools of Irish dance*

**The event will end with a spectacular fireworks display!**

For additional event information please visit [www.southamboyparade.com](http://www.southamboyparade.com)  
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**Brian Taylor Basketball Camp, Washington Park, Perth Amboy 7/30/22** \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



**National Night Out, Washington Park, Perth Amboy 8/2/22** \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



**Perth Amboy YMCA Camp Group Tours the Kearny Cottage and Plants Lavender in the Garden, Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy 7/26/22** \*Photos by Paul W. Wang





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.*

A Petition to St. Jude

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

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.

Cruise Nights on Broadway

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

Hardy Mum Sale

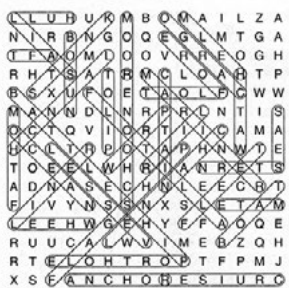
SOUTH AMBOY - The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will hold a hardy mum sale the weekend of September 23-25 in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy (across from Sacred Heart Church).  
Locally grown 8" hardy mums in assorted colors will be available for \$6 each or 3 for \$15.  
Please come by Friday, September 23, 3-5PM; Saturday, September 24, 12 Noon-5PM; and Sunday, September 25, 7:30AM-1PM, and support our organization's fundraising.  
Call Virginia at 732-721-1521 with any questions.

Take-Out Barbecue

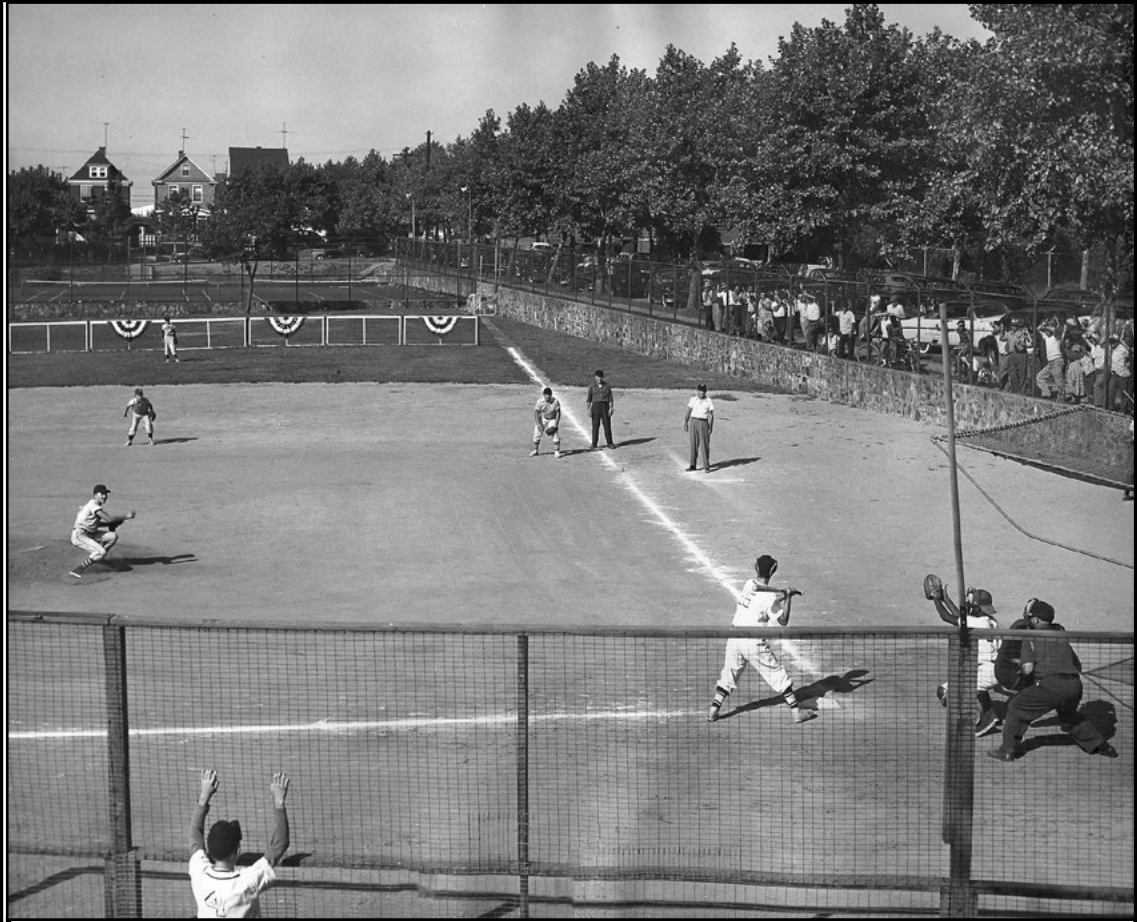
SAYREVILLE - There will be a summer fundraising take-out barbecue at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ 08872 on Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$14.00. Lunch Includes: Barbecue Chicken, Potato Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll, Soda or Water. Hotdog on a bun, \$3.00. We are accepting pre-orders. Walk-ins are welcome. Please contact: Winsome 732-432-9072.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

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LOOKING BACK

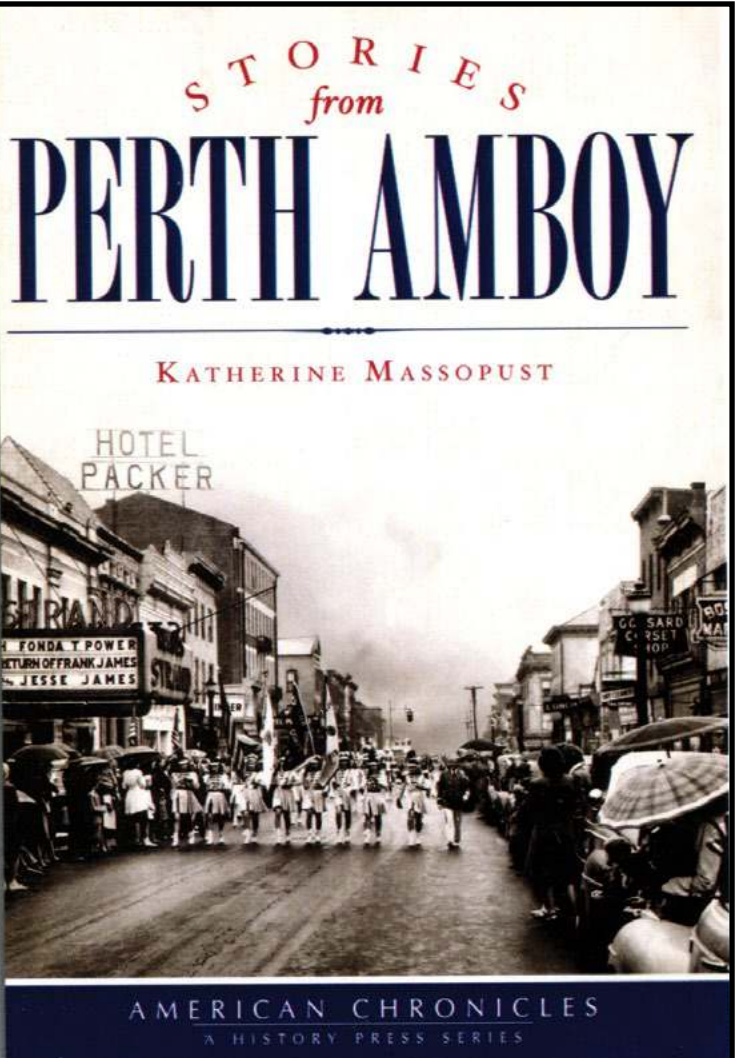


PERTH AMBOY - Baseball Game, circa 1950's.  
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Pets of the Week



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



**PERTH AMBOY** - Showings start Saturday 3/5/2022, By appointment only through showing time. Beautiful starter home. Entire house fully renovated about a year ago. Laundry room conveniently next to kitchen. Central Heat/A/C, full unfinished basement, waterproofed with secondary entrance from backyard. 1 block from waterfront and in front of elementary school. Come see, won't last. **\$319,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - This property needs some TLC, but has lots of possibilities, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 car garage mutual driveway. House is Sold in AS IS condition, seller will make no repairs, inspection for informational purpose only. buyer is responsible for C of O and termite if any. **\$285,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Excellent Location for commuters, just 5min from Outer Bridge and 3 Blocks from Train station. and very low taxes. Gas Range and Dishwasher as is. **\$315,000**



**WOODBIDGE** - Brick Ranch, they don't build them like this anymore. This is a truly move-in condition lots of modern upgrades throughout. Featuring gleaming hardwood floors, upgraded kitchen with granite and center island stainless steel appliances, 3 bedrooms, finished basement with nice recreation room and full bath, 1 car garage great neighborhood close to Woodbridge High School and train station. A must see!!!! **\$489,000**



**HOPELAWN** - 3 Family in a great location close to all major highways, Parks and shopping centers, this property is full of potential. Don't miss out this rare multi-family opportunity in Hopelawn section of Woodbridge Township. **\$419,000**



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