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Answering Council and Resident's Concerns 9/12/22 Caucus & 9/14/22 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – There was a presentation at the Caucus Meeting to discuss Elizabethtown Gas ongoing projects in the city. Andrew McNally, Esq. spoke about this project, “So far, 13,000 lines have been completed.” He was accompanied by a slideshow that showed all the streets that were going to be serviced or have been serviced. “We expect a completion date of November 2022 on 340 lines. We can’t do any paving during the winter months unless there is an emergency. We expect the final paving of the roads that are listed in the slideshow to be completed by April 2023. One of the lines include one industrial property on Second Street.”

Another Representative from Elizabethtown Gas, Camillo Bonilla came up to speak to answer a question posed by Council President Petrick, “The lines put down are plastic and do you put sand around the pipes?” Bonilla answered, “Yes.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and said, “Our main roads look bad, even after 90 days after they have been paved. I’m hoping that next June we are not back at square one and have to have those roads repaved again.”

McNally answered, “We are still installing service lines and we are making sure there is no service disruption. We had to do pipe replacement of streets that have very aging pipes. We are retiring the old pipes.”

Council President Petrick then asked, “How are we protecting the exposed pipes that are being placed in front of buildings?”

McNally answered, “Some of those outside pipes were put inside when possible. We will be in discussion regarding the pipes on the outside of the building.”

Law Director William Opel talked briefly about the ordinance adopting Amendment to the Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area No. 1. “There are four changes that were sent to the city planner, and we may have to reintroduce this ordinance for another public hearing.”

The next person to speak was David Gannon who gave the July Audit Report of the city’s funds. “The accounting practice is in accordance with the grant compliance, the testing of compliances of all types of revenue from all of the city’s departments revenue cycle. There is a \$12.1 million balance and \$9.4 million for the water balance. The fund balances are good with the appropriate reserves. The tax rate is at 100%.”

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned, “Who is in charge of accounting for vacation time, etc.?”

Gannon replied, “That is not part of the audit, and nothing requires corrective action. There are a number employees getting close to retirement and you are going to need qualified people to replace them.”

CFO Jill Goldy came forward

to make a few remarks, “There are a lot of notable items which includes employment liabilities and long-term liabilities. There are healthcare requirements and for some retirements, those healthcare requirements are being dropped. We have reserves for insurance runoff claims. There is also accumulated leave liability which we have cutoffs, but we still have legacy costs. The \$12 million surplus doesn’t go far.”

Council President Petrick spoke up and told Goldy that he heard there is a succession planned for her office and healthcare recommendations that we can forward to our local county official.

Goldy replied, “We have sent recommendations to them before that went nowhere. There is a position in my office that has been vacant for years. I am looking for someone that has experience. We need people who are qualified to look at our internal controls. There are many people in my office who are close to retirement age in about a year. The operating budget is \$80 million.”

Councilman B.J. Torres questioned, “Are there any rising retirement costs that you plan to address?”

Business Administrator Michael Greene responded, “The pension is from the state, and we have to pay that cost. We are looking at shared benefit cost and we haven’t had any increase in tax rates.”

Goldy then talked about the Chapter 78 Law which eliminated certain payouts to new employees. “We have a provider with health benefits and another for prescriptions. The state health benefits increased the costs for state employees.”

IT Technician John Alleman came up to explain, “An employee will report their time to supervisors to put into a time bank for any reported time off or overtime.”

Pabon then questioned, “Is there someone making sure that time is being recorded correctly?”

B.A. Greene spoke up, “If an employee is out for more than three days, they are required to come in with a sick note from their doctor.”

The council then went into closed session at 6: 27 p.m. to take a phone call for someone regarding a personnel matter. The council returned at 8:32 p.m. with the exception of Councilwoman Milady Tejeda who left for a previous commitment.

When the meeting resumed, Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up to explain Ordinance No. 2 – Appropriating \$547,000 from the American Rescue Plan Funds for the replacement of Engine No. 3. “This is a 1988 Engine, and it failed the Pump Test several years in a row. We have capital money coming in, plus additional funding to lock in the price.”

Councilman B.J. Torres questioned R-435 – Rescinding R-209-4/22 – Allocation of

UEZ funds to support an application to the State of New Jersey DCA for the Fink Park Project in the amount of \$300,000.

He questioned why they were no longer working on this project.

B.A. Greene responded, “Negotiations broke down.”

Torres continued, “Work was started without approval of the owner. How many hours went into the public outreach as to what to do with this park?”

OECD Director Tashi Vazquez spoke via Zoom, “We received technical assistance at no cost to the city. We did not have to acquire the property to do this.”

Torres concluded, “You should not work on any projects on property we don’t own.”

Torres was also concerned about R-436 – The use of second generation UEZ funds not to exceed the amount of \$500,000 for street paving improvements in the UEZ funds. “This is uncreative use of these funds, and did we approve of the expansion of the UEZ funds in this area? Was Jefferson Street paved?”

Pabon responded, “No.”

Vazquez then explained R-437 – Rescinding R-364-7/22 – An application to the New Jersey UEZ Zone Authority for the first-generation Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) assistance funds for the administration of the UEZ program for fiscal year June 30, 2022.

She explained that 10% is for the first year of funding and only \$16,000 goes for salary. “This had to go through the state and the money has to match what is on the original resolution.”

B.A. Greene explained, “On R-441 which was an amount not exceeding \$1,400,000 of bonds from the city of Perth Amboy and providing for their sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and the State of New Jersey authorizing the execution of various agreements pursuant to the New Jersey Water Bank Financing Program. He stated, “This is for the water towers and loan forgiveness.”

Councilman Pabon made a brief statement regarding R-443 – The City Tax Collector placing a lien on 773 Gadek Place in the amount of \$758.58 for charges incurred by the DPW to cut, trim, and clean the property.

Pabon said, “This has been going on four years.”

Code Enforcement Director Irving Lozada spoke via Zoom, “Let the Council know that the property at 773 Gadek Place was recently sold.”

Petrick spoke up and wanted to congratulate the DPW for the great job they are doing of cutting trees.

Pabon then questioned R-445 – A contract with Hudson County Motors to cover the unanticipated increase in the market values of the front-loading garbage truck and side loading garbage truck in an amount not to exceed \$8,200.



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The Coffin Carrying Queen Elizabeth II Transfers from Balmoral to Edinburg (AP)



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LONDON (AP)

No matter what anyone thinks of whether or not the Constitutional Monarchy should remain in England, it really is up to those who live there. And from all of the large throngs of people who gathered to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II on the streets from Scotland to view her coffin as she made her journey from there to London for her final service, she was loved by millions. It seems like those millions were fine with the continuance of the Monarchy. Queen Elizabeth II symbolized pride for the country and for those whom she faithfully served. *C.M.*



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Recent White House Bloopers and Blunders

First, we have Vice President Kamala Harris responded to a question by Meet The Press Anchor Chuck Todd by saying "The Boarder Is Secure." She, along with President Joe Biden and Department of Homeland Security Chief Alejandra Mayorkas must have assigned Comedy Central South Park's Officer

Bar Brady as their eyes and ears on the boarder. Concerning our record 2 million illegal immigrants coming into our nation this year, he must have reported, "Okay people, move along, there's nothing to see here."

Next, we have President Joe Biden who should have picked other than James Taylor whose song "Fire and Rain" was about suicide and heroin addiction to play at his White House Inflation Reduction Act celebration. With record inflation, increasing urban crime and shootings, ris-

ing home heating prices, gasoline \$1.35 per gallon more since January 2021, over 100,000 deaths from fentanyl, supply chain issues, formula shortages, two million illegal immigrants crossing the boarder and \$30.4 trillion plus growing national debt, there was a better choice, Bobby McFerrin's famous 1988 hit, "Don't Worry, Be Happy" would have been far more appropriate.

Sincerely,
Larry Penner

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Middlesex County offers multiple ways to vote in 2022 General Election

Middlesex County provides easy voting methods, including voting early in person or on Election Day, mailing ballots through the USPS, or dropping a ballot in a secure drop box in more than 30 locations countywide

Press Release 9/19/22
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – New Jersey residents will again have multiple, convenient options for casting their vote in the 2022 General Election on November 8, 2022. Those options include mailing ballots through the United States Postal Service (USPS); dropping a ballot in any of the 30+ secure drop boxes across the County; nine days of in-person early voting at any of the 10 early vote locations in the county; or voting in person at their assigned polling location on Election Day.

Middlesex County has created a convenient, easy-to-use resource to learn about how to vote in the General Election. It can be found at middlesexcountynj.gov/vote.

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

HOW TO VOTE IN THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

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

- Vote by Mail with a Mail-In Ballot
- In-person Early Voting on Saturday, October 29 through Sunday, November 6
- In-person voting on General Election Day Tuesday, November 8

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

The deadline to register to vote in the November 8, 2022 General Election is October 18, 2022.

The deadline to apply by mail for a Mail-In Ballot is November 1, 2022.

The deadline to apply in person for a Mail-In Ballot is November 7, 2022 by 3 pm.

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

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Voters may apply for a Mail-In Ballot in person or by authorized messenger at the Office of the County Clerk in New Brunswick up to 3 pm on Monday, November 7, 2022 (the day before the election).

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

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City Hall, High St. & Zoom

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City Hall, N. Broadway\

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Answering Council and Resident's Concerns

9/12/22 Caucus & 9/14/22 Council Meeting

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Pabon asked, “Are we getting trucks from the same suppliers?”

Council President Petrick then noticed that they keep raising prices.

Greene responded that he would get back to the council on this.

There were several questions regarding R-453 – Accepting a grant from the State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities in the amount of \$25,000.

Greene explained that this was the Community Energy Plan with the Green Team.

Councilman Torres then questioned, “Does the city have a windmill project with PSEG?”

Greene explained, “This resolution has nothing to do with that. I think PSEG spoke with the Raritan Yacht Club to talk about a windmill project.”

For R-451 – Authorizing a grant to the Raritan Bay YMCA in the amount of \$249,857.48 to be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

B.J. Torres questioned, “Why is the Y doing the oversight?”

Greene explained, “It’s reimbursement for some of the projects (they were involved in).”

OECD Director Tashi Vazquez said, “This is for windowless basements which was usually from UEZ funds. Our grant team we hired do not write all of our grants. I have written some of the grants myself. The Y has been in the forefront of helping with housing.”

Council President Petrick spoke up, “The OECD should be doing the work instead of farming out work to others.”

Vazquez then explained, “We would have to hire more staff.”

Petrick continued, “I don’t think the money is being spent wisely.”

Torres then spoke up, “We should have oversight of these funds. Does each city department have its own grant writers?”

Vazquez then explained, “We already hired a city planner.”

Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up and talked about windowless basements, “400 violations have been issued since the Fire Department took over (the inspections).”

Vazquez then explained, “We have also talked to Hackensack Meridian Hospital to get their input.”

Public Portion:

No one spoke in-person.

Sharon Hubberman was the first person to speak via Zoom. She questioned R-441. “There has been no presentation on the infrastructure of financing for this ordinance. What kind of funding and terms are there to pay down on the principle? What are the investments and interest rates? How will the funds be invested?”

B.A. Michael Greene said, “I will speak to the CFO to get the answers of Ms. Hubberman’s questions.”

YMCA President Steve Jobin spoke via Zoom. He talked about a discussion that he was

part of pertaining to a healthier Perth Amboy with people from various groups, “This came about a few years ago when there was a Carbon Monoxide related death at a Fayette Street building. We talked about getting grants for healthy and affordable housing. We have people who can talk to the community about different health related issues. We’ll be here to help no matter what.”

Councilman Torres asked Steve Jobin if the council were involved at the time in those talks.

Jobin responded, “I’m not sure.”

Torres spoke up, “I have 20 years experience in helping people statewide with health and quality of life issues.”

Petrick spoke up, “The City has the funding.”

After the public portion was closed, Council President Bill Petrick asked if any of the council wanted to make any comments.

Councilman Torres wasn’t going to speak up, but decided to do so, “Is the Covid Task Force still operational? I had two incidents that happened this week. One involved in me getting the wrong booster dosage at the hospital and the other happened at the ShopRite in Perth Amboy. I had an argument because they refused to give my 16-year-old a shot. In Perth Amboy, you have to make an appointment online for a booster shot. Old Bridge has walk-ins. We need to have more walk-in locations (in the city).”

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

The discussions continued at the 9/14/22 Council Meeting. The meeting was opened up to the public for Ordinances that had their own public hearing. Before the first speaker came up, Law Director Opel made a brief comment regarding adoption of Ordinance No. 1 (no public comment) which were amendments to the Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area No. 1. He told the council that the introductory paragraph was amended and were accepted and nothing changed and the Planning Board said that there were no substandard changes made.

Councilman Pabon then questioned if the Planning Board got information on the Urgent Care going in that area.

Petrick responded, "The Planning Board just knew it was going to be for commercial use."

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak Regarding Ordinance No. 1 (public hearing) \$157,000 of the American Rescue Plan Funds for the Water/Wastewater Utility (funds for the acquisition of a 6 Submergible Pump for the Water/Wastewater Utility in Perth Amboy.

He questioned, "What is the total money of the American Rescue Plan Funds used?"

B. A. Greene responded, "\$16.4 million, which is on the

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Notification of Environmental Investigation and Cleanup EZ Car Wash 1131 Convery Boulevard (Block 397.17, Lots 13, 14, and 15) NJDEP Preferred Identification #016566 September 2, 2022

In accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) regulations for “Notification and Public Outreach”, Lovi Family, LLC, is required to provide information relating to environmental conditions and remedial activities being conducted at the above referenced Site.

Historically, the Site operated as a gasoline station. As a result of historical operations, ground water at the Site has been impacted by Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylenes (collectively BTEX). These contaminants were initially detected in the groundwater in 1989. Since that time, the person conducting the remediation has determined that the contamination in the groundwater has migrated from the site.

Lovi Family, LLC. is conducting remedial activities in accordance with the requirements of the NJDEP to address the chemical contaminants detected. Remediation at the Site is ongoing. Most recently, a Remedial Investigation / Remedial Action Workplan has been completed, which documents the horizontal and vertical extent of ground water contamination. As an interim remedial measure (IRM), chemical injections have been performed to reduce contaminants in the source area. The person conducting the remediation has evaluated the environmental impacts from the Site including the potential for the contamination from this Site to affect drinking water wells and/or the quality of indoor air to ensure that any impacts from the contamination is promptly mitigated. A Classification Exception Area (CEA) and Well Restriction Area (WRA) are currently proposed for the extent of ground water impacted with contaminants above applicable NJDEP standards. Continued quarterly ground water sampling is proposed to monitor contaminant concentrations and extent of the plume. In addition, continued evaluation of the vapor intrusion pathway is to be conducted for properties located within 30 feet of ground water contaminants in exceedance of vapor intrusion ground water screening levels (VIGWSL).

For additional information, please contact John Kerber, the LSRP of record for the Site, at 908- 955-4400.

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Blighted Properties Discussed 9/7/22 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – The council passed the consent agenda, bill list and ordinances without discussion.

Council Comments:

Councilman Tom Reilly thanked the First Responders, food pantry donors and volunteers for the job that they do for the city. He inquired about the First Quarter of PILOT Numbers.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski did not have the report, yet.

Councilman Reilly then asked about the “Pigeon Palace,” and another property located on Roosevelt Street.

Law Director Francis Womack stated that the demolition of the “Pigeon Palace” will be scheduled with the Code Enforcement Office. “We prepare along with the date and time of demolition. We had a problem in the past with NJ Transit. Nothing has changed in that respect.”

Reilly asked, “By the end of the year, will that get done?”

Womack answered, “It will be no more than 10-20 days to give notice, then 10 more days the ordering that completes demolition.”

Council President Mickey Gross stated, “At least we have a date.”

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated, “A developer of the Roosevelt

Street property is about to acquire it.”

Reilly said, “That building has been that way since Sandy (10 years).”

Skarzynski said, “They get summonses, comply, then repair it again.”

Reilly asked what the timeline on Roosevelt Street.

Skarzynski answered, “The Roosevelt Apartments – they are going to put 50 units on .9 acres.

Reilly then stated, “Support our local businesses and help them out. Please support the American Legion in their brick sale. I urge everyone on the council to buy a brick. It is a good way to support the Veterans.”

Councilman Brian McLaughlin thanked all the volunteers.

Council Vice-President Christine Noble stated, “The school year is starting. I wish everyone a happy and healthy new (school) year.”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, “I was at the food pantry to see how it is run. It is an example how the community helps the community. It is under the supervision of Mary Porcello. I commend all the people who work there.” Dato then stated, “The Arts Festival at the Art Gallery – there will be live music and performances, photos, and food and other games. The YMCA is having a scarecrow

contest. The Allie Clark Sports Complex is finished.”

Council President Mickey Gross said, “We have a very aggressive paving program.”

B.A. Skarzynski listed a number of streets being paved including South Feltus and Thompson Streets.

Gross stated that the Irish Festival will be on Saturday, October 1, 2022. “The Book Bags Clean Community Grant didn’t cost our city anything. There will be a little league groundbreaking.”

Mayor Fred Henry thanked Congressman Pallone for road and sewer repairs. “There is a new pump station to improve flood resilience. He spoke about the upcoming 9-11-01 Remembrance Ceremony and to please come out. “At this point, we have young adults who were not born yet when this tragedy happened.” Henry then stated that October 21, 2022, is the Business Breakfast sponsored by the library.

Public Portion:

The first person to speak was Mary Szaro on Resolution 22-175 (an easement request)

B.A. Skarzynski answered, “When we formalize the easement, the boundaries will be included.”

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. All council members were present.

Woodbridge Public Library Events

Listed below are the free events we have planned for September and October 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.

September 22 | 7PM | Main Library
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!
Join us as Kim Ruiz director of the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. leads us in a discussion of Hispanic Heritage! Light refreshments will be served. Registration Suggested - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13194&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/09/07>

September 29 | 6:30PM | Fords Library
Adult Craft Night
Come to the Fords Library and receive supplies to make your own craft! Find out more details when you register. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13206&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/09/07>

September 29 | 7PM | Virtual Program
Paying For College Without Going Broke
Presented by MyCollege Planning Team, join us as we explore the complex world of need-based and merit based financial aid. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13305&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/09/07>

October 4 | 7PM | Virtual Program
Meet the Author: Rhea Ewing
Join us over Zoom as we chat with author Rhea Ewing! Rhea will discuss their graphic novel "Fine: A Comic About Gender." Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13196&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/10/01>

October 11 | 1PM | Main Library
Osteoporosis and the Benefits of Exercise and Strength Training
Join Lauren Karspinski, Health and Fitness Manager, Hackensack Meridian, JFK University Johnson Rehabilitation Institute to learn how. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13200&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/10/01>

October 11 | 4PM | Main Library
Mystery/Thriller Book Club
Join us for an in person discussion of Survive the Night by Riley Sager. No Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12161&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/10/01>

October 13 | 7PM | Main Library
Stories from New Jersey Diners
Join us as journalist, freelance writer and author, Michael C. Gabriele, discusses his latest book Stories from New Jersey Diners. No Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13199&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/10/13>

October 14 | 12PM | Main Library
Fall Prevention for Seniors
This guide provides an understanding of the implications of and associated risks for falls in the older adult population. No Registration Required -<https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13291&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/10/01>

October 18 | 6:30PM | Iselin Branch Library
Medicare 101
Join Shazad Ghani as he presents an overview of everything you need to know about Medicare. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13433&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/10/01>

October 19 | 3PM | Main Library
Teen and Adult Pumpkin Painting
Come paint a pumpkin! We'll have fake pumpkins on-hand to paint and decorate, or you can bring your own! No Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13293&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/10/01>

October 20 | 7PM | Main Library
Find Bigfoot in the Library
Join Mike Familant, full-time bigfoot researcher, as he shows us raw, uncut footage of what bigfooting actually is. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13160&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/10/01>

October 27 | 7PM | Main Library
Meet the Author: Brooke Beyfuss
Join us as local author Brooke Beyfuss walks us through her debut novel After We Were Stolen! No Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13203&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/10/01>

Movies at Main | Fridays at 2PM
Join us every Friday at 2PM to catch a free movie! This 9-week series is themed Fall Features!

Saturday Movie Matinee | Iselin Branch Library
Join us for a free movie at the Iselin Branch Library!

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Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY — TeenTober is back! This nationwide celebration promotes year-round teen services and the innovative ways teens could learn new skills, to fuel their passions in and outside the library. Celebrate TeenTober on Fridays, October 7 and 28 from 3-4 pm for activities and a Bad Art Challenge.

Dungeons and Dragons fans unite and join us for our first D&D Gaming Club on Thursday, October 6 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Share tips and tricks on the latest D&D games, bring your campaign binders to create characters, spells and much more!

Calling all ghouls and ghosts of all ages! Come in costume and gather for the spooktacular Halloween Costume Party on Thursday, October 27 from 3:30-5 pm. Enter the costume contest, enjoy games, activities, and light refreshments.

Stop by every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm for the After School Fun Club. Drop in for fun activities and meet new friends as you unwind after the school day!

Join Ms. Maryanne for storytime on Monday, October 3 and Saturday, October 15 from 1-2 pm for stories, games, activities, and crafts.

Enjoy live Jazz music on Monday October 3 at 7 pm celebrating the life and music of Louis Armstrong: Ambassador of Jazz. The program will feature Guest vocalist trumpeter Gordon James & pianist Mark Minchello.

Are you a local small business? Looking to gain new customers? Join us for the Business Breakfast @ Dowdell on Friday, October 21 at 8:30 am. Network with a business card exchange and enjoy breakfast while learning how to use the Library's free U.S. Business and Consumer database to target specific groups of businesses or individuals who may most likely be interested in your products or services. To register, contact the Library at comments@dowdell.org or 732.721.6060 Limited seating.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, October 31, at 10:30 am. Contact the Library to pick up this month's book.

Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers online virtual health programs. Some courses include Stress Reduction through Imagery and Stretch It! Chair exercising, stretching, and flexibility workshop. Please register by emailing Kathleen Johnson kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org. For a complete list of the classes, please visit Dowdell.org.

Don’t forget to drop in at our booth at the City of South Amboy’s Irish Festival on Saturday, October 1st.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O’Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

National Library Card Month

Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY — September is National Library Card month! Stop in today to sign up for a new card. You can use your South Amboy Library card at the Dowdell library, but it can also be used to check out materials at over 30 other local LMXAC libraries. You can find the complete list of libraries on our website, Dowdell.org. Your library card will also give you access to valuable online resources like Hoopla, Explora, eLibrary NJ, Libby, Heritage Quest, and Jersey Clicks.

Did you know that by borrowing four books a month from the Dowdell Library, you saved yourself over \$60.00? That's over \$700.00 a year! If you want to see how much you can save, visit Dowdell.org and try the Library Savings Calculator on the left side of the webpage.

Signing up for a library card is easy! All South Amboy residents are eligible for a free library card, as well as school employees, city employees and business owners. South Amboy adults must show either a valid NJ driver's license, state of NJ ID, a current utility bill, or a bank statement. All residents under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian with the above-required ID. Individuals that do not reside within borrowing area must show a pay stub or letter from the employer on company letterhead. Other individuals can also purchase a library card for \$50 per year.

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

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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, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O’Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

South Amboy Seniors

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

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website."

Balut continued, "Some of the money was spent and some was appropriated. You should have that broken down."

Greene responded, "Because there is a supply chain issue, some of the allocated money was not spent. It has only been spent on the Fire Department."

Balut ended, "I am saying that those funds should have been spent to help the citizens, and the citizens need to know how to get a Homestead Rebate Check."

JB Vas came up to speak next, "Some of this money has been spent without public input. We get CDBG Grants of \$900,000 from the Feds every year and have public hearings. Middlesex Water should be paying for some of the cost of this pump. The key role of the council is how money is spent, and the best use of it. We should have public hearings."

Council President Petrick responded, "We are having public hearings on each of these individual items on how the American Rescue Fund money is spent. The money goes to the administration first, and they ask us how to spend it. There is specific repairs for the infrastructure and we have the power if we act together as a body."

The next person spoke (via Zoom) was Sharon Hubberman. There is another ordinance asking for funding for the infrastructure. Why are we authorizing \$1.3 million in bonds that was in the 2019 ordinance for the Water/Wastewater infrastructure? The funding is already in place. We are approving a lot of bonding and no transparency. We have many areas that need to be approached."

Councilwoman Tejada spoke up, "I remember an email sent to all of us with suggestions for the use of the American Rescue Funds."

Greene responded, "We used the advice from the Government Strategy Group who suggested we need to take care of our water infrastructure and our public safety." Greene also responded to Joel Pabon when asked if this money would help with our CSOs (Combined Sewer Overflow). "A \$5.4 million grant was requested by the city to help with our Water/Wastewater Infrastructure."

Pabon asked, "What would happen if we didn't get the American Rescue Plan money? We should have a running number of funds spent so far. It's scary with all of these big line items."

Greene continued, "The Mayor asked the company to see the best need and a road map for this money."

Petrick concluded the conversation, "Anyone who lives in this town doesn't need anyone to tell us about the quality of life issues which includes overcrowding, CSO's, potholes, etc."

The next ordinance up for public comment was No. 2 -

Appropriating \$650,000 of the American Rescue Funds for replacement of existing single head meters throughout the city with compatible pay stations for the parking utility.

Ken Balut came up first, "None of these figures match the budget. Maybe I am not seeing things."

B.A. Greene responded, "There is a budget sheet and a capital budget sheet which would have different totals."

Balut continued, "This ordinance said it is American Rescue Funds."

Greene said, "The shaded areas on the fact sheet would indicate if it is a capital budget."

Balut continued, "Jill Goldy said that American Rescue Funds are in a separate budget. Other cities gave back to their citizens. Code Enforcement has an employee with 7 years as a director. We are going to have death because of illegal housing that we've had for years."

JB Vas came up to make a brief statement, "This Strategy Group just said what everybody already knows."

Zoom Participant Sharon Hubberman spoke next, "How many parking meters are we going to get for the \$600,000? Other cities have Q-Codes to scan to pay at meters."

Police Chief Cattano came up to respond, "We've had Park-Mobile for a year. These paystations will be put in place up 20 meters plus an additional 20 meters. At the next council meeting, we are putting in a proposal for more paystations. We will also have touchless pay."

Pabon asked if there is a difference between using a barcode versus using the APP.

Cattano responded, "Our rates are low, and more people want to use coins. Sometimes there is a fee associated when people use their credit cards."

Pabon then asked, "What does it cost to put the machine out? Is it leveling out our investment such as fixing the parking deck, etc.? How much are we making on each dollar?"

Cattano said, "It is harder to do enforcement because there are two parts that the Code Enforcement Officer has to fill out. The city gets money from parking summonses and not the parking utility."

Pabon stated, "This should be noted on the budget."

Cattano answered, "It is city money, so it all goes into the one pot."

Councilman Torres spoke up, and questioned, "Is the city making money or is it leveling out? We need to know the return on our investment."

Cattano responded, "During the Covid, money was going out and nothing was coming in. The parking deck and parking lot at Jefferson Street is being repaired. The people using the deck are the ones subsidizing it."

Pabon then asked a question regarding the new water department building going up, "How many people will go into the new building?" (There was a

brief presentation at the Caucus Meeting by the architects from the Altec Building System who won the bid for the construction of the new Water Department Building.

Luis Perez Jimenez, Director of Operations at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) said, "Besides myself, there will be 5 people. That includes a secretary, 2 foremen, and 1 other employee."

Pabon said, "For almost \$6 million, this should be a state-of-the-art building. It is too much money spent for replacing a building and a garage."

Perez Jimenez said, "The cost has gone up."

The next person who spoke was the architect from Altec. "These are tough times, and the site work and demolition have a huge cost. The materials and the access to them may drop, but labor cost will go up. The state law says it will be a prevailing wage for laborers."

Law Director Opel spoke up, "The property for WaWa has to go before the Planning Board before we can sell that property over market rate."

Councilman Torres asked if Middlesex Water will share the cost of that building.

Perez Jimenez responded to Torres, "There will be no city employees in the new building."

Torres continued, "We put the Recreation Department in another building, and we are going into harder times and is this the right time to do this project?"

Greene responded, "We are responsible for the water infrastructure, all the equipment needed by the Department of Recreation is not enough space in that building."

Opel spoke up, "The city is getting \$258,000 from WaWa (answering Balut)."

Balut then stated, "We are getting an \$8 million building and we love Kushner. Are we getting money to pay on bonds? It will be 200 years to pay the taxes for this building. This is incompetence."

Opel responded, "This was never a one-for-one equal swap. The old Water Department Building was dilapidated. I disagree with what Balut said, when he said the public didn't know this. It went through PARA. The council had public hearings, and appraisal was also listed."

JB Vas came up to speak, "The public should have a say if we use the ARF Money for a building for Middlesex Water that is not using city employees."

Sharon Hubberman spoke next via Zoom. She was not in favor of this ordinance. "There are quality of life water problems with the infrastructure. Will they ask for bonds to help with the costs? This will include construction costs and capital appropriations for cleaning of water and oversight. We need a rebate for those who paid their water bills or we should be able to get them free water filters." Public Comments (Agenda Items Only): (in person first)

Ken Balut spoke first on

R-433 - Refund of duplicate tax payment on 3 properties. "There is not enough information." He then spoke about R-429 - The annual Audit report ending in December 31, 2022, recommendations. "There is no breakdown on the loans, fees, or percentage rates. There was \$100 million of bonds that were used when McGreevey was in Office for the Turnpike Building. We never get a breakdown of fees. I remember when there was one law firm that made \$8 million in one town. Any lawsuits, tax appeals should be in the ordinance. We had it when I was on the council."

Greene said, "It might already be on the website. I'll check."

Resident Dave Benyola came up next. "I want more of an explanation on R-126 - Authorizing Bay City Restaurant and Sports Bar to have a license to use a portion of their parking lot to be used as a patio at 217 King Street."

He said, "The music is so loud that my neighbors called to complain."

Opel responded, "The city code has it in an ordinance on outside uses (for a business)."

Benyola thanked the council for appointing Captain Panagiotis Boulteris to the Perth Amboy Citizens Advisory Board."

JB Vas came up next, "Are there certain spots that you need to expand the liquor license to use for outside expansion."

City Clerk Victoria Kupsch responded, "They do zoning checks."

Sharon Hubberman spoke via Zoom, She thanked Mr. Greene for the construction of the parking deck. She then talked about R-441 - Details of the sale for the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank to the New Jersey Water Bank Financing Program.

"What is the refunding of the bonds? Is it a favorable interest rate? We need the terms of the Vet services and the escrow and the legal documents which are not acceptable."

Petrick asked Law Director Opel a question about R-426 - Bay City Sports Bar. "Can their music be limited?"

Opel responded, "I would advise the council not to do that without notifying the owner and having a hearing."

Police Chief Cattano came up and said, "There is only one complaint about the music, and the person talked to the DJ (to resolve that issue)."

Councilman B.J. Torres said that, "We should let the owner know about curtailing the loud music."

There was a brief discussion regarding the YMCA getting grant money from the American Rescue Plan Act of \$249,857.48. (put on the agenda by the OECD).

Petrick was against this, "The OECD has one employee that is getting a \$20,000 increase in salary with a title change and they want to hire a clerk to employ for \$40,000 and they have a \$50,000 increase to their budget and 4-5 grants are going for management fees."

Pabon said, "They may need a

separate office and more people employed."

Councilman Torres said, "When they outsource a lot of those grants, we lose oversight. The YMCA doesn't deal with housing."

Petrick also said, "This is funding for a windowless basement."

Councilwoman Milady Tejada said, "This group has done great for the grants and I like the partnerships that they have (with other agencies)."

For R-457 - Amending R-153-3/19 - A contract to Kyle and McManus Associates for professional engineering services related to the housing study for the Department of Human Services not to exceed \$52,000.

Petrick said, "This contractor skirted the truth about going to court and accepting a fee. The person misrepresented the facts."

There was a late-starter that was put on by Joel Pabon - R-464-9/22 - Rent Leveling Board Revision of City Code regarding rent increases.

Ordinances (with a public hearing) No. 1, 4, 5 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Ordinance No. 2 (\$650,000 of ARPF regarding the single head meters) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Torres and Petrick voted "No." Ordinance No. 3 (\$2.4 million of the ARPF for construction of the Water Utility Building) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Pabon and Torres voted "No."

Ordinances (first reading - no public discussion) Ordinances No. 1,2,3,4,5 were moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada.

Ordinance No. 4 (first reading)(using \$2,320,000 from ARPF providing for equipment for the police department. Pabon asked for it to be tabled, but the council decided to vote on it. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Pabon, Torres, Petrick voted "No."

Ordinance No. 6 was moved by Tejada, seconded by Pabon.

For the consent agenda, R-425 thru R-434; R-436 thru R-450; R-452 thru R-456; R-459 thru R-464 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada.

R-435 (regarding Fink Park) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Torres asked for it to be removed, "It is a waste of grant money, but I will vote "Yes.""

R-451 (grant money for the YMCA) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Torres, Petrick voted "No."

R-457 (amending the ordinance for the contract to Kyle McManus) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Petrick voted "No."

R-458 (contract for the Altech Fielding Systems for new office for the Water Department) moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejada. Pabon, Torres voted "No."

Public Portion:

Ken Balut spoke first, "The Y owes us money and it receives a lot of money. \$21 million was

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taken from the school system because of PILOTS. Will the new school be big enough when it opens?"

Pabon and Petrick both responded, "It will be overcrowded."

Balut continued, "You are spending taxpayers dollars and we are giving money away to rich people. We are getting a lot of calls from the school about students O.D.'ing. We don't care about people or animals. You hire too many out-of-towners."

JB Vas came up to speak. He spoke about a topic from a couple of years ago regarding rent control when a greedy landlord who lived out of town bought a property at 263-265 New Brunswick Avenue. "That new owner increased the tenant's rent by 5%. Some rents are doubling up while our basic staples are going up. The tenants in this building had been paying below the market rate. The new owner of the building came before the council knowing there was no rent leveling board in place. The new owner gave notice to the tenants about a rate increase which the judge approved of because we had no Rent Leveling Board. That landlord tried to circumvent the law by increasing the rates by 30%. There was another 30 page court ruling in my clients (one of the renters) favor."

Petrick responded, "We established the Rent Leveling Board and put on members."

Vas responded, "A letter was sent to let the tenants to know that their case was never heard."

Pabon joined the conversation, "We work with what we have. I was shocked at the jump of rent without the improvement done to that building. In the long run, the landlord did not get a big increase in rent."

Vas continued, "People are doing whatever they can to survive, even if it means living in just a room. We should be educating landlords and tenants and

put a freeze on rent to keep it under 5% increase. There was an order filed against the city and the tenant."

Petrick responded, "The son of the tenant that we represented said the notice of a rent increase should have been sent by the lawyer, and you were the lawyer."

Vas responded, "I was never given that notice, but the tenant succeeded anyway."

The meeting was open to Zoom participants.

Sharon Hubberman spoke first. She thanked the council specifically Joel Pabon for putting the Rent Leveling Board as a Late-Starter and the council voting "Yes" for it. "In October 1983, there was an ordinance about the Rent Control Rate based on economics and community input and members. In 2021, we passed a resolution. We have been on top of tenants and renters problems. We have been very proactive. We encourage all tenants to contact Dianne Roman from our board regarding past and present problems. The last speaker just threw us under the bus for political gain. I want to thank Police Chief Cattano and the police force for their youth programs. It shows them how to respect law and order and how to achieve their dreams."

Resident Maria Vera spoke next. "There is loud music at the Bay City Restaurant on Sunday Nights. They blast music until 10:45 p.m. on Sundays." She then said, "My water pressure is low ever since they started construction of a house on my block. No one stops at stop signs and car mufflers are loud. People need to stop walking their dogs in the park, especially the waterfront property where there is a lot of dog waste. We need a dog park and I see a lot of stray dogs. People are still parking school buses in the driveways".

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales thanked all who participated tonight. "School is back in session

and I urge everyone to get vaccinated and stay safe."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "People take handful of waste bags for their dogs. At least ten people have stopped me and talked to me about all the dog waste. I've seen it myself. People only use those bags to pick up after their dog when other people are around. I talked to Irving Lozada about the car wash (down Smith Street) that was finally knocked down." He talked about the new park by Water Stadium that was being built by KaBoom. "The fences at Rudyk Park are looking better and kudos to the people who worked on that. I'm hoping that people take inventory about what improvements are needed in our parks before April next year and they are doing the mulching that is needed." He then asked if the rumor was true that Home Depot is sold."

Greene responded, "I have not heard anything about that."

Pabon added, "This happened with the salt company that had been here for many years, then suddenly moved."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda thanked all who participated tonight. She gave kudos to Councilman B.J. Torres and his wife, Caroline for the music concert series presented in the summer at the Ferry Slip Museum. She also asked if we can use the American Rescue Fund Money for fencing needed at Sadowski Parkway. "I hope the students have a safe and productive school year."

Councilman B.J. Torres thanked all who attended the last exceptional concert that was held at the Ferry Slip Museum. "Even the moon came out that night. There was a lot of positive energy. It is the duty for every American to vote."

Council President William Petrick stated that the meeting was very interesting tonight. "I hope everyone enjoys their weekend." The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. All council members were present.

*Voting Continued from Page 4

Middlesex County offers multiple ways to vote in 2022 General Election
Middlesex County provides easy voting methods, including voting early in person or on Election Day, mailing ballots through the USPS, or dropping a ballot in a secure drop box in more than 30 locations countywide

voting machine during the a nine-day Early Voting Period prior to General Election Day at any of the 10 early voting locations in Middlesex County. Voters can choose to vote in person when it is most convenient for their schedule.

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

In-person Early Voting locations will be open Saturday, October 29 through Sunday, November 6 for the 2022 General Election. Hours will be Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 8 pm and Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm.

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

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

Vote-By-Mail Ballots CANNOT be returned to in-person Early Voting polling locations or General Election Day polling locations.

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

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

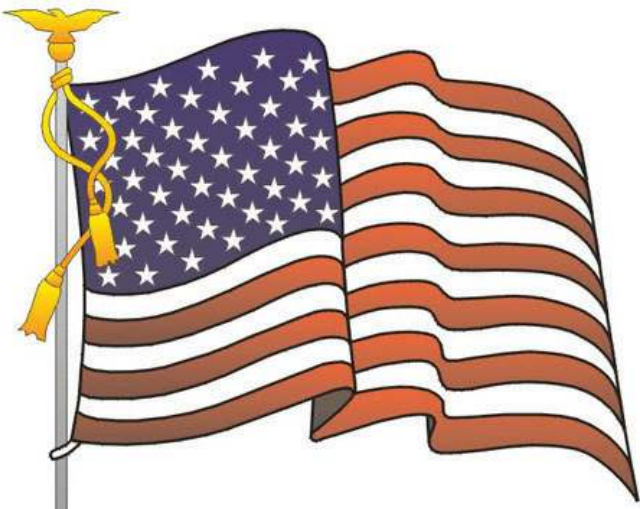
VOTING IN PERSON ON GENERAL ELECTION DAY

In-person voting is available to all registered voters in Middlesex County. Voters who have not requested a Mail-In Ballot may vote in person at their assigned polling place on General Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Click here to find your assigned polling location for the upcoming General Election. A voter's assigned polling location can also be found in the top left corner of their sample ballot, which will be mailed the week prior to the General Election.

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

Voters who receive a Mail-In Ballot but do not return their ballot may still vote in person by provisional ballot at their assigned polling place on General Election Day, November 8.

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



Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Available at Old Bridge Medical Center and Raritan Bay Medical Center

Hackensack Meridian Old Bridge Medical Center and Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center has begun scheduling patients for the updated boosters that are available for people ages 12 and older. The new Bivalent booster provides a better protection against the widely circulating Omicron variant. Schedule an appointment today by visiting HackensackMeridianHealth.org/covid19.

Hours are as follows:

Old Bridge Medical Center

Retail Pharmacy
3 Hospital Plaza
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Raritan Bay Medical Center

530 New Brunswick Ave
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
Thursday & Friday, 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

City Celebrates Re-dedication of Allie Clark Sports Complex *Photo Submitted

Press Release 9/19/22
SOUTH AMBOY - While baseball opening day is usually a sure sign of Spring after nearly two years of pandemic related delays the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association got their Fall season underway yesterday as they celebrated the re-dedication of the Allie Clark Athletic Complex.
Named after South Amboy native and NY Yankee standout Allie Clark, the complex recently underwent a large-scale renovation that includes the installation of artificial turf, state of the art LED lighting, and many other enhancements to benefit players and spectators alike.



Funding for the field renovation was provided by a matching grant from the Middlesex County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Fund.
Joining Mayor Henry and the City Council for the event were Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Deputy Director of the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners Shanti Narra and Commissioner Charles Kenny and many other local dignitaries.
The undisputed highlight of the ceremonies was remarks by Jack “Trader Jack” McKeon who led the 2003 Florida Marlins to their World Series Championship. Mr. McKeon reminded the young players that no matter what their pursuit in life there is no substitute for focus and hard work in chasing your dreams. At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. McKeon threw out the first pitch to Colin Clark, a current SAYAA player and great grandson of Allie Clark.
Photo (LtoR): Council Member Christine Noble, Council President Mickey Gross, Mayor Fred Henry, Jack McKeon, Speaker Craig Coughlin, Council Member Zusette Dato, Mr. Robert Dato, Board of Education VP Anthony Conrad.

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Meet the Superintendent, Art Gallery, South Amboy 9/7/22 *Photos by Katherine Massopust



Last Concert of the Year, Ferry Slip Museum, Perth Amboy 9/10/22 *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



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Let's Take a Good Look at Ourselves at this stage of our life

MENTAL DEVELOPMENT

The following questions are designed to stimulate your thinking. In some cases, a yes or no answer will suffice, in others, you will want to expand or qualify your answers. Change, modify, add to, or delete as required. Above all play straight and enjoy getting to know yourself!

After you have completed this questionnaire, go back and review your answers. If you are basically happy with your answer, consider it a strength.. If you wish you could have answered differently, consider it a weakness .

In some cases, it will seem that an answer indicates a definite interest or potential strength in an area that is not fully developed. In such cases. Also, recognize that some of your weaknesses could very easily become strengths and some of your strengths could be developed even stronger.

I recommended that you do this exercise in a place where you will not be interrupted.

1. Do I believe in developing myself to my full potential?
2. Do I consistently strive to improve myself?
3. List things I have done in the past three years to improve myself
4. Do I have a regular reading program for self-improvement?
5. Do I have a regular reading program for professional improvement?
6. List magazines, journals and newspapers that I read on a regular basis.
7. Do I consider my education well rounded?
8. Do I have an analytical mind?
9. Do I associate current events with the effect they will have on me, my family, and my business?
10. Do I have hobbies and "outside interests"?
11. List of my hobbies and outside interests.
12. Am I generally curious?
13. Do I listen to several points of view before drawing my opinion or conclusion?
14. When I express my views, can I back them up with facts or reasons?

‘The person who is too old to learn was probably always too old to learn.’ - Henry S. Haskins

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail: Milton@gettingaheadinbusiness.com

Milton J. Paris, President and Founder of Getting Ahead In Business has been helping businesses grow for over 40 years. As a sales training guru and motivational speaker Milton's motto is, "Nothing is impossible working with Milton Paris." In addition to helping owners increase their sales, Milton hosts a weekly business talk radio show at FOX SPORTS NEW JERSEY 93.5FM/1450AM every Sunday from 11 am- 12 noon.

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

Fall Concert

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Business Association will be sponsoring its' first FREE Fall Concert featuring the AlohaMonkey Band on Thursday, October 06, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the South Amboy Train Plaza (across from City Hall - 140 North Broadway). Parking in Train parking lots or behind the Municipal Building or simply walk to our beautiful downtown. Bring Patio chair and enjoy the downtown businesses. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED.

*Friends of
Perth Amboy
Free Public
Library Meeting*

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (Children's Library), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info. call 732-261-2610.

MOVIE REVIEW: TOP GUN: MAVERICK



By: Anton Massopust III
 "It's not the plane - it's the pilot." – Maverick

In a sequel to the 1986 classic "Top Gun," (starring Tom Cruise, Val Kilmer, Kelly McGillis, Anthony Edwards, and Meg Ryan). *Top Gun: Maverick* stars Tom Cruise who reprises his role as Captain Pete "Maverick," Mitchell, a fighter pilot who is one of the best in the world, but times are changing, and the technology is changing. When Maverick pushes a new experimental aircraft to its absolute limits, he crashes. Instead of being dismissed by the Navy, an old friend (Val Kilmer reprises his role as Admiral Tom "Iceman" Kazansky) requests that Maverick is sent back to Top Gun School to teach the best of the best for a special mission. This mission is to destroy an enemy base where uranium is being stored before the uranium becomes completely activated and used for nuclear weapons. The enemy base is heavily fortified and heavily defended therefore only the best

pilots can complete the mission. Maverick puts a group of new pilots including the son of his old radar intercept officer (RIO) Lt. (junior grade) Nick “Goose” Bradshaw whose call sign is “Rooster” (Miles Teller). Jennifer Connelly plays bartender and love interest for Maverick Penny Benjamin.

The movie is on a huge scale. If you have a big screen TV or see it in the theaters, you can appreciate it. You feel as if you are in the cockpit of the fighter jets. If you are younger than the generation that remembers *Top Gun*, I suggest you watch the first, and catch up with *Maverick*. The biggining of *Top Gun*:

Maverick gives you a recap on what happened in the original movie.

We get to see a new generation of pilots and how things have changed. The best part of this movie is the dogfights and training of the Navy Pilots. Real Navy Pilots and real planes were used to film *Top Gun: Maverick*. It is not CGI. It is a great nostalgia trip back to the 1980's. If you loved the original *Top Gun*, you'll love this even more. We also get a special appearance by Val Kilmer. A lot of times sequels or remakes don't work, but *Top Gun: Maverick* does. A definite "must see."

Anton Knows: A Review of Pop Culture



Anton Knows

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

PAHS
Class of 1977
45th Reunion

PERTH AMBOY-Please join us on Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 6pm-11pm at the Raritan Yacht Club for a celebration! Tickets are \$100 per person and include appetizers, buffet dinner, desserts, DJ, photo booth and photographer. Deadline for sales is September 16. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Lucy Ortiz via email at luz.velazquezortiz@gmail.com



PAHS
Class of 1972
50th Reunion

PERTH AMBOY – Join us to meet for a day and night of fun, food, and reminiscing. Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Start with a day with a tour of the Halls of Ivy at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday followed with refreshments in the cafeteria. To end the day, we will gather at The Armory, Front Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Tickets: \$100. Includes Buffet, Beer, Wine, Sangria, and soft drinks. Payments made payable and sent to Bob Green, 37 Pine Drive, Colonia, NJ 07067. All payments due by: October 1st. Non-refundable after that date.

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

Middlesex County Magnet Schools Flag Raising Ceremony



Press Release
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ - On Wednesday, September 7 members of the Middlesex County Magnet Schools and the community gathered on the East Brunswick campus to raise its flags to signal the new era of the County school district. The new name and visual identity, announced in June, accurately represents the exceptional, specialized education the school system offers all Middlesex County students.
Today’s event featured student performers and distinguished speakers: Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios; Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education President Keith Jones; County Commissioner Channele Scott-McCullum; Middlesex County Magnet Schools Superintendent Jorge Diaz; and Middlesex County Magnet School East Brunswick Campus Principal Michael Cappiello.

Museum Pass Program

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have generously provided FREE passes to two of the area’s most popular museums! Museum passes offer a great way for family and friends to experience educational and cultural fun. **Picking Up and Returning Passes:** Passes can be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Patrons must present the library card under whose name the pass was reserved. Only Adult patrons whose cards are in good standing will be able to check out Museum Passes. Passes are good for a total of three days and are **NOT** renewable. Passes can be returned at the Circulation Desk or at the Book Drop after hours. **Late, Lost or Unreturned Passes:** There will be a \$5 amount late fee each day the pass is past due. Passes not returned within 14 days after the due date will be presumed lost and borrowers charged the full replacement cost. Replacement costs for items are as follows: **Lost museum pass: Full cost of the pass.** Replacement costs vary according to the museum and listed on the catalog record for each museum. **Pass Case: \$1**
Museum Passes available: •American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY | free admission and 1 free exhibit or show •Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, New York, NY | pass admits 4 people (2 adults; 2 children).
For the American Museum of Natural History: Until further notice, the Museum will be open five days a week (Wednesday through Sunday). Patrons making use of these vouchers need to book reservations online in advance. For more helpful information on visiting the Museum during this unique time, and to book advance tickets, visit amnh.org/plan-your-visit. Through the Library Voucher program, multiple patrons from your library can visit the Museum on the same day! Each library voucher can be redeemed for a **free admission** to the Museum's permanent collection, as well as **one special exhibition or show** of the patron's choice.
For the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum: Patrons are able to bring the library's membership pass along with their library card for complimentary admission on the day of their visit. There is no need to reserve tickets in advance, we always have complimentary tickets readily available for our members. Please note, The Intrepid Museum is no longer checking the vaccination status of visitors. However, for the safety of all, we continue to require masks being worn in all indoor Museum spaces for visitors ages 3 and up.
Sponsored by the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. www.folperthamboy.com For more information, please call the Perth Amboy Free Public Library: 732-826-2600.

Meet The Lizard Guys

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are happy once again to host The Lizard Guys on Saturday, September 24th at 11 a.m. in the Children’s Room of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library located at 196 Jefferson St.
The Lizard Guys, now a division of Juniors' Venture, Inc., are a New Jersey based educational entertainment group that provides live animal presentations with lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs and various bugs. Find out more about them by visiting their website at <http://www.thelizardguys.com>
This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For information, contact the Friends at (201) 381-1903, e-mail at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com, find us on Facebook or visit us on-line at www.folperthamboy.com
Friends encourage the love of reading and independent learning, play a role in community involvement, sponsor special programs, raise funds for special projects, equipment and materials in excess of the general Library budget.

Reducing Stops for Minor Traffic Violations Discussed at Meeting of Perth Amboy Public Safety Advisory Board

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - Samantha Castro, chair of the Perth Amboy Public Safety Advisory Board, introduced recommending that the city eliminate stops for minor traffic violations as a main topic of discussion at the August 31 meeting of the Advisory Board. “I propose the banning of minor traffic violations for adoption by our police department in an effort to deescalate situations that have the potential to become violent or hazardous,” said Ms. Castro.
She pointed out that research shows that minor stops too often end up escalating into violence, disproportionately impact people of color and do not contribute significantly to curbing violent crime. Ms. Castro noted that Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Seattle are among the cities that have banned minor stops.
This proposed solution was introduced for discussion only. A vote to recommend it to the mayor and the police department for implementation can be held at a subsequent meeting. The remaining two meetings for this year are scheduled for October 26th and November 30th, both to begin at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers.
Among the recommendations put forward by members of the public in attendance were further research on requiring police officers to receiving martial arts training versus offering it as a training option and the need



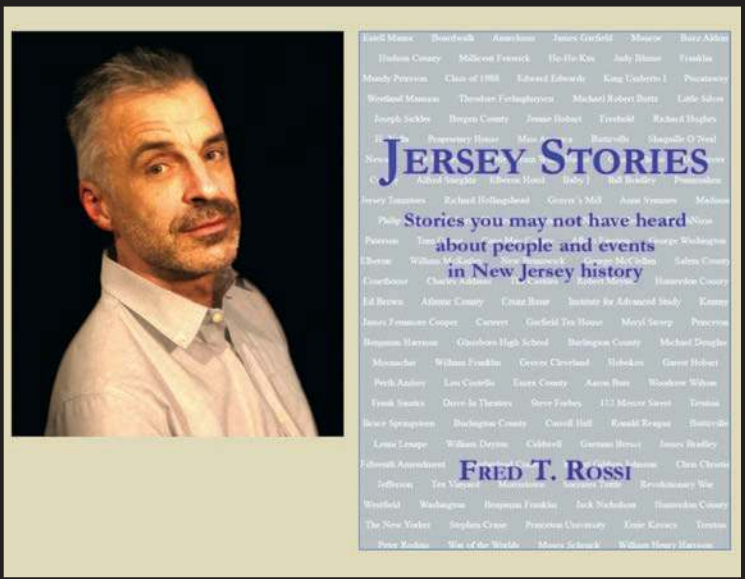
PERTH AMBOY - (L to R) Secretary Seth Nanton, Vice-Chair Dave Benyola, Chair Samantha Castro, Detective Jose Santiago
*Photo Submitted

for research on a technical policy for squad car surveillance.
The members of the Advisory Board in attendance at the meeting, in addition to Ms. Castro were vice-chair, David Benyola, secretary, Seth Nanton and Detective Jose Santiago.
The Citizen’s Public Safety Advisory Board is designed to build mutual respect between the police and the community by ensuring de-escalation training and other de-escalation policies are brought to the attention of the City’s leadership. It was developed by the Perth Amboy Civic Trust and the Frontline Youth, working in partnership with the Perth Amboy Police Department, the Mayor and the City Council, and with assistance from The Citizens Campaign Law and Policy Task Force.
The Advisory Board will recommend to the Mayor, City Administrator and Police Director evidence-based policies that have been proven to be successful in similar cities that improve new recruit screening, training, reporting and any other actions or practices that enhance de-escalation and the continuing improvement of the Department’s “guardian” culture; conduct public hearings to receive evidence-based, best practice input from individuals, including police officers; and review an annual de-escalation performance audit that shall be provided by the Perth Amboy Police Department to report progress on any policies or practices adopted, or actions taken to improve the de-escalation capabilities and performance of the Department.

October Events South Amboy Elks

Tricky Trays & More!

SOUTH AMBOY - On Sunday October 16th we are having a 2lb. Tricky Tray. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., tricky tray starts at 1 p.m. promptly. Your entrance fee is to bring a WRAPPED gift that weighs at least 2lbs. Your gift can be funny or serious. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. Tables of 8 can be reserved.
Thursday, October 20th is our Shrimp Scampi Dinner. Doors open at 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. dining. The cost is \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. This dinner benefits our Drug Awareness Committee.
Finally, Sunday October 23rd is our monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet. That is from 9 a.m. - 11:30 am And is \$12. Per person, children 6 and under are \$6.
South Amboy Elks appreciates the residents support with all our events and would like to thank you in advance for all your future support. For more information on any of events please call 732-727-7170. South Amboy Elks is located at 601 Washington Ave.



“Jersey Stories” At Proprietary House on September 24th

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, September 24th at 3 PM, Proprietary House will host an Authors Event & Book Signing for the acclaimed publication, “Jersey Stories.” This program will be of great interest to all history lovers. Meet the author – writer and journalist, Fred T. Rossi – and hear about some of the dozens of lesser-known bits of Garden State history that are recounted in the book’s 183 pages.
Admission is Free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Light refreshments will follow the authors’ program and Proprietary House’s Museum and Gift Shop will be open until 5 PM.
Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ. Phone: (732) 826-5527 - Email: info@theproprietary-house.org

City of South Amboy
Second Annual Irish Festival

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

Ads Sell! Call Carolyn!
732-896-4446

Friends of the Perth Amboy
Free Public Library Book Sale
PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are once again having a book sale every other Saturday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center/Teen Center at the corner of Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy. I know many people have been starving for reading material for these long months we were at home. We will be wearing masks and providing hand sanitizer and bags if needed. We also insist that anyone coming to peruse our collection also wear a mask. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardcovers are \$1, \$5 for a bag full, oversize bags or boxes are \$10, no lawn or garbage bags. We have best sellers by popular authors that are like new. The money we raise goes to support the library with providing programs, promoting literacy or to provide funds to the library with their needs beyond their budget. We are now accepting donations. We look forward to your visit.
For more information email us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com, or call us at 201-381-1903 and like us on Facebook. Dealers are welcome. We are also welcoming new members.

This Week in the Civil War
160 Years Ago - September 21, 1862 – October 4, 1862
By Phil Kohn

Phil Kohn can be reached at USCW160@yahoo.com.
On September 21, 1862, Gen. Braxton Bragg’s Confederate troops moving north from Munfordville, Kentucky, arrive at and occupy Bardstown, in central Kentucky. His purpose is to allow his men to join with those of Maj. Gen. E. Kirby Smith, although neither general seems in a hurry to link up with the other. In the meantime, to the west, some 56,000 Union troops of the Army of the Ohio, under Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell, parallel Bragg’s movements and occupy Louisville, Kentucky, about 40 miles to the northwest of Bardstown.
Feeling that the Battle of Antietam was enough of a Union victory for him to act, President Lincoln on September 22 announces his Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. Under its terms, to take effect on January 1, 1863, slaves are to be freed in territory still under rebel control. The proclamation will free no slaves owned in Northern or Border states, as Lincoln, under the U.S. Constitution, has no authority to do so. (The only slave-holding Northern State is New Jersey; slaves are held in the Border States of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri.)
Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman on September 23 orders the Mississippi River port town of Randolph, Tennessee, to be burned in retaliation for Confederate attacks on Union shipping on the Mississippi.
Confederate Gen. Pierre G.T. Beauregard on September 24 returns to Charleston, South Carolina, where he ordered the firing on Ft. Sumter in April 1861. He takes over as commander of the defenses there, replacing Maj. Gen. John Pemberton. In Washington, D.C., President Lincoln suspends the writ of *habeas corpus* for any individuals guilty of “discouraging volunteer enlistments, resisting military drafts, any disloyal practice or affording comfort to Rebels.”
On September 27, the Confederate Congress authorizes President Jefferson Davis to call up men aged between 35 and 45 for military service. On the same day, in New Orleans, the first regiment of free blacks is mustered into the U.S. Army (as the 1st Louisiana Native Guards), as authorized by Maj. Gen. Benjamin Butler in August. About 10% of the regiment are former members of a Confederate militia unit also called the 1st Louisiana Native Guards, established in May 1861 and comprising mostly free French Créoles of color. The Confederate unit disbanded on 25 April 1862.
Trouble arises in Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell’s Federal Army of the Ohio on September 29, when Brig. Gen. Jefferson C. Davis (often referred to as “the other Davis”) — after a series of bitter conflicts with his superior, Maj. Gen. William “Bull” Nelson, while arranging defenses around Louisville, Kentucky — shoots Nelson during yet another argument, killing him. Because of concerns over the proximity of the Confederate forces of Bragg and Kirby Smith, and possible impending battle action, officers cannot be spared to form a court martial, and Davis is never charged with the crime. (Davis goes on to command a division and then a corps, remaining in the army until his death in 1879.)
On September 30, a brigade of around 4,500 Union troops led by Prussian-born Brig. Gen. Frederick Salomon attacks a Confederate encampment near Newtonia, Missouri. The camp houses a brigade of Col. Joseph O. “Jo” Shelby’s cavalry known as the Missouri Iron Brigade and a mixed force of Indian cavalry and militia under Col. Douglas Cooper. After an all-day fight, the 5,500-strong Confederate troops repulse the Union attack. The Confederates suffer 78 casualties, while Federal casualties number between 250 and 450, depending on the source.
On October 1, Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell moves his 75,000 Federal troops out of Louisville, Kentucky, to confront the 40,000 scattered Confederates of Gen. Braxton Bragg and Maj. Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith. There is confusion among the Confederates as to where Buell is heading, as the Federal commander splits his force, sending them in several directions. In Florida, near Jacksonville, Union troops and gunboats engage Confederates at St. John’s Bluff. After three days of fighting, the Confederates withdraw. In Washington, D.C., command over the Federal western gunboat flotilla is transferred from the War Department to the Navy Department. Cdr. David Dixon Porter is named to head the new Mississippi Squadron.
In the Atlantic Ocean, the Confederate raider *CSS Alabama* on October 3 captures three U.S.-flagged ships as prizes. Meanwhile, some 22,000 Southern troops under generals Earl Van Dorn and Sterling Price attack 23,000 Federal soldiers under Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans at Corinth, Mississippi. The intense fighting carries into the next day. The results are inconclusive, but the battle costs the Confederates dearly in casualties. In southeastern Virginia, a Federal attack on Franklin is repulsed. In Florida, Union troops occupy Jacksonville.
At Newtonia, in southwestern Missouri, U.S. forces, defeated there on September 30, return on Oct. 4 and attack, forcing a Confederate retreat into Arkansas.

Bingo Returns to Perth Amboy
Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - After a twenty-nine-month absence bingo is returning to Perth Amboy. On September 7, 2022, the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is going to reopen Wednesday night bingo at the Assumption School auditorium at 380 Meredith Street.
Closed in March of 2020, along with just about everything else, due to covid-19 the greater Perth Amboy area lost a longstanding and important social event, as well as Assumption parish losing an important fundraiser. Running almost continuously since 1948 Assumption bingo has been a mainstay on the bingo scene.
Out of an abundance of caution in regards to its parish schools’ students and staff the bingo had remained closed despite other activities and businesses re-opening.
In May of this year Reverend Ivan Turk, pastor at Assumption parish, decided the time and conditions were right to restart bingo. The appropriate licenses were applied for and granted. Meetings were held, research was done, and preparations were made. Changes were made to the schedule of games to raise the excitement, enjoyment, and monetary rewards of playing bingo. A couple of the highlights of the new schedule are the addition of new pull tab games and the increase of the total prize payouts.
The staff at Assumption bingo is anxiously looking forward to greeting old friends and making new ones with re-opening night giveaways and exciting bingo action. Check it out and like them on Facebook at their page “Ukrainian Assumption Bingo”.
Bingo is back! Wednesday September 7, 2022, doors open at 6pm, games start at 7:30pm, Assumption Catholic School auditorium, 380 Meredith Street Perth Amboy. For more information you can call the bingo office at (732) 826-1546, the rectory at (732) 826-0767 or email them at UkrainianAssumptionBingo@comcast.net

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Pallone Highlights Federal Funding for Historic Perth Amboy Free Public Library, Perth Amboy 9/9/22 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Press Release 9/9/22
PERTH AMBOY, NJ – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) joined a ribbon cutting ceremony today with local elected officials to highlight efforts to restore the historic Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Pallone secured \$1.5 million in a federal spending bill to help the city renovate and upgrade the library to better serve the needs of the community. President Biden signed the bill into law earlier this year.

The library was originally built in 1903 as a Carnegie Library and requires extensive repairs and renovations to provide essential services to the community. The funding will help repair and upgrade the building’s exterior, interior rooms, and restroom facilities. The funding will also provide new and expanded workspaces for students and technological infrastructure to support digital learning programs.

“The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is so important for everyone in Perth Amboy. This historic building is a place for people to come together to learn new things, stay connected to each other, and get the resources they need. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw just how important libraries were as students and teachers transitioned to remote learning. I’m proud that I was able to secure this funding so that the library can continue to fulfill its mission to the community,” Pallone said. “I want to thank Mayor Caba for his passion and vision that help make Perth Amboy a better place for the city’s residents. I’m grateful to everyone who joined us today. Their dedication to the library will make it shine for years to come.”

“The day is finally here where all patrons, regardless of limitations, can enjoy the array of services our Perth Amboy Public library has to offer. The \$1.5 million funds from Congressman Frank Pallone’s office will help renovate areas of our library that have been shut off to the public for nearly half a century by restoring our history room and creating flexible reading spaces throughout the library,” said Joel Rosa, Interim Perth Amboy Library Director.

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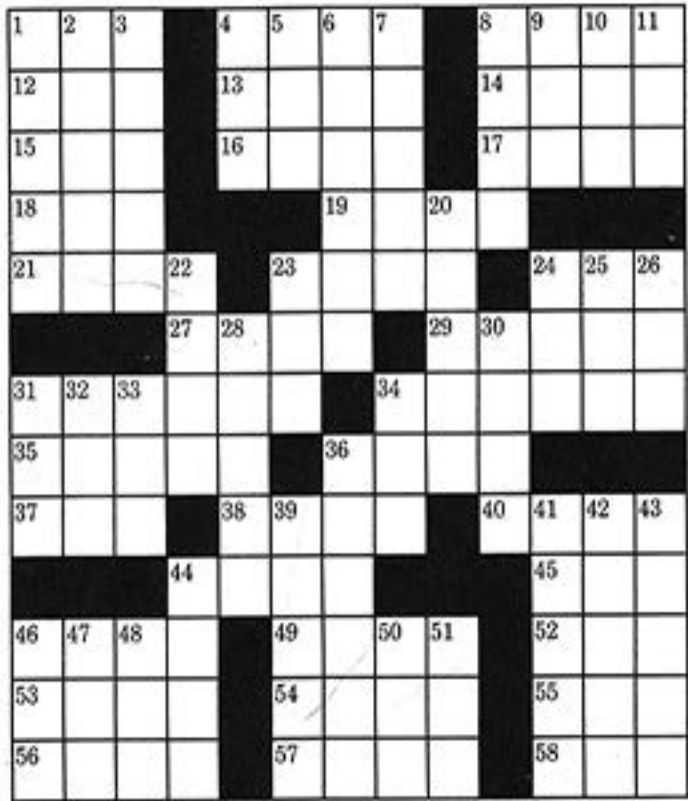
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37. Uppermost point
38. Remove wrinkles from
40. Be aware of
44. Bit of gossip
45. Rhyming heavy-weight champ

46. Jab
49. Operation reminder
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55. Mate of 8-Across
56. Nothing but
57. Daisy stalk
58. Family room

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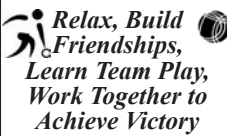
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28. Call on
30. Singer Williams
31. "_____ sleeping dogs lie"
32. Fuss
33. Wee swallow
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**John Kerry Dyke
Perth Amboy City Historian**

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SOUTH AMBOY - The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a clothing drive on October 22 and 23.

Your donations will be distributed by the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in Asbury Park, NJ to those in need, or sold in their Thrift Store where proceeds from clothing sales provide funding for meals, shelter and essential items to those in need.

Please drop off your coats and clothing on Saturday, October 22, from 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday, October 23, from 6:30 AM – 1PM. Place your bagged donation in the plastic bins in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

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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.



Harrahs
Casino Trip

San Salvador Seniors
PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Harrahs Casino, Atlantic City, on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephen's Church (St. John Paul II) Parking Lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy at 11 a.m. Cost: \$35 per person; \$20 back in slot play. For more information, call Joe at 732-826-0819. Masks are required to be worn on the bus.

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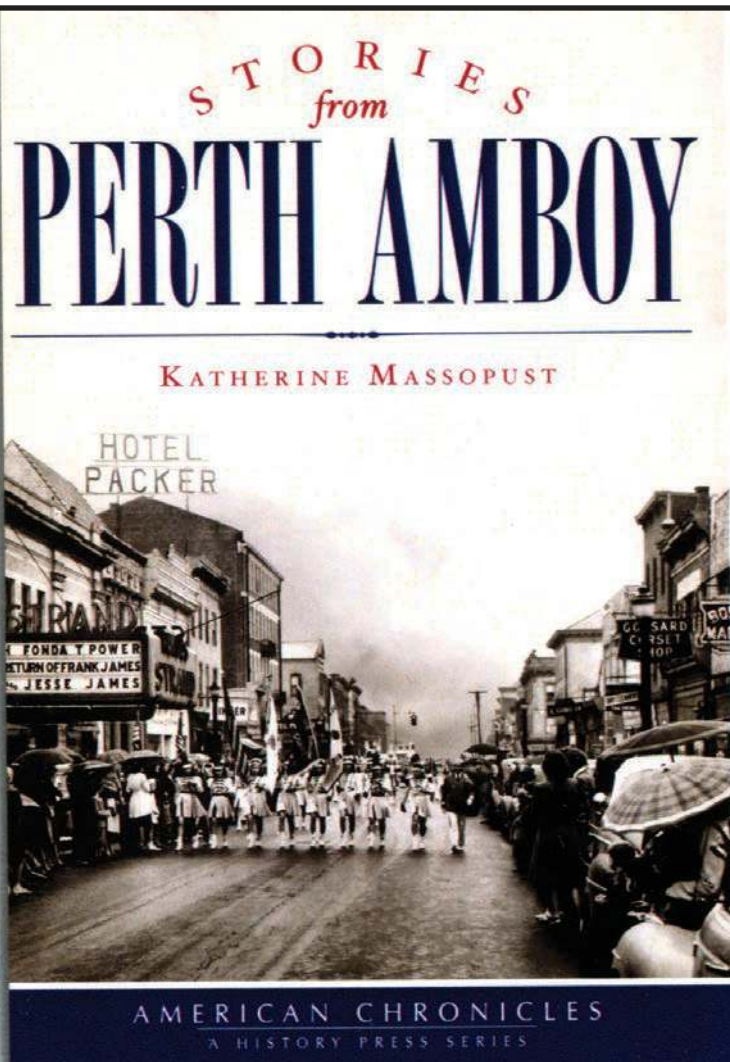
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Master Dock Builder Captain "Gus" Wickberg shucking clams at the Perth Amboy Waterfront April 1950's.

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