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## Rent Control Ordinance Takes Centerstage Along with Continued Discussions About American Rescue Act Funds 10/12/22 Caucus & Council Meeting



PERTH AMBOY - Krystal Febles (5<sup>th</sup> Left) from Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin's office presents checks to several city food banks. \*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - Gerardo Benavides (Eagleton Fellow Public Policy/MPP Edward J. Bloustein School, New Brunswick). He spoke about a survey that the Make the Road New Jersey Group did in Perth Amboy.

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – The council talked about the ordinances first. Law Director William Opel spoke about Ordinance No. 1 which had to do with amending the Focus 2020 Redevelopment Plan for Area#1 (Gateway). “This was introduced at the last meeting and there were technical changes which involved the convenience store project on Smith Street. The subdivision line was moved slightly on the corner and specific blocks were listed.”

Ordinance No. 2 – Amending Chapter 353, Section 3 of the Code of the City of Perth Amboy reducing the established allowable rent increase percentage per rental term. – This was discussed by Council President William Petrick first. “This is allowing landlords who are not paying for water to a 5% increase. If landlords pay for the water, the rent increase will be 3%. Most towns allow increases of 2.5% -5%. Perth Amboy has the lowest rent in Middlesex County – lower than Woodbridge, Edison, South Amboy, and Staten Island. I see there are fees for inspection which the Vas administration did as a courtesy.”

Councilman Joel Pabon agreed with Petrick that there should be no inspection fees.

Law Director Opel responded that he would make the changes as requested.

Pabon spoke up again, “Only Petrick made those statements,

and he does not speak for the rest of the council. I have all the ordinances (pertaining to rent control) from different towns. When people leave their apartment, those apartments will remain empty for 30 days in other towns. We don’t have that luxury of having an apartment empty for 30 days. A person would need to earn at least \$54,000 a year to afford a 2-bedroom apartment here. We would need 3 years to raise a rent increase to 5%. A tenant could plead their case to the Rent Leveling Board as well as the landlord when it comes to changing the rent increase. Everyone needs to know they can go for rental assistance. How will the Rent Leveling Board address this problem? It’s been a while since our taxes were raised.”

Petrick responded, “If people want to know the meeting schedule (for different boards), the first stop would be to go to the city clerk’s office.”

Pabon continued, “I had asked that Dianne Roman (Secretary for the RLB (Rent Leveling Board)) and also the chair of that board to be here in person.”

Roman joined the conversation via Zoom, “A tenant or a landlord can file a formal complaint with the Division of Housing and Social Services located on Olive Street. There is a tool for a landlord to appeal rent increases. They can look on the city website for information about the Rent Leveling Board. We have to go by the

state guidelines and people can also pickup information when we have our housing expos. The ordinance has not been worked on in depth since the 1980’s. We need to bring it current to 2022 and the public can make recommendations.”

Councilman B.J. Torres spoke next, “I went to a forum recently on “Regarding a Right to Rent,” where people complained about the rent increases. These people help keep the town alive. They also need economic opportunities. We need jobs to have living wages.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda spoke up, “We have suffered even before the pandemic. When I first moved here, we were advancing, and now families can’t be home with their kids. Now, we have more illegal housing. High rents are a part of it.”

Petrick responded, “People who live out of town are the ones who are doing illegal renting.”

Chair of the Rent Leveling Board Sharon Hubberman came up to speak, “In 2019 there were thoughts of dissolving the RLB. Our first meeting was in 2021. Dianne Roman has a lot of experience working with community concerns and with the police and fire departments. The Rent Leveling Board was first founded in 1973. We had to look at many items including COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) and the many types of household income. The per capital

income and the demographics is what we looked at. We need to make sure we have a balance between the tenant’s and landlord’s concerns. 3% increase should be made if the landlords are paying for their water. A lot of Mom-and-Pop Rental Units are not high. We are updating our website for all the information needed for the renters and landlords. I know you all have the best interest of the residents. For political reasons, people are trying to diminish the Rent Leveling Board.”

Councilman B.J. Torres had a question regarding Ordinance No. 2 (First Reading) – Amending parking meter zones. He wanted to know, “Are we putting in more meters?”

Police Chief Larry Cattano came up, “This is not adding any meters. We are just making all the parking times uniform. In the ordinance, we named all the lots and blocks affected by this.”

Council President Bill Petrick had a problem with Ordinance No. 3 (First Reading) – Issuing a bond of \$3,473,798 for various water/wastewater utility improvements. “We should be using American Rescue Fund money for this.”

Business Administrator Michael Greene responded, “This was approved in June, and it also includes the Runyon location. We allocated some of these American Rescue Funds on our water needs.”

Petrick responded, “These are

critical needs that will give back to us. The bonds will add additional debt.”

Greene continued, “There are Covid needs that need to be addressed with the American Rescue Act money.”

Petrick insisted, “This is debt that we will have to pay back. It will cause a tax increase which will mortgage the city.”

Greene responded, “We have applied for other money to help with the water/wastewater needs.”

Chris Langhard with the McManus Law Firm spoke about this ordinance via Zoom, “This would be a capital improvement loan balance from the infrastructure bank. The city may be able to qualify for a principle forgiveness. Most of the projects in this ordinance are small.”

Council President Petrick then questioned Ordinance No. 4 (First Reading) – Issuing \$1,500,000 in bond or note for various water/wastewater utility improvements. Petrick asked, “Since this a small amount of money, will it be eligible for principle forgiveness?”

Langhard responded, “Both of these ordinances may or may not qualify for principle forgiveness.”

Councilman Torres spoke up, “If we give to all city employees who worked through Covid, would it be under \$1 million?”

Pabon then commented, “At

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## Certification of Annual Audit Discussed 10/5/22 City Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust  
SOUTH AMBOY – Registered Municipal Accountant (and CPA) Gary Higgins submitted the Audit of the City of South Amboy for the Governing Body Certification of the Annual Report. Higgins gave his unmodified opinion of the highest level that the city can receive. “The city weathered Covid for 2021.” He then said, “You received what you gave and also added \$190,000. The records maintained by your CFO (Dan Balka) are in good condition.”

Councilman Tom Reilly asked about the city’s bond rating.

Higgins answered that the State of New Jersey is hesitant to upgrade anybody, but at the minimum, the city will remain at the same level.

Reilly then asked about the prepaid PILOT.

Higgins answered that is the same as tax if prepaid the amount of money ahead of time.

Reilly stated, “The PILOT payment is based on rental units – the percentage of rental income.

Higgins said, “You have 5-6 PILOTS.”

Reilly asked, “Who is auditing the PILOTS?”

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski stated, “We are looking to audit all the PILOTS.”

Higgins noted that the library is not included in the city audit.

Reilly asked if Higgins felt comfortable with the assimilation of sick days. “The city has substantial dollars for sick days - \$62,270.”

Higgins said, “It is not required by the state of New Jersey. Most municipalities are pay as you go.”

B.A. Skarzynski said, “There are \$15,000 maximum for sick days. After 2 years payout if there is vacation time. There is an absolute statutory limit to sick time. A \$15,000 cap.”

Reilly asked about tax abatements.

Higgins answered, “If you have PILOTS outstanding in the community, you are required to disclose based on for residential – the percentage of rentals; for warehouses – the amount of square feet – if fully taxed. Most would not be developed unless they had the benefit of a PILOT.”

Reilly said, “The city council is responsible of exceeding the threshold.”

Higgins said, “When you are trying to exceed the threshold which you should be, you accumulate by vendor.”

Reilly said, 862,000 property

assessed value of accumulated properties. Reserves are down from 1.6 to 1.3.

Higgins stated, “Those are appropriate reserves.”

Reilly concluded, “It seems as if we are in good shape.”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, “Very good job and thank you for your report.”

Council President Mickey Gross asked about having \$3 million in surplus.

Higgins answered, “I can give no guidance. I can’t make those decisions. Government Finances recommends 5% to 10% of the budget.”

Mayor Fred Henry had no questions. “Thank you. Great job. Financially, we are getting better and better.”

B.A. Skarzynski said, “Kudos to our CFO Dan Balka in his stewardship of the tax dollar.”

The council unanimously passed the certification of the annual report.

Council Comments:

Councilman Tom Reilly thanked the Food Pantry donors and volunteers, all the first responders. “There are lots of volunteers at the Food Pantry. We should put a proclamation for these people who put in tons of hours. It is long overdue.”

Reilly then stated that everyone should “Buy a Brick,” to help the Veterans. He noted the Veterans Park is going up and the old American Legion Building is being torn down. “The Friends of South Amboy have games that benefit needy residents.” Reilly stated everyone should support the local businesses in town. “Some are really struggling.” Reilly then stated that the New Jersey Business Action Center (1-800-JERSEY7) can be contacted if your business in need of assistance. “What are the PILOT numbers for Station Bay?” Reilly asked about the ongoing illegal palate operation. “It has been going on for years.” Reilly then asked about the infamous “Pigeon Palace,” and the blighted property on Roosevelt Avenue.

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated that as far as the demolition Pigeon Palace on Broadway is still in court, but for the dilapidated apartments on Roosevelt Avenue, the new property owner is going to file with Blue Acres to get reimbursed for demolition.

Council President Mickey Gross made it known that the ongoing saga of the Pigeon Palace has been going on too long. “Give us a date! Don’t leave us hanging!”

Councilman Brian McLaugh-

lin thanked the volunteers. “Our fields are great. The land is being cleared for the warehouses Thank you Gary (Higgins) for the audit. “

Councilwoman Zusette Dato reminded everyone about the election. She gave the information about early voting and vote by mail. She then spoke about the jazz concert at the Dowdell Library. “They played Louie Armstrong music. Keep an eye on the library. Thank you, Gary Higgins and Dan Balka.”

Council President Mickey Gross said, “Give us a date on the PILOTS – is there a deal in place to do audits? If the public asked, how do we know? At least we can answer.”

Gary Higgins answered, “The summary of each PILOT is in response to each of your individual agreement.”

Councilman Tom Reilly asked, “Who should be performing the audit (of the PILOTS)?”

Higgins said, “Bond Counsel does that. Look at the agreement if based on assessed value, you have the same number.”

B.A. Skarzynski stated that it is based on adjusted gross revenue as are most residential PILOTS. The approve of a once-a-year assessment in the fall. IT is in the best interest of the taxpayers.”

Gross reminded everyone of the Irish Festival on Saturday, October 8, 2022.

Mayor Fred Henry requested 15-minute parking spaces by Krauzers. “I want to thank Elaine Graber (Dowdell Library Director). A lot of good things are going on in South Amboy.” Mayor Henry then said, “We had an interview with a woman from the New York Times. We walked around Broadway. She was really impressed with the way things are going. The article will be in the NY Times in late October.”

B.A. Skarzynski thanked Governor Murphy and Assembly Speaker Coughlin for a \$8 million grant for the ferry terminal. He noted that the new computer system is being installed.

Public Portion:

Resident Mark Herdmen spoke, “Kudos to the auditor. He did a very good job.” He then asked about the American Legion.

Mayor Fred Henry said, “A project is in the works. Our American Legion will be a complex of apartments for homeless vets.”

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. Council Vice President Christine Noble was not present.

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EDITORIAL

Just What the Doctor Ordered

Just turn on the news. All you see is the woke agenda and turmoil all week long nonstop 24/7. If it isn't people getting assaulted, killed, or oppressed, it's the latest person who said or did something stupid and has earned a virtual scarlet letter.

It was finally good to have two back-to-back weekends, even though it was busy, it was stress free and fun – just what the doctor ordered. A lot of activities that were supposed to take place on October 1st were postponed due to the remanence of Hurricane Ian until October 8<sup>th</sup>.

October 8<sup>th</sup> was very hectic, but also a lot of fun. It started out with a joyful celebration of music, art, comedy, food, dancing, and games at the Hispanic Heritage Celebration held at the library and the parking lot adjacent to it. The food was supplied from local businesses. In that timeframe, we also went over the Victory Bridge to enjoy some of the daytime festivities in South Amboy at the Irish Festival which featured good food, vendors, music, dancing, and activities for all ages.

I then went back to Hispanic Heritage Celebration in time to see the Victor Quezada and comedians who performed with the Ron Snipes Comedy Shows and to enjoy some of the delicious cuisine. Then, I went to St. John Paul II Pasta Dinner sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and Perth Amboy Catholic School which benefited tuition and scholarships for Perth Amboy Catholic School students. Again, I was able to enjoy fellowship, good food, and desserts with people I was acquainted with, and people whom I just met who greeted me warmly as if we were old friends.

After church, Katherine picked me up and we went back to South Amboy for the evening festivities, which included music performed by a trio, and cumulated with a spectacular fireworks show that lit up the sky with color. Just looking at the American Flag flying with the sky lit up behind it was moving and made us so proud to be Americans.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, I had a very, joyful, relaxing, exciting, and



PERTH AMBOY - Some of the participants of the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk enjoying the day at Thomas Mundy Peterson Park.

*\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

jubilant morning when I went to Thomas Mundy Peterson Park and took photos of the First Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. When they shot off the glittering pink confetti to start the march, I felt exuberant because everyone was there for one purpose – to support and celebrate those who are survivors of breast cancer or in memory of those who fought the good fight. When the participants returned to the park triumphantly, walking bristly, some with their arms outstretched in jubilation, they looked more energized coming back then when they left. I can see why, because you could not ask for a better day for walk. The temperature was perfect, and the sun was out, and there were just a few clouds in the sky.

There was food supplied by local restaurants including Jersey Mike's and several vendors supplied goodie bags. As I was waiting for the participants to come back to the park, I sat on a bench looking out at the water and the scenery across the river. All I know is that all the stress I had from earlier in the week was released from my body. I had no worries, and I wish that the world that is in such turmoil could sit there with me and just enjoy the beauty of nature. Sometimes you just have to sit, let go, and enjoy the little things. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

1683 Society, Inc. Position Letter on The Restoration of "Sunshine Alley"



Sunshine Alley *\*Photos Submitted*

"It has been said that, at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future."

*-- William Murtagh, first keeper of the National Register of Historic Places*

The cobblestones that were laid in Sunshine Alley over 100 years ago evoke a time long past. They remind the people of our community of the importance of this area and harken back to an era when we were literally laying the foundations of our City. We can envision the

men working hard, digging and laying cobblestones to form a path to the Market Square. We can picture in our minds important historical figures passing through and residing in Perth Amboy. While many road features like this have been lost to modernity throughout the State and, indeed, around the Country, Perth Amboy's remains. Covering this street with blacktop and removing these cobblestones will forever erase these visions, as well as destroy a symbol of Perth Amboy's history.

It is our hope as a non-profit association representing the Historic Waterfront District that the City will repair and restore these cobblestones to preserve this part of our community.

We are available for any community assistance or outreach this project may necessitate. Please feel free to reach out to us.

Cindy A. Gadek  
Certificate in Historic Preservation, Drew University  
1683 Society Trustee/Officer  
On behalf of 1683 Society, Inc.

Election Time – Your Vote Counts

It's that time of the year – Elections time! It's when politicians fulfill their broken promises. Their promises to you will go through one ear and out the other until now. Politics in Perth Amboy became the city of broken promises. Elected Officials

and Candidates love to buy your votes. It has always been a showcase for the voters with entertainment, giveaways, and free food. Mayor after mayor has stated, "I need another four years to finish my projects." Now, it is time for the voters to realize what is important to them. It is said that Perth Amboy needs to move forward. We are still on standby. Over the last years, there were some ac-

complishments and there were some failures. This election should be the decision of the voters for Perth Amboy to either to succeed or fail. Perth Amboy needs to modernize for the new generations. It's time to make a difference. So, go out and vote! And remember, be careful who you vote for.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Our Reign as a Superpower is in Danger of Coming to an End

Our national debt has now reached \$31.130 trillion and is on a path to grow by trillions more for years to come. Today's tab averages \$93,423 per citizen or \$247,325 per taxpayer. (Source: October 8, 2022, National Debt Clock)

It is time to install a national debt clock with daily updates in both Congress and the White House. They can see how much they are adding to long term debt every time they pass spending bills dependent upon borrowing to pay the tab.

Who is going to bail out Uncle Sam to pay for this? Government, the private sector and citizens must make difficult financial decisions on how to use existing resources. Americans prioritize their own family budgets. They make the hard

choices in how existing household financial resources will be spent. The President and Congress should do likewise...

The world's favored currency is our dollar. This could end if Washington will not control annual increases in spending and debt. If things continue the way they are, China may surpass us, and the yuan becomes the world's favored currency. Our reign as the #1 superpower will come to an end like all empires.

Sincerely,  
Larry Penner

The Best Interest for All

As the election for city council in Perth Amboy draws nearer, please be aware that because of personal agendas due to their ethnicity and/or occupations

some candidates may favor one group of citizens and not have the best interests of all taxpayers on their minds. Elected officials should have the needs of all who pay for this city to be run as their primary concern rather than the requirements or wishes

of a select few. For indeed to be blindly for something is just as bad as being prejudice against!

Thank you!  
The Honorable  
Michael Rusznak

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   PAHS, Eagle Ave.  
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WED. Oct. 26      City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
   City Hall, High St. & Zoom  
THURS. Oct. 27      Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
   City Hall, High St.

**South Amboy**  
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   City Hall, N. Broadway  
WED. Nov. 2      City Council, Regular, 6 p.m.  
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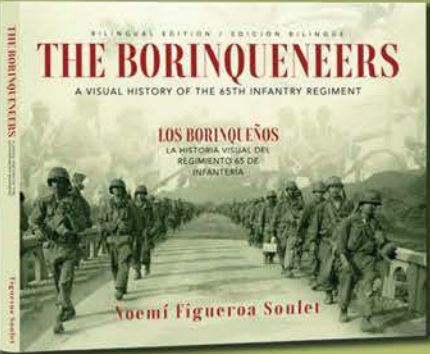
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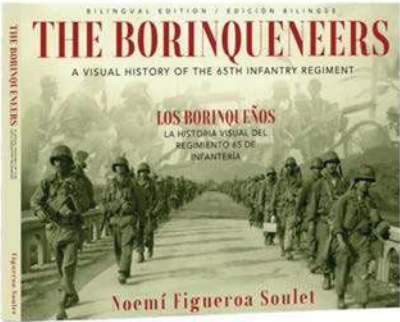
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### PRESS RELEASE

The Borinqueneers, A Visual History of the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment  
Book Launch in Newark of New Photography Book  
Highlights the History of a Famed Puerto Rican Regiment

PERTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY —October 19, 2022 —Like an obsessed woman on a mission, documentary filmmaker Noemí Figueroa Soulet spent her days during the pandemic quarantine constantly on the phone. “I’m looking for old photographs of the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment”, she told Pedro Collazo in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Pedro’s father, Fernando L. Collazo had served as a lieutenant with the segregated unit during World War II. “I have a leather-bound album with hundreds of photos that my father took when he was with the 65th”, said Pedro. Noemi’s eyes lit up.



Some of these rare photographs are now part of *The Borinqueneers, A Visual History of the 65th Infantry Regiment* (El Pozo Prods., October 1, 2022, \$39.99), a new book being launched at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library on October 28, 2022, 196 Jefferson Street Perth Amboy, NJ , from 6:00-8:00 PM. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is advised by calling (201)-704-8953.

This inspiring collection featuring more than 700 traces the glorious history of this regiment, the only Hispanic-segregated unit in U.S. Army history comprised primarily of Puerto Ricans. Written and compiled by Noemí Figueroa Soulet, producer of the award-winning PBS documentary film *The Borinqueneers*, the event will include a brief presentation by the author of the regiment’s more than 123 years of service from its origins in 1899 through its service in World War I, World War II and the Korean War.



Lt. Fernando L. Collazo at the Maritime Alps in France during World War II.  
Photo: Pedro Collazo

The author explains “This book was a natural extension to my film which also profiled their history because I had been accumulating these photographs from the veterans and their families, as well as from other public and private sources, for the past 23 years.”

The unit’s trajectory comes to life in the book as they train and fight in Puerto Rico, Panama, Europe and Korea, with historical content and veteran quotes to provide an in-depth perspective about the contributions of one of the country’s last segregated military units. The regiment’s soldiers were known as “The Borinqueneers”, a derivative of the indigenous name for the island of Puerto Rico. It wasn’t until the Korean War that the regiment was finally allowed to see extensive combat and where they were praised by Gen. Douglas MacArthur as “writing a brilliant record of achievement in battle.” In 2014, the regiment was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for its service.

“On its own, it is a marvelous book and great photo collection. But besides that, it makes a great complement to *The Borinqueneers* film,” said Brig. Gen. (Ret.) David Carrión Baralt, former Adjutant General of the Puerto Rico National Guard, “It puts in perspective the participation of the 65th Infantry Regiment in the Korean War, documenting the historic provenance of the unit and the aftermath of its action in combat.”

Noemí believes that this bilingual book, written in English and Spanish, will provide an important visual documentation of the regiment’s valiant service to our country.

The book will also be available for purchase at [www.borinqueneers.com](http://www.borinqueneers.com), Amazon and other retailers.



Noemí Figueroa Soulet scans photographs belonging to Korean War veteran Bernardo de Jesús-Ramírez, of Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico in 2016.  
Photo: Vernon Shirley

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### About Noemí Figueroa Soulet

Noemí Figueroa Soulet is the Executive Producer of El Pozo Productions which produced the PBS documentary film *The Borinqueneers*, winner of the 2012 Military Channel Award at the GI Film Festival. For more than 23 years she has kept the legacy of the regiment alive by conducting presentations at corporations, universities, military facilities and community organizations; recording veteran interviews and preserving archival photographs. Born in Puerto Rico, she is a graduate of New York University and resides in Kissimmee, Florida.

*The Borinqueneers, A Visual History of the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment*  
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# Middlesex County Announces Partnership with New Brunswick Tomorrow to Expand Telehealth Program to New Brunswick

Press Release 10/11/22  
NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ – Middlesex County’s Latino Telehealth Program, a community-based initiative geared towards education and increasing access to bilingual telemedicine options, has expanded to serve New Brunswick after successfully launching in Perth Amboy a year ago. In partnership with New Brunswick Tomorrow — a nonprofit that has driven social revitalization for the city of New Brunswick for more than 40 years — the Telehealth Program increases access to healthcare to the uninsured and underinsured residents of Middlesex County via telehealth healthcare programs.

In addition to welcoming New Brunswick Tomorrow as the newest partner to the Latino Telehealth Program, County officials announced that two new offsite hubs will be added to the program at the New Brunswick Free Public Library and New Brunswick Housing Authority. The announcement was officially made to the public today, October 11 in a press conference held at the New Brunswick Housing Authority.

Sharing the significance of

this partnership and the positive impact it will have on the New Brunswick community, speakers included New Jersey Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez; Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios; Middlesex County Commissioner Claribel Azcona-Barber; New Brunswick Mayor James M. Cahill; Jaymie Santiago, President of New Brunswick Tomorrow, Director of Program Operations; and Manuel Castaneda, New Brunswick Tomorrow, Director of Community Health.

“An initiative like the Telehealth Program cannot succeed without the support of trusted partners – especially partners who already have the trust of the people in their community. We are fortunate to have the Raritan Bay YMCA as our partner in Perth Amboy, where the success of the Telehealth Program is directly related to their hard work, dedication, and expertise – and of course their existing relationships in the community. We are equally fortunate to have New Brunswick Tomorrow as our partner here in New Brunswick,” said Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald

G. Rios. “On behalf of myself and my colleagues on the Board of County Commissioners, I thank New Brunswick Tomorrow for joining us in this initiative. I look forward to working together to help ensure every Middlesex County resident has access to healthcare.”

“For more than 40 years, New Brunswick Tomorrow has been a devoted advocate on behalf of the people of New Brunswick. They have worked hard to address the social and economic issues that affect city residents, and in doing so they have forged connections and relationships with members of the community,” said Middlesex County Commissioner Claribel Azcona-Barber. “Those connections and relationships will be invaluable as we expand the County’s Telehealth Program into New Brunswick’s many neighborhoods. I look forward to working with New Brunswick Tomorrow on what I’m certain will be a successful initiative and make a tremendous difference in the lives of so many New Brunswick residents.”

“Telehealth is the future of healthcare and I am encouraged

by the results that the Middlesex County Latino Telehealth Pilot Program has achieved in uniting healthcare providers and community based organizations to increase awareness among the community and hopefully encourage patients to use a service that is safe, convenient, and confidential. Middlesex County embraces innovation at every level and I am proud to be a part of this amazing program and excited by the news of the program’s expansion into New Brunswick,” said Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez.

“Uniting communities has always been our priority; to unite them under the umbrella of access to quality healthcare is yet another major step forward for New Brunswick. I thank Middlesex County and New Brunswick Tomorrow for making this a reality,” said New Brunswick Mayor Jim Cahill. “We are all familiar with the old adage ‘An apple a day keeps the doctor away’. Now with these new telehealth options a reality in New Brunswick, an Apple (or an Android) is another new method of connecting to a world of healthcare options.”

“Access to healthcare is a crit-

ical component for achieving equitable cities and, ultimately, a high quality of life. And, while this has historically been a complex issue, together with County and Municipal leadership, we will gather learnings around virtual and digital telehealth platforms to step forward toward new and innovative health care strategies for creating a healthier community in New Brunswick, NJ,” said Jaymie Santiago, President of New Brunswick Tomorrow, Director of Program Operations.

Leveraging New Brunswick Tomorrow’s existing relationships with the community, this partnership will create opportunities for preventative and specialized healthcare services to all Middlesex County residents. In addition to healthcare benefits, the telehealth hubs will offer free internet, tech assistance, and bilingual staff and translators at physical locations, or hubs, to maximize assistance.

For more information about the Latino Telehealth Pilot Program and additional resources, please visit: <https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/find-programs-and-resources/community-health/telehealth>.

## Scutari & Coughlin Announce Major Gun Safety Initiative

Press Release 10/13/22  
TRENTON – Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin and Senate President Nick Scutari today unveiled legislation that would establish New Jersey as the toughest in the nation when it comes to concealed-carry laws.

This historic legislation will prevent guns from ending up in the hands of the wrong people by requiring more comprehensive background checks before a permit is issued; prohibiting permit holders from carrying handguns in sensitive public areas such as government buildings, sporting arenas and bars; and imposing new insurance restrictions, among other measures.

“New Jersey continues to be a leader on gun safety with laws that help keep our communities safe,” said Senate President Scutari (D-Union). “This bill will help prevent gun violence with common-sense standards to require training, promote gun safety and prevent firearms from being carried into sensitive locations. Finally, this new law will help provide a tool for law-enforcement in our fight against illegal gun trafficking.”

“This legislation is designed to make New Jersey safer in response to the US Supreme Court’s Bruen ruling that, left unaddressed, would undoubtedly hinder public safety for the more than nine million residents of our state,” said Speaker Coughlin (D-Middlesex). “By ensuring that individuals can only obtain a concealed carry permit after extensive review and appropriate training, we are standing up for victims of gun violence and helping to prevent future tragedies while abiding by the Court’s decision.”

New Jerseyans support common sense gun safety measures, with recent polls showing that residents favor stricter gun safe laws by a margin of 5-1. And this legislation is sponsored by Assemblyman Joe Danielsen, one of the many recreational hunters in our state who understands that when it comes to keeping our children and communities safe, there is no conflict between sportsmen, responsible gun ownership and gun safety laws.

“As a recreational hunter, I know that commonsense gun reform doesn’t stop sportsmen like me from continuing traditions that have been passed down through our families for generations,” said Assemblyman Danielsen (D-Middlesex, Somerset). “And, as a father, I know how important it is to keep our communities and schools safe. There is nothing at odds with promoting responsible gun ownership, gun safety, gun education, and gun training while upholding the Second Amendment. I am proud to have authored this legislation that will strike a balance between promoting public safety and allowing people to exercise their Constitutional rights.”

The bill builds on other major common sense measures that the Legislature has passed in recent years, such as laws that regulate the sale of ammunition and increase penalties for irresponsible gun dealers and manufacturers.

“We are committed to protecting innocent lives with commonsense gun safety measures that have consistently kept New Jersey one of the safest states in the nation,” said Assembly Majority Leader Greenwald

(D-Camden, Burlington), a co-prime sponsor of the bill. “With this legislation we continue to affirm the right to responsible gun ownership and our never-ending commitment to public safety and violence prevention.”

“The decision by the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year stripped away the right for states to regulate who is able to carry concealed weapons in public,” said Senator Greenstein (D-Mercer, Middlesex). “We must do everything we can to make sure New Jersey families remain safe and protected while enjoying all New Jersey has to offer. This bill, ensuring gun owners prove a legitimate reason for carrying concealed handguns in public, is a promising step in the right direction.”

Among other provisions, this legislation:

- Establishes a thorough vetting process for those who apply for concealed carry permits by increasing the number of non-family references who must vouch for applicants, and creating new disqualifications from the permit process such as “character of temperament” and past violations of restraining orders and convictions.
- Prohibits permit holders from carrying handguns in broad categories including schools, government buildings, polling places, bars and restaurants, theaters, sporting arenas, parks, airports, casinos and childcare facilities.
- Requires property owners to opt into allowing permittees to carry on their premises.
- Requires concealed-carry permittees to undergo gun safety training, including a gun range qualification.
- Imposes new insurance re-

quirements on handgun ownership to ensure victims of an accidental discharge are appropriately compensated and protected.

- Increases permitting fees across the board to cover the cost of stepped-up background checks and these new provisions.
- Funds the Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) by channeling revenue from the increased fees.

Though New Jersey had broad discretion to regulate concealed carry permits for over a century, those protections have been weakened in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Bruen decision in June.

Since then, Republicans in New Jersey have introduced at least four bills to roll back gun safety protections, with bills that would bring more guns into our schools, allow people to carry guns while driving, carry firearms into privately owned places without the property owner’s consent, or allow ammunition magazines with unlimited number of bullets.

In all, Republicans in the New Jersey Assembly alone have introduced 33 bills that would increase the number of guns in our communities or make it easier to gain access to dangerous weapons.

The legislation is partially modeled on a law passed by New York that is currently facing a legal challenge from the gun lobby. Legislative leaders expect a similar challenge here in New Jersey and are prepared to vigorously defend this legislation against a powerful gun lobby and conservative judiciary that puts gun industry profits over the welfare of American

families.

“The New Jersey legislature has taken a crucial first step in repairing the damage caused by the wrong and dangerous decision the Supreme Court made in Bruen,” said Lauren Knighton, a volunteer with the New Jersey chapter of Moms Demand Action. “We know what is at stake, and we cannot take our foot off the gas. I am proud to stand alongside New Jersey’s lawmakers, Governor Murphy, and fellow gun safety advocates to ensure that this bill becomes law so that all of our communities across New Jersey are protected from senseless acts of gun violence.”

“Brady applauds the New Jersey leaders for taking decisive action to protect New Jersey communities from the dangerous implications of the Supreme Court’s Bruen ruling,” said Kris Brown, President of Brady. “By introducing legislation to strengthen the state’s public carry permitting system and establishing sensitive place restrictions, New Jersey leaders have again shown their commitment to public safety. Brady is thankful for this effort and stands ready to help defend any similar evidence-based gun violence prevention policies across the country.”

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# Rent Control Ordinance Takes Centerstage Along with Continued Discussions About American Rescue Act Funds

## 10/12/22 Caucus & Council Meeting

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some point, I want to hear that our water is drinkable.”

Torres continued, “We have been asking for a plan on how the American Rescue Funds are earmarked.”

Greene spoke up, “Some of those funds were used for software and technology needs. There were needs for equipment for the fire and police departments, community service grants for nonprofits, food pantries and churches.”

Council President Bill Petrick continued, “Let’s spend American Rescue Funds money on this and see how much money is left afterwards.”

Pabon spoke next, “There had been money allocated for years. If we can pay this, it will be money that the residents will not have to pay.”

Luis Perez Jimenez, Director of Operations at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) came up to the mike, “We will come back each year with more projects.”

B.A. Greene added, “We are applying for a \$84 million grant along with several other towns who are asking for a piece of that money. We are seeing what we can get.”

Petrick responded, “We are just concerned about the financing of these bonds. If we use the ARF Money, the work will get done quicker.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda asked if there are other options.

Greene responded, “The money for this project also pays for the employees that will be involved in the projects.”

Tejeda asked what was the total money that we have appropriated so far for the water/wastewater projects.

Council President Petrick asked for a motion to table Ordinance No. 3. It was moved by Torres, seconded by Pabon. Those who voted “No to table,” was Tejeda and Morales.

Ordinance No. 5 (First Reading) - Granting the conveyance of a dedicated right-of-way easement over a portion of Block 172, Lot 1.01.

City Engineer Earnest Feist spoke up via Zoom, “Middlesex County requested this. It will be on the corner of Ogden Place and New Brunswick Avenue at a cost of \$500,000.”

Councilwoman Tejeda and Council President Petrick had a difference of opinion on Ordinance No. 6 (First Reading) – Public Entertainment.

Tejeda’s concern was the reducing of time for festivals and how it will affect the July 4th Celebration.

Petrick stated, “It is not affected by this, because it is a single night event, and it is only for events on Sunday nights to reduce the time limit because a lot of people have to go to work the next day.”

Tejeda disagreed with what Petrick said. She also had concerns about the ordinance that was previously removed regarding equipment for the police and fire departments and having American Rescue Funds for the community groups which

included food banks, churches, and nonprofits.

Petrick responded, “As far as the police, it is better to have foot patrols such as we had in the Vas administration. It is more effective than having cameras all over, such as in a police state. It is a bigger deterrent than having cameras.”

Tejeda spoke up, “The police need to have these tools to do their job as not to put them at risk.”

Petrick responded, “We have a lot of electronics that could be used for monitoring.”

B.J. Torres spoke next, “Camden, New Jersey crime has dropped because of increases police presence.”

Pabon spoke up, “I sent a message to the police and to Mr. Greene to talk about this. The mayor said we are playing politics. Let’s wait until after the election to bring this up. Also, when will our employees be getting the money when they worked during Covid? We have to make sure all of the employees are covered. Quality of Life Issues are not being addressed. I am not against churches or nonprofits.”

Greene responded, “They payout for the essential workers who worked during Covid which would be just under \$500,000 (total).”

Police Chief Cattano came up to answer questions as to regards to the cameras, “Pan-zoom is a technology that we use. Having community policing with new technology has helped us. One crimefighting tool is video surveillance and license plate readers which help us to catch those stealing catalytic converters. There are less people who want to cooperate with the police.”

Torres disagreed, “Community interaction with the police will give trust to the people. The main issue is funding. Maybe the BID can help us with the funding instead of us using the ARF funding.”

Cattano responded, “All of the things the council asked for has been done.”

Torres continued, “It doesn’t look good when the administration undermines us.”

Cattano concluded, “We are both advocating what is best for the residents.”

Tejeda spoke up, “Regarding Ordinance No. 3, we are contradicting ourselves on the use of ARF Funds.”

Torres responded, “We need to do that ordinance because of the \$75 million investment of our infrastructure. If it was so important, why wasn’t it in the mayor’s budget?”

Petrick then stated again, “We have to watch how the ARF money is spent.”

Tejeda then insisted that the two items be put back on the agenda regarding equipment for the police and fire department and the funds for the churches and nonprofits.

Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up briefly to speak about Ordinance No. 7 (First Reading) – An issuance of \$342,500 of bonds for the purchase of two fire trucks.

Mullen said, “This is the bal-

ance of money needed to put in the last piece of money for the equipment.”

CFO Jill Goldy made a brief comment via Zoom. She said, “This is intended to be part of the Capital Budget Plan and the bonding will be less than anticipated.”

R-491-10/22 – Temporary appointment of Denise Zambardino as Acting Tax Collector thru December 31, 2022, while Nancy Martin is on medical leave.

Greene spoke briefly about R-496-10/22 – A change order to the contract with HNS Construction and Mechanical decreasing the contract for the Stair Tower reconstruction at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library in an amount not to exceed \$501.79. Greene explained that this company had overcharged for their services.

Greene then explained R-497-10/22 – Adopting procedures for administration and inspection of Federal Aid Highway Project. “This is for the Safe Route to Schools Program that we need to adopt.”

There was a heated discussion involving R-501-10/22 – Accepting an award from the USDOJ for the Connect Project: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Grant Program in an amount of \$550,000.

Chief Cattano came up to say, “The Office of Economic and Community Development was not involved with this.”

Torres asked, “I thought the grant writers were supposed to pursue grants.”

Greene responded, “The OECD is supposed to provide leadership.”

OECD Department Chair Tashi Vazquez spoke up via Zoom, “Depending on the types of grants, sometimes there are no fees, and we look at grants that will give us a lot of opportunities.”

Public Portion: (in-person first)

Resident Ken Balut spoke first. “I heard that there was going to be a \$10 million study about the Outerbridge. Just get a new bridge. This is incompetency. We need more money for our employees who worked during Covid. Where is the list of the money used from the ARF? The politicians will use that money. We need more information. When money is being used for bonds, we need to know the cost, especially how much the law firm is getting. We are paying too much to political law firms. You always give away millions in PILOTS. Out-of-town law firms don’t care about animals, our residents, or our schools.”

The next person to come up to speak was Gerardo Benavides (Eagleton Fellow Public Policy/MPP Edward J. Bloustein School, New Brunswick). He handed out a flyer to the council which had to do with Housing and Security in Perth Amboy, NJ dated October 2022. This was a housing survey (from May to September 2022) under the Make the Road New Jersey Group. According to the flyer, which had a housing survey, the group surveyed 135 tenants in Perth Amboy

with an in-depth questionnaire on housing. The vast majority of respondents are immigrants and/or people of color and live in census tracts with median household income of less than \$54,771 a year. Some of the results on the flyer stated that renters were struggling to pay for rising rent and are likely foregoing basic needs. Tenants that are living unhealthy, dangerous conditions and can’t get repairs, and tenants face serious barriers to rental relief programs and mounting debt. On the back of the flyer had recommendations that Benavides read to address these problems.

He asked the council to pass Ordinance No. 2. “The Make the Road New Jersey Group was formed in 2014.”

Petrick asked, “What has the group done to help renters?”

Benavides answered, “There are many resources that we can direct them to.”

Petrick then suggested that they also contact the Housing Authority.

The next person to come up to speak was a young woman who lives at 126 Market Street. “I am a 3-year resident and there is constant rodents and insects in my apartment no matter how much we clean. The windows are in bad condition, and we have to seal them with heavy plastic, and there is not enough heat.”

Council President Petrick said, “The police and fire departments need to look into this.”

A woman who lives at 345 Washington Street spoke next, “We pay our rent, and we get fined late fees even if it is one day late. We can’t get our apartments fumigated and our rents are high. Our building is owned by Paramount Assets. The rents are high. We need more legal advice.”

Another resident who has been a 20-year resident at 254 Amboy Avenue in Woodbridge came up to speak.

Council President Petrick asked if she went to the Woodbridge Council Meeting and Housing Authority to complain.

She replied, “Yes, and my landlord wants to increase my rent by a large amount, and they are always screaming at us.”

Petrick told her that she needs to go to Woodbridge since she lives there.

Another Perth Amboy Resident was uncomfortable giving her landlord’s name, “In 2018 a boiler exploded in my building killing my husband and my child.”

Another woman complained that whenever she talked to her landlord about problems, she was told to leave. “My son has autism and when it rains, the water comes into the apartment. The landlord would not fumigate our apartment and we had to pay to do it.”

Attorney JB Vas came up next, “I am glad to see democracy in action. I support this ordinance and the community wants it. It was a functioning board up until the mid-2000’s. I am a fan of the Rent Leveling Board if it’s more than a board in name only. We just need to have landlords justify a rent increase of

5%. Because of the Rent Leveling Board being inactive, it allowed landlords to do large rate increases. There is nothing in Dianne Roman’s profile about her being a member of the Rent Leveling Board. I did an OPRA request asking questions regarding the Rent Leveling Board. I appreciate Hubberman’s comments.”

Sharon Hubberman, who is chair of the Rent Leveling Board came up to speak, “We have to compile lists from tenants and landlords to put all the information up on the website. Our Board is meeting and reviewing a 39-year-old ordinance. There was no action taken. I am the chair and Dianne Roman is a very active Board Secretary. There is a process in submitting a complaint. The action involving Cande Land was looked at. It is slanderous to say we (the Rent Leveling Board) are inactive.” She then gave a number to contact Dianne Roman: 732-826-1690 ext. 4322. “I am happy that we are having this discussion.”

Council President Petrick told Hubberman that everyone on that board should have a city email address.

Hubberman continued, “We need a basket email. I will not accept any misrepresentation about the RLB or the council. We have subcommittees also. You have to keep checking to get all the information from the RLB and our meetings and agendas. We all our volunteers. We welcome all to speak up. I can email the tenant complaint form to all. We have special meetings and had Zoom Meetings during Covid.”

Resident Junior Iglesia spoke next, “Our cost of living is unsustainable. Inflation is 8% and in a 5-year timespan, rent has increased up to 35%. The average rent is \$2,300. We can’t afford this. We can’t control the price of food, but we can control our rent. Winter is coming and no one should be homeless. We need intermediate intervention to lower the rent and not to increase it by more than 3%. Put politicking aside. It is the right thing to do.”

The next person to speak was a resident from Sayre Avenue. She is the pastor of a local church that also has a food pantry. “We serve people during the pandemic. We are in desperate need of the ARF money so we can provide for our residents, especially since our families are being hindered. We have provided faith, hope, and love. I also support the new proposed substation which is close to the churches, and we need to also feel safe.”

Councilwoman Tejeda spoke up, “A police substation would help to make the residents to feel safe.”

Petrick responded, “Don’t be misled because crime has been occurring near the substation on Madison Avenue.”

Resident A.D. Pauro spoke next. For the first two minutes, he spoke in Spanish, then he spoke in English, “I don’t have problems with the houses

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Kiwanis Club/PA Catholic School Pasta Dinner, St. John Paul II Parish, Perth Amboy - 10/8/22 \*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Rent Control Ordinance Takes Centerstage Along with Continued Discussions About American Rescue Act Funds  
10/12/22 Caucus & Council Meeting

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of worship, but they are just a front. I have recorded Caba talking to the pastors, and why was this not being done before? The Business Administrator Greene should be living here, and I don't like the fact that the Police Chief compared us to Camden, New Jersey." The meeting was opened up to Zoom Participants:

Resident Beth Lieberman who lives on Chamberlain Avenue spoke first, "I have lived here for 20 years. The resolution to control the festivals are a waste of our energies and the Fourth of July was addressed in our ordinances. We can't be held liable for people drinking at festivals, and they should not be held on multiple days. The mayor thinks that the Dominicans should control the festivals. We should address the loud and excessive noises, especially those coming from cars late at night. The American Recovery Act Funds was supposed to help with the economic recovery. How will they redistribute the money to certain organizations to stimulate the economy?"

Resident Maria Vera spoke next, "We have too much illegal housing because people can't afford the rent. Section 8 needs to be investigated. The law says you can only be on Section 8 for 5 years. A lot of it is being used to make car payments and to pay mortgages. We need to fix our water." Not knowing she could still hear on Zoom, when Code Enforcement Director Ir-

ving Lozada spoke on Zoom, and when Vera heard his name, she used an explicative expression to address him.

Lozada spoke on Zoom to make sure he got all the correct addresses of the people who complained about the apartments they were living in. He stated he will be investigating all those addresses.

Developer Eddie Trujillo spoke next, "I don't have a problem with the Rent Control Ordinance. It is just not right for the landlords not to have a voice. I have concerns that Harbortown is exempt from the ordinance. My average rentals are less than \$1200 a month. There is a big difference between a 2.5%-5% increase. A 35% increase is illegal. Most landlords take care of their properties. My costs have gone up 15%. We (landlords) need to be informed of the new ordinance. If you don't have the money, you may not be able to improve your property that you own. This is not my fight. Landlords also have to pay their mortgages."

The council went into closed session at 9:01 p.m. They returned at 9:14 p.m. to adjourn the caucus. The regular council meeting was called to order at 9:16 p.m.

The only person to talk about the ordinances that had a public hearing was Attorney JB Vas who talked about Ordinance No. 2 regarding reducing the established allowable rent increase percentage per rental term. He again talked about an OPRA that he requested on October 3, 2022, asking that the

Rent Leveling Board supply information and pamphlets to tenants and landlords a list of complaints and unlawful rental increases. In October 2021 I sent information on Cande Land. Everything I requested on that OPRA was not done. There is no landlord registration. Why has no action been taken? Di- anne Roman is not supplying information. Landlords need to justify their rent increases. This is not a personal attack on Hub- berman or Roman."

Council President Bill Petrick stated that the Cande Land case is in the hands of Superior Court.

Vas shot back, "It is still an ac- tive case and a real issue."

Petrick continued, "It won't be heard by our RLB and Ro- man said they are still working on forms and pamphlets. The administration takes care of the website."

Law Director Opel spoke up, "There are two matters regard- ing Cande Land – one was in 2022 which was a consent order and another case where Cande Land sent an application to Su- perior Court."

No one else spoke about the ordinances that had a public hearing. The council voted on the ordinances. Ordinance No. 1 and No. 2 was moved by Pa- bon, seconded by Tejeda. Ordi- nance (first reading) No. 1 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Ordinance No. 2 was moved by Tejeda, seconded by Pabon. Ordinance No. 3 (Issu- ance of bonds of \$3,473,798) was tabled at the caucus. Ordi- nance No. 4 (water/waste-

water utilities issuing bonds for \$1,500,000) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. The only person to vote "No" was Councilman B.J. Torres. Ordinance No. 5 was moved by Tejeda, seconded by Pabon. Ordinance No. 6 (public enter- tainment) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Pabon, Tejeda, Morales voted "No". Ordinance No. 7 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

There were two ordinances that were added from previous agendas that were tabled and were put back on tonight at the request of Councilwoman Mi- lady Tejeda. Ordinance No. 8 – A lease agreement for the po- lice substation on Smith Street. Moved by Tejeda, seconded by Morales. Tejeda and Morales voted "Yes," Pabon, Torres, Pet- rick voted "No". Ordinance No. 9 – Additional equipment for the police department which in- cludes surveillance equipment. Moved by Tejeda, seconded by Morales. Tejeda, Morales voted "Yes", Pabon, Torres, Petrick voted "No."

For the consent agenda: R-483 thru R-501 was moved by Pa- bon, seconded by Tejeda.

There was a Resolution added: R-502-10/22 – American Res- cue Act Funds of \$1,328,157 to be used for nonprofits and hous- es of worship. Tejeda, Morales voted "Yes", Pabon, Torres, Pet- rick voted "No."

Tejeda stated the reason she voted, "Yes," was because they are grants.

B.J. Torres stated that he voted "No," because it was, "Nothing more than more bureaucracy."

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales thanked everyone who partici- pated.

Councilman Joel Pabon thanked all who talked about the Rent Leveling Board Ordi- nance. "We have to make sure it is fair to everyone. The people who made complaints were just a small portion. There are also a lot of good landlords, and some landlords took advantage because of not having a Rent Leveling Board. Section 8 (the rentals) is a nightmare, and they need to be held account- able. The houses of worship should not be lumped together with nonprofits. The people who help our community (with rent) should be taken care of. Hall Avenue needs a police sub- station. A lot of those residents are scared when they see police cars. When we had meetings at the waterfront, it was great. The police need to walk the beat. It was a long meeting tonight."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda thanked all who participated. She then addressed a comment that was made via Zoom that was disparaging and said, "We need to respect all (on both sides)."

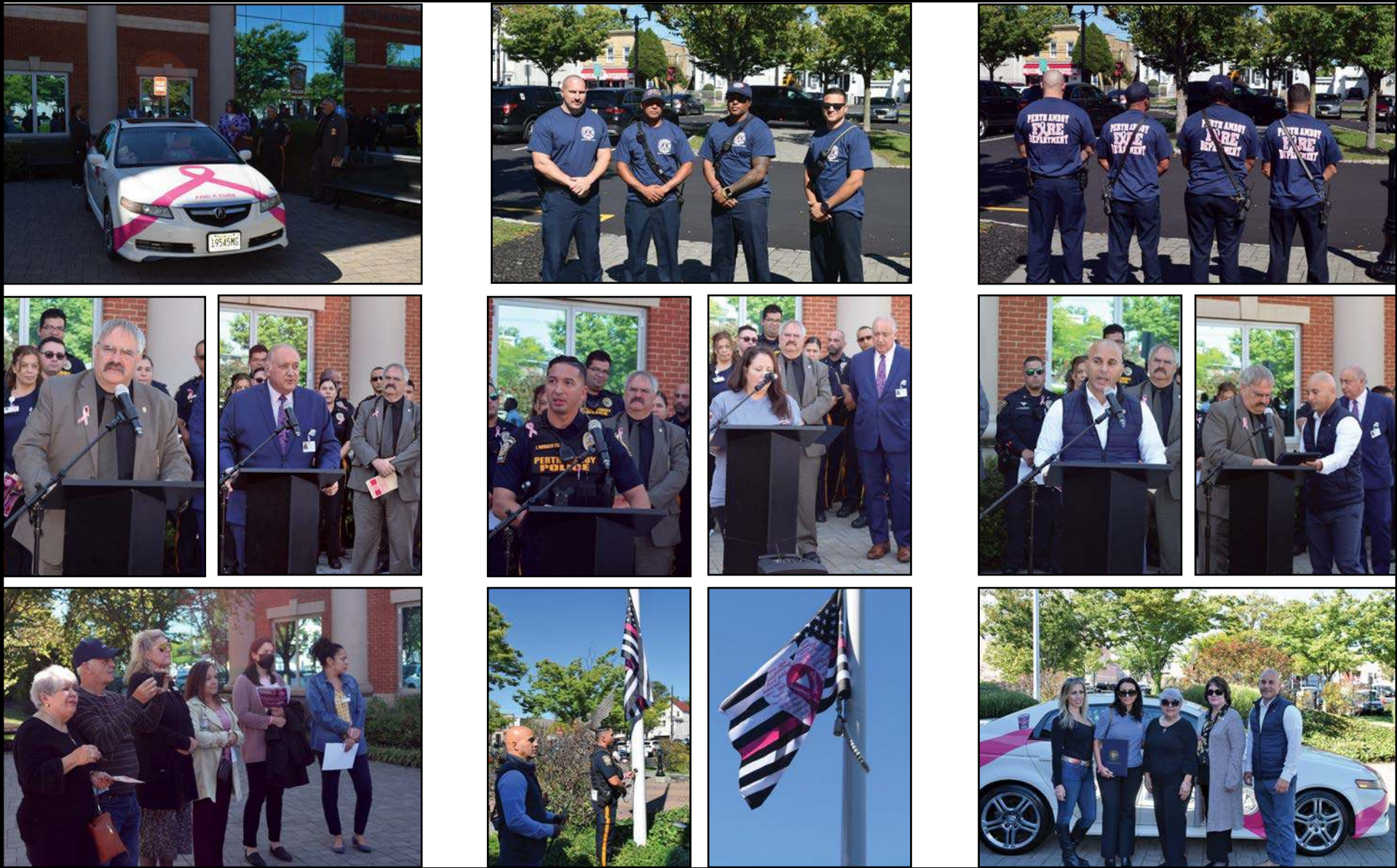
Councilman B.J. Torres had no comments.

Council President Bill Petrick said, "It was a lively meeting with good discussion. When they had discussions about the Gateway Project, the need for a police substation never came up. Stay safe and remember that Covid is still around."

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



Breast Cancer Awareness Flag Raising, Perth Amboy Police Station, 10/6/22 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Hispanic Heritage Month, Perth Amboy Public Library, 10/8/22 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang






Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, Thomas Mundy Peterson Park, 10/15/22 \*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell






### Getting Ahead in Business By Milton Paris



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**BUILD YOUR BUSINESS THROUGH STRATEGIC NETWORKING**

Networking – it’s the latest business trend. Or is it? Actually, business owners have always engaged in the art and science of networking.

Only years ago it didn’t have a name. Business owners would get together, shake hands, and smile and chat about themselves and their businesses. Same thing with “coaching.” I’ve been a sales trainer for 40 years, but it wasn’t until five or six years ago that someone said, “Milt, you’re not a sales trainer, you’re a coach.” I always thought coaching was leading your kid’s soccer or baseball team. Turns out I’ve been a “coach” for 40 years.

The buzzwords, however, aren’t important. What counts is what you do. And if you’re a business owner looking to grow your business, then networking should be a way of life for you. It’s how you climb the ladder of success. But if you don’t actually climb that ladder, you won’t go anywhere. That’s why it’s called networking!

While you can network anywhere – I’ve met some really great clients while eating at the local diner – a good place to begin is by joining a networking group. It’s an excellent way to meet a lot of potential “suspects” who have the potential to become “prospects.”

Here you will have a brief opportunity to stand up and talk about yourself and your business to a group of people who share the same goals you do. In essence, you become a 60-second commercial. When given the opportunity to “sell” yourself, be sharp and to the point. Look directly at your audience, not at the ground or up at the ceiling. Make eye contact. It lets your peers know that you’re confident.

Once your commercial is over, get out in the crowd and talk to people. Work them like a politician works a crowd. But don’t be pushy; don’t use fancy words – not everyone is a Princeton graduate, and make sure you give a firm handshake. Trust me, you can tell if a person is positive or negative by their handshake. And be a good listener. Listen 80% of the time, talk 20%.

But most importantly, don’t make this an “it’s all about me” affair. Remember, you’re not the only person there networking. You’re all in the same boat. When you introduce yourself, don’t hand someone your business card and immediately tell them what you do. Show an interest in others – talk about what they do. Ask them questions about themselves and their families; develop a rapport. In other words, don’t kiss on the first date!

You’ll know if there’s any “chemistry” between you. If there is, make arrangements to meet at another time and place to discuss your mutual interests. Why eat lunch by yourself? And always ask for a referral.

While there’s no harm in speaking to everyone, do target your audience – seek out people who you know would benefit your business. But even if you determine there’s nothing worth pursuing, a particular business owner may have other clients that can help you. You may speak to a business owner with whom you have no mutual interest, but you’re also talking to his/her 30 “suspects” who may become “prospects.”

As for that business card – make sure it describes what service you are offering. Your card is your billboard. I suggest putting your photo on it. If I don’t remember what you do, chances are I will toss the card. When you receive someone’s card, don’t wait a week or three weeks to make contact. Follow-up in a day or two. The key to successful networking is practicing your presentation. Write down your message and key points and practice it over and over. Repetition leads to confidence. Practice in front of your spouse or friends and neighbors. Practice is especially important for people who are terrified to speak in public, which is about 99% of the total population. You may even want to consider hiring a coach.

There’s also the “likeability factor” to consider. In order to sell your product or service, you have to sell yourself. And if people like and trust you, they’ll sign that contract. Conversely, if they don’t like you, you can be selling gold in your pockets, but they won’t buy.

Networking is the best way to build your business. You can read a million books about it, but unless you get out there and do it, you’ll never even reach the first rung of that ladder. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!

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.



### Resorts Casino Trip Perth Amboy Hibernians

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Hibernian Club is running a bus trip to Atlantic City on Saturday, October 22, 2022. The bus to Resorts Casino will leave at 9 am sharp from the club headquarters at 428 Brace Avenue, Perth Amboy, and return at 7 pm. Refreshments at the club before departure. Tickets are \$25 with \$10 back in slot cash. Contact Charlie at 908-380-1423 to reserve tickets with payment.

### Caesar's Casino Trip

**San Salvador Seniors**  
PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino, Atlantic City, on Thursday, November 3, 2022. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephen's Church (St. John Paul II) Parking Lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy at 11 a.m. Cost: \$35 per person; \$30 back in slot play. Please call Joe at 732-826-0819 for reservation.

### Windcreek Casino Trip Good Shepherd Seniors

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to Windcreek Casino, Bethlehem, PA on Tuesday 12/6/2022. Cost is \$35 with \$25 back in play. Bus leaves our parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Seating is limited. Please call either Connie at 732-442-4978 or Nancy at 732-541-5929.

### You’re Invited to Sunday Worship

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

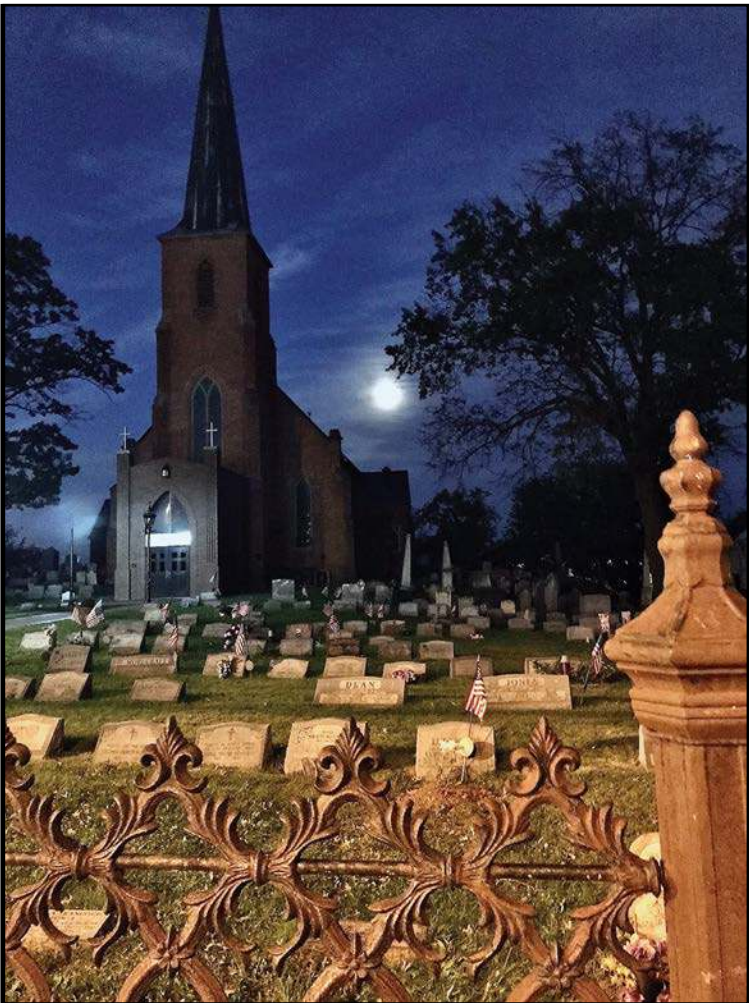
Rev. András Szász – Pastor; Organ Prelude - Richard Russell, Organist. We Extend an Open Invitation to All!

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

Parking behind the church on the Wilson Street side.

### Ads Sell!

**Call Carolyn!**  
**732-896-4446**



### Haunted Lantern Walks Return to The Proprietary House

PERTH AMBOY - Proprietary House, the Royal Governor’s Mansion, is thrilled to announce the return of its popular Haunted Lantern Walks for this year’s Halloween season. The spooky guided walks are scheduled for Saturday, October 29th at 7:00 PM & 8:30 PM.

Take a ghostly journey through centuries of history from Proprietary House to St. Peter’s Graveyard. Hear creepy tales & meet spirits from Perth Amboy’s past. Hot cider & sweets. DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM.

ADMISSION: \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door (12 & Under: \$15)

THERE IS LIMITED SPACE, SO BUY YOUR TICKET IN ADVANCE. All funds raised will benefit ongoing restoration and operation of Proprietary House’s Museum.

CONTACT PROPRIETARY HOUSE ASSOCIATION - Website: [www.theproprietaryhouse.org](http://www.theproprietaryhouse.org); Phone: (732) 826-5527; E-mail: [info@theproprietaryhouse.org](mailto:info@theproprietaryhouse.org); Address: 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861.

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### Friends of South Amboy Annual Basketball Games

SOUTH AMBOY - The Friends of South Amboy are proud to announce their annual charity basketball games to be played on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at South Amboy Middle High School, 200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, NJ 08879.

The schedule is as follows:

12:00 noon - South Amboy girls vs. East Brunswick Magnet School  
2:00 p.m. - South Amboy boys vs. Spotswood  
4:00 p.m. - Sayreville boys vs. Calvary Christian  
6:00 p.m. - St. Joe’s by the Sea Staten Island boys vs. St. Joe’s Metuchen  
8:00 p.m. - St. Thomas Aquinas boys vs. Oratory Prep

Thank you for your continued support. Friends of South Amboy

### South Amboy Seniors

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



Woodbridge Public Library Events

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

**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>

**November 3 | 7PM | Main Library**  
**Current Income Tax Issues: How to Hold on to More of Your Money and Keep Your Sanity**  
This program, presented Wendy D. Reed owner/operator of Prosperity Tax Service, will cover stimulus payments, child tax credits, itemized deductions, SALT cap, working from home, cryptocurrency, and more! Registration Recommended - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13431&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/11/01>

**November 10 | 7PM | Main Library**  
**What's Cooking?**  
Just in time for Thanksgiving, this program presented by the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts will invite participants to learn about 19th century cooking techniques through hands-on examination of cooking utensils and food-related artifacts from METC's teaching collection. Registration Recommended - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13253&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/11/01>

**November 14 | 7PM | Fords Library**  
**Fords Adult Grab & Go**  
Stop by & pick up a Thanksgiving trivet kit to make in the comfort of your own home, starting Monday November 14th. Adults only, one per person, registration required. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13209&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/11/01>

**November 15 | 4PM | Main Library**  
**Mystery/Thriller Book Club**  
Join us for an in person discussion of Not a Happy Family by Shari Lapena. No Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12162&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/11/01>

**November 16 | 7PM | Main Library**  
**Teens & Adults DIY Scrapbook Paper Leaf Craft**  
Come join us in person to create your own DIY Scrapbook Paper Leaf. All Supplies will be provided. Open to Adults and Teens (13+). Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12881&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/11/01>

**November 16 | 7PM | Main Library**  
**Wills, Estate Planning & Probate Seminar**  
Join guest speaker Kenneth Vercammen, Managing Attorney from Kenneth Vercammen & Associates, for this comprehensive seminar. Registration Recommended - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13190&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/11/01>

**November 17 | 1PM | Main Library**  
**All About Diabetes**  
Dr. Reema Patel, Director of Diabetes Center at Old Bridge Medical Center will discuss signs and symptoms of Pre-Diabetes and Diabetes and what you can do about it. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13201&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/11/01>

**November 17 | 7PM | Virtual Program**  
**LGBTQ+ Meetup**  
LGBTQA+ adults (18+) are welcome to attend our new monthly LGBTQA+ virtual meetups. Come and make new friends, share stories and engage in activities with fellow members of the community. Registration Required.

**November 29 | 7PM | Main Library**  
**Using Historical Newspapers In Genealogical Research**  
This program presented by Laura Cabbage-Draper of LCD Genealogy Services will highlight the importance of newspapers as well as the range of details that can be discovered. Registration Recommended - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13337&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/11/01>

**Movies at Main | Fridays at 2PM**  
Join us every Friday at 2PM to catch a free movie!  
**Saturday Movie Matinee | Iselin Branch Library**  
Join us for a free movie at the Iselin Branch Library!

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Perth Amboy Free Public Library  
Events Calendar

<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Tues.	10/25	Jewelry Makerspace 6:30PM
Fri.	10/28	Borinqueneer Book Signing 6:00PM
Mon.	10/31	Halloween Palooza 12:00-8:00PM

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Thu	11/3	Book Club 4:00-5:00PM
Tue	11/15	Crocheting Class 4:00-6:00PM

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HISTORY AND  
HAUNTINGS

Saturday, Oct 29, 2 p.m.  
**John Dyke**, Perth Amboy City Historian  
**Donald J. Peck**, Historian and author of "A Spirited War"

A spirited presentation about New Jersey history and ghosts that reside there.

**Perth Amboy Free Public Library**  
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Perth Amboy: 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.

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South Amboy: November Programs at Dowdell Library

Press Release 10/11/22

SOUTH AMBOY — Veterans Day Meet & Greet, Author Night, Bingo, Senior Book Club, and Food Explorer's Culinary for Kids!

Meet and Greet with our heroes for Veterans Day on Monday, November 14 from 6:30-8 pm. Join us as we salute our local Veterans for a Q&A session and flag folding demonstration. View military items on exhibit courtesy of the South Amboy Historical Society, and take part in a closing salute.

Discover new reads at Author Night on Thursday, November 10 from 6:30-8 pm featuring authors Jerry Smith and Maria Mantoudakis. They will share insights about their works, hold a Q&A session, and end with a book signing.

Play BINGO for adults on Mondays, November 7, 14 and 21 at 11:30 am. Meet new friends and enjoy some light refreshments. Small non-monetary prizes will be awarded.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, November 28 at 10:30 am. Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060

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](mailto:kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org). For a complete list of the classes, please visit [Dowdell.org](http://Dowdell.org).

For kids, stop by every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm for the After School Fun Club. Drop in for bingo, crafts and other fun activities! Meet new friends as you unwind after the long school day!

Calling all foodies! Join us for another Food Explorer's on Wednesday, November 9 from 1-2 pm for a hands on cooking program. Make an appetizer/snack from start to finish, learn how to read a recipe, and how to measure ingredients. Ages 5-14. Registration is required.

Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for storytime on Monday, November 7 and Saturday, November 12 from 1-2 pm for stories, games, activities, and crafts.

Teens! Stop by for fun on Fridays, November 4 and 18 for a variety of activities such as video games and crafts! Meet new friends, discover new reads, hang out and have some fun.

Support your community and local library on GivingTuesday which takes place on Tuesday, November 29. GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. Help us reach our goals of sharing technologies and donate to your local library!

The library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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.



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## **Pierogi Sale**

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church Fall Pierogi Sale. Orders for Potato/Cheese and Jalapeno/Cheddar Pierogi at \$10.00 a dozen may be called in November 7,8,9, 2022 to (732)-826-7067 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Please call early before we meet our quota. Orders may be picked up on November 15 & 16, 2022 after 3:00 p.m. at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ

## **Holiday Cake Sale**

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church Holiday Cake sale. Orders for Nut, Poppyseed, Prune (Lekvar) and Apricot Cake at \$14.00 each may be called in on December 5, 6, & 7, 2022 to (732) 826-7067 between 9:00 a.m and 12:00 p.m. Please call early before our quota is reached. Pick up will be December 14 & 15, 2022 after 3:00 p.m. at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ

## **Coat & Clothing Drive**

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!

## **National First Responders Dedication Program**

PERTH AMBOY – You are invited to attend the National First Responders Dedication Program in honor of all first responders on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy, NJ. Dinner following program.

For more information, or RSVP call 732-442-4875 or 732-826-0290 ext. 4003 or email: [mayorsoffice@perthamboynj.org](mailto:mayorsoffice@perthamboynj.org)

## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Halloween Festival**

PERTH AMBOY – Halloween Festival, Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Live music by Mikell's Plot, Pandora Spocks, and Anthony Costello. Guest Speaker BFRO Investigator, Eric Spinner. Eric has his own podcast and has appeared on Animal Planet's Finding Bigfoot. Starts 11 a.m. ends at 5 p.m. Monster movies, costume contest with prizes, refreshments, and more.

- Eric Spinner lecture - 12 p.m.
- Anthony Costello - 1 p.m.
- Pandora Spock's - 2 p.m.
- Mikell's Plot - 3 p.m.
- Costume contest results - 4 p.m.
- Monster movies playing all day

About Eric Spinner: Eric Spinner is a business owner in Medford, NJ which incidentally borders the Pine Barrens. He is a certified Nutritional Consultant, Shiatsu practitioner that researches the Bigfoot as his hobby and passion. He has attended the 2008 NW Pennsylvania Expedition, the 2009 Sunshine Coast BC Canada Expedition, the 2016 So NY Expedition and is the organizer of the New Jersey BFRO Expeditions. He has made numerous solo excursions into the Pine Barrens, the Pocono Mountains of NE Pennsylvania and has done investigations in Missouri and Florida. He was most recently involved in the production of the South Jersey episode of Finding Bigfoot and was also featured in the town hall meeting. You can find more information about their expeditions, as well as evidence at: [bfro.net](http://bfro.net)

## **Veterans Information Expo**

WOODBIDGE - Our 19<sup>th</sup> District office, Senator Vitale, Speaker Coughlin, and Assemblywoman Lopez and the Woodbridge Veteran Alliance are hosting a Veterans Information Expo on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 070095.

Come and learn more about Veteran benefits, services, and resources. Enjoy refreshments and the company of veterans. For additional information, call or email Sharon Mc Greevey and John Eberhardt at 732-855-7441; [SenVitale@njleg.org](mailto:SenVitale@njleg.org)



## **Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz Sale**

WOODBIDGE - Made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Corner of School and N. James Streets of Woodbridge on Saturday, October 29, 2022. Place your orders with Audrey Marciniak: 732-494-1431 or Florette Pastor: 732-636-2868. Price: \$8 per lb. Deadline for orders: Sunday, October 23, 2022. Orders may be picked up at the Fellowship Hall, Ross Street Entrance on Saturday, October 29, 2022, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.



## **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.

## **October Events South Amboy Elks Tricky Trays & More!**

SOUTH AMBOY - 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.

## **Be a Hero, Help a Hero**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, of Middlesex County, is holding a fundraiser in response to National Hero Day on October 8th.

Not all heroes wear capes. Most of them, like our CASA volunteers, look like you. Their superpowers are a big heart, a willing ear, common sense, a desire to help, and a focus on finding solutions. With these superpowers, our CASA volunteers help Middlesex County's most vulnerable children by identifying issues and developing solutions by working with helpful administrators and teachers, supportive relatives, and critical resources, and providing a voice for these children in the face of frightening and unsettled circumstances.

But even heroes need help. That's where you come in. You can help a hero and make a donation to support new and existing heroes at [casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/donate/helpahero](http://casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/donate/helpahero).

If you are interested in learning more about helping our heroes at CASA of Middlesex County, or becoming a hero Advocate yourself, please visit [casaofmiddlesexcounty.org](http://casaofmiddlesexcounty.org), email [info@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org](mailto:info@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org), or call (732) 246-4449.

## **This Week in the Civil War 160 Years Ago October 19, 1862 – November 1, 1862 By Phil Kohn**

**Phil Kohn can be reached at [USCW160@yahoo.com](mailto:USCW160@yahoo.com).**

In Washington, D.C., President Lincoln pointedly notes on October 20, 1862, that the dormant Army of the Potomac, “McClellan’s Bodyguard,” as he’s termed it — consisting of a headquarters and staff plus 23 divisions in eight corps plus six brigades of cavalry — numbers 231,997 men, of which 144,662 are fit for duty.

About 3,500 Indian, Kansas and Indiana soldiers, commanded by U.S. Brig. Gen. James Blunt, attack some 1,500 Confederate Indian cavalry troops under Col. Douglas Cooper near Old Fort Wayne, in the Indian Territory near the Arkansas border, on October 22. The Confederates put up stiff resistance, but, outnumbered, are forced to withdraw. At Pocotaligo, South Carolina, roughly midway between Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, South Carolina, some 500 Confederate defenders successfully turn back an attack on the railroad there by 4,500 Union troops. In southeastern Kentucky, London is captured by Confederate cavalry under Brig. Gen. Joseph Wheeler.

On October 24, Lincoln removes Brig. Gen. Don Carlos Buell from command in Kentucky, primarily for failing to prevent Bragg’s escape into Tennessee. Lincoln replaces him with Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans, the victor at Corinth, Mississippi, who shortly thereafter styles his troops “The Army of the Cumberland.”

President Lincoln is exasperated by Maj. Gen. George McClellan’s continued failure to launch an assault against Confederate forces in Virginia despite a personal visit to the general’s camp earlier in the month urging action. On October 25, Lincoln sends a telegram to the Army of the Potomac’s commander: “I have just read your despatch [sic] about sore-tongued and fatigued [sic] horses. Will you pardon me for asking what your horses have done since the Battle of Antietam that fatigue anything?”

On October 26, Maj. Gen. George McClellan finally begins moving his Army of the Potomac across the Potomac River into Virginia, heading towards Warrenton. Gen. Lee shifts his forces south to avoid being flanked. Lincoln writes to McClellan that he “rejoices” in the army’s activity at last. Gen. Bragg’s Confederates complete their evacuation of Kentucky, moving toward Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Confederate division of Maj. Gen. John Breckinridge — the former vice president of the U.S. under President James Buchanan — arrives at Murfreesboro, in central Tennessee, from northern Mississippi on October 28.

At Beaufort, South Carolina, U.S. Maj. Gen. Ormsby Mitchel, whose men were involved in the raid known as the Great Locomotive Chase in April 1862, dies of yellow fever on October 30. From Paris, France, Emperor Napoleon III makes overtures to Great Britain and Russia, proposing that the three nations unite and offer to mediate the American Civil War. Previously, Britain’s Chancellor of the Exchequer William Gladstone had publicly commented that President Davis and Confederate leaders “have made a nation” and were likely to succeed in separating. (Gladstone’s comments are widely criticized both in the United Kingdom and in the United States.)

Union forces from Corinth, Mississippi, and Bolivar, Tennessee (east of Memphis) on October 31 begin gathering at Grand Junction, Tennessee, in the southwestern corner of the state.

In New Orleans, Louisiana, military governor Maj. Gen. Benjamin Butler on November 1 orders further restrictions on movements in and out of the city and frees imprisoned slaves “not known to be slaves of loyal [to the U.S.] owners.” At his headquarters at Corinth, Mississippi, Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant begins planning a campaign targeting the Confederate stronghold of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

## **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.

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**Anton Knows**  
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**Tree of Hope, Recovery Centers of America at Raritan Bay, South Amboy - 9/29/22** \*Photos by Katherine Massopust & Submitted



Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY – ((last photo) L to R): David Dorschu, CEO, Recovery Centers of America at Raritan Bay; Marguerite Warner, Senior Alumni Coordinator, Recovery Centers of America at Raritan Bay; Jay Melito, Regional Alumni Coordinator, Recovery Centers of America at Raritan Bay; Sharon Cartwright, Clinical Director, Recovery Centers of America at Raritan Bay and Michael Parise, Recovery Centers of America at Raritan Bay alumni.

Wellspring Center for Prevention celebrated National Recovery Month by dedicating its 2022 “Tree of Hope” to Recovery Centers of America at Raritan Bay. The Tree of Hope is awarded annually to an organization that promotes recovery from addiction.

Inscription on Plaque: ~ IN CELEBRATION OF THOSE WHO FOUND THE JOY OF RECOVERY ~ ~ IN HOPE FOR THOSE WHO STILL SUFFER, WITHOUT RECOVERY ~ ~ IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO NEVER FOUND RECOVERY ~

Recovery Centers of America (RCA) at Raritan Bay is a drug and alcohol inpatient treatment facility that serves communities in Northern New Jersey and the New York City area. The organization was recently ranked by Newsweek Magazine as one of America’s Best Addiction Treatment Centers 2022. RCA at Raritan Bay is dedicated to helping patients achieve a life of recovery through evidence-based alcohol and drug addiction treatment, as well as treatment for mental health disorders.



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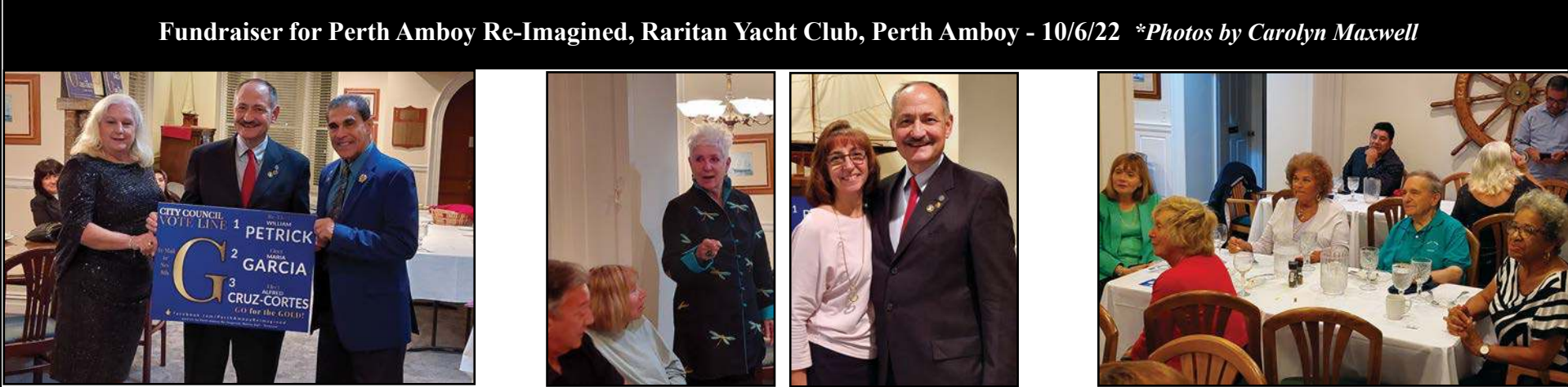
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Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.  
Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.  
*Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.*

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

*(Never known to fail)*  
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity *(make request)*. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee *(3 times)*.  
Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands *(3 times)*.  
*(Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.)*  
**A.L.S.**

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

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

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 M.P.**



**Designer Handbag Bingo**  
PERTH AMBOY – Sunday, November 13, 2022, at the Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, 380 Meredith Street, Perth Amboy. Doors open at 12 Noon, games start at 2 p.m. Admission \$25. Includes all 13 games and dabber. Extra booklets available for purchase. Prizes, food, and raffles. Sponsored by the Ukrainian Assumption Church Holy Name Society.



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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Shell Gas Station on Amboy Avenue 1970's.  
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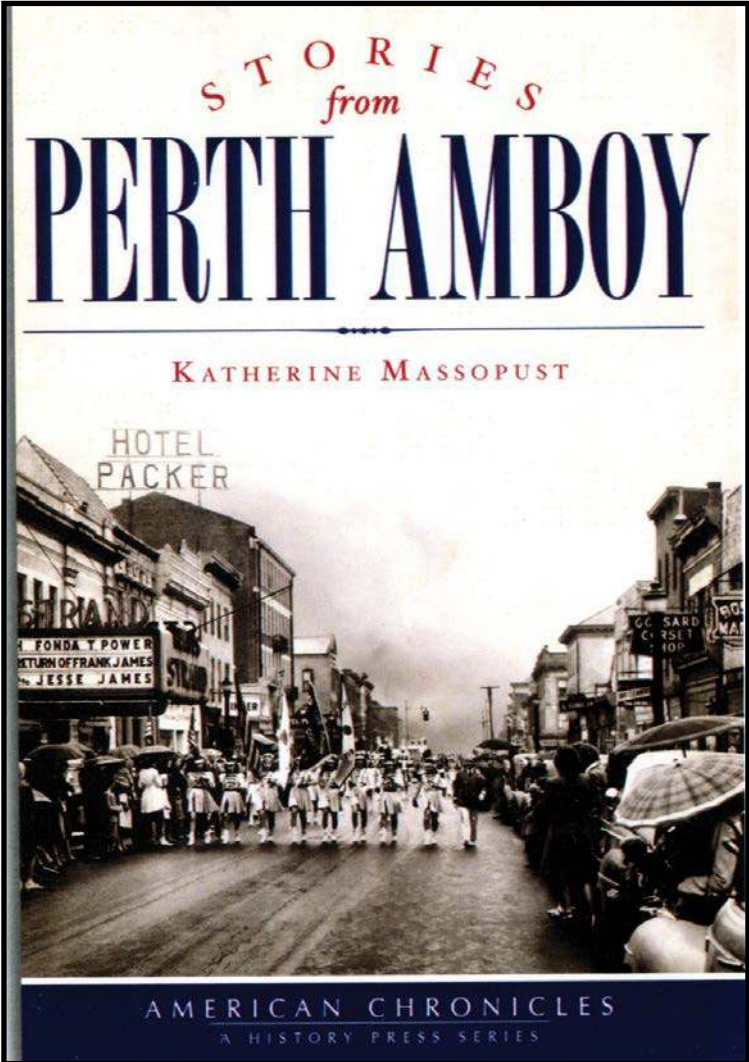


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**PERTH AMBOY** - A beautifully updated 3rd floor unit. It has 2bd & 2bth and gives anyone plenty of space to enjoy this gem in the heart of Perth Amboy. The kitchen was updated with all stainless-steel appliances. **\$239,500**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Back on market and entire house repainted inside, appointment only through showing time (Supra Box). Beautiful starter home. Entire house fully renovated about 2 years 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** - Lots of potential large two family located in the Washington park section of Perth Amboy, has 10 rooms lots of space, 2 car detached garage, above oil tank, buyer is responsible for C of O and all repairs. Super location conveniently to all major highways and public transportation. **\$399,900**



**EAST ORANGE** - Opportunity Knocks - Don't miss your chance to see this two-family home with tons of potential. Large rooms with stainless steel appliances. 3 floors with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath on each level. Property can be converted to 3 family to increase earning potential - live in one, rent the other 2, close to transportation. AS IS SALE! Buyer to obtain C/O. **\$400,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - This Gem was built in 2020. Back yard was completely upgraded including an inground pool great for entertaining. This is an open floor plan design featuring all hardwood floors, living room, 2.5 bath, office, full basement, A/C, 2 car garage, 4 spacious bedrooms, large kitchen with granite and stainless-steel appliances, recess lighting throughout. Great location very close from most major highways, public transportations, Staten Island and new Perth Amboy High school. Don't miss this great opportunity!!!!!! **\$559,900**



**PERTH AMBOY** - 5-family property fully rented on block from the Waterfront. 2 units include 3 bedrooms, 1 unit has 2bd, and 2 units have 1bd each. A great location and all separated utilities. **\$900,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Come check out this 1st floor warehouse/storage plus office space available for immediate occupancy. This recently renovated building offers fenced parking for up to 10 vehicles. Building is conveniently located close to major highways, train, business districts and much more! Building can also be leased entirely for \$6,000/month (upstairs features 5 spacious office space, kitchenette and 2 bathrooms. If interested, you have option to lease 1st or 2nd floor individually or entire building. **\$3,500 Rental**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Great opportunity to become your own boss. Located in downtown Business area. All equipment included on sale. Central air. **\$150,000**