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Rent Leveling Board Ordinance, American Rescue Funds & Police Surveillance Equipment Take Center Stage 9/26/22 Caucus



PERTH AMBOY - Top Photo - Fire Chief Ed Mullen, the City Council, B.A. Greene with Representatives from American Red Cross and the South Amboy YMCA. Photo (Right) R-462-9/22 - Recognizing the Representative from the American Red Cross that provided assistance to fire victims in Perth Amboy. Photo (Far Right) R-463-9/22 - Recognizing the South Amboy YMCA for aid provided to Perth Amboy fire victims. Both organizations were recognized by the city and the Fire Department. *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – A can of worms was opened up regarding the 2022 UEZ Road Rehabilitation and Improvement of Hall Avenue, Jefferson Street, and Maple Street.

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned, “What about the repairs for all the different Alleys (Sunshine, etc.)?”

City Engineer Ernest Feist responded via Zoom, “Contracts are getting ready for pre-construction meetings. It will depend on the contractors, the temperature, the weather, and if the Asphalt Plants stay open.”

Pabon continued, “The Sunshine Alley repairs have been discussed for three years. It always gets bypassed, but we still have the time now before the weather is bad.”

Feist responded, “The contracts have been executed.”

Council President Petrick then spoke up and asked about the water filtration (in those alleys).

Feist responded, “They will be regrading after excavating, but we have to move quickly, but

with precautions.”

Pabon then questioned, “Will it just have dirt and no milling?”

Feist answered, “It is up to how the contractor handles the work. There will be no excavation, yet.”

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Ordinance No. 2 (first reading) – Appropriating \$2,320,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund to provide for the acquisition of equipment for the Perth Amboy Police Department.

Council President William Petrick said he was surprised to see that this amount has gone down by \$1 million.

Councilman B.J. Torres spoke up, “We need to have a public presentation regarding these funds. I am against facial recognition equipment, especially when it comes to people of color. This is not transparent, and we need to see what we are getting.”

Pabon spoke up, “I was surprised to have this discussion because I was told in the last meeting that we couldn’t talk

about this in the open. So, can we? Or not?”

Law Director Opel responded, “Some of the details had to be discussed in closed session.”

There was also a lengthy discussion regarding acquiring the property known as 158 Smith Street (Fink Park) for public use by the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

Council President Petrick asked, “What would be the estimated cost to the taxpayers?”

Opel responded, “The ordinance has to be adopted so the city can do an appraisal.”

Petrick continued, “It’s on the tax rolls right now, so it can be appraised right now.”

Opel responded, “We already have done research and they (the owners) paid \$9,500 of taxes last year.”

Councilman B.J. Torres asked, “Does the owner only want it to be used as a park? We may acquire this property and it will be off the tax records.”

B.A. Greene responded, “The

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Food Pantry Volunteers Recognized 9/21/22 City Council Meeting



SOUTH AMBOY - Louisa Falk from Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin's Office presents a check for \$1,300 to the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy for their Food Pantry from Bowl For Hunger (L to R) George Schaefer (form the food pantry), Louisa Falk, Mary Porcello (Director of the Food Pantry) Mary Porcello will be honored as the Grand Marshal in the 2023 South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



SOUTH AMBOY - Dan Harris (Left) from Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin's Office poses for a photo with Mary Porcello (Center) and George Schaefer (Right)

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – At the beginning of the meeting, there was a presentation of Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin’s Office from Bowl For Hunger. Asm. Speaker Coughlin was unable to attend, so Louise Falk presented a check to the Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. There was a second photo taken with Dan Harris (from Coughlin's Office) and the Food Pantry. The minutes, bill list, and consent agenda passed with no discussion.
Council Comments:

Councilman Tom Reilly had several questions. “It is good to see Mary Porcello here tonight. Mary is very instrumental with the food pantry. To make that food pantry work, you need volunteers.” Reilly asked, “What is the status of the Government Club?”

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski stated that it is being initiated by the new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Williams.

Reilly congratulated the South

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19th District Residents Urged to Apply for ANCHOR Rebate by End of Year

Press Release 9/22/22
19th DISTRICT - In helping develop the fiscal '23 state budget this spring, the 19th district state legislators focused on a new program that would provide significant tax rebates to both residential property owners and tenants in New Jersey.

Working across party lines, Sen. Joe Vitale, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (D-19th Dist.) were vocal advocates for the new, \$2 billion state program, known as ANCHOR, which stands for "Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters." Gov. Phil Murphy incorporated ANCHOR into the fiscal '23 budget in June.

To qualify for ANCHOR, there are income guidelines. The program will provide up to \$1,500 to homeowners with 2019 gross incomes up to \$150,000, and up to \$1,000 for those with gross incomes of between \$150,000 and \$250,000 in that year.

ANCHOR is also an important program for the tenants, who can receive \$450 if their gross income was \$150,000 or less in 2019.

Rebate applications are being sent to eligible residents on a rolling basis through the end of September. If you have not received an application, please call the ANCHOR Hotline at (888) 238-1233. Taxpayers can apply online or by phone at

(877) 658-2972 once they receive the application.

"It is critical, now more than ever, that we prioritize making New Jersey more affordable," Vitale said. "Providing direct property relief to our residents is a meaningful way to keep money in people's pockets. I applaud Governor Murphy, Senate President Scutari, and Speaker Coughlin for their leadership."

The ANCHOR program expands on and replaces the Homestead Rebate Program, which serves 470,000 homeowners annually and provides an average benefit of \$628. Renters are not eligible for the current Homestead program, but ANCHOR recognizes that rents are often raised to offset rising property taxes. ANCHOR will make over four times more New Jerseyans eligible to receive a property tax rebate when compared with Homestead.

Under the program, the state is preparing to provide rebates for up to two million taxpayers in the current state budget, with an average check of \$971.

The average New Jersey property tax bill was approximately \$9,300 in 2021. ANCHOR's direct property tax relief rebates could offset over 16 percent of the average property tax bill in New Jersey for some homeowners. For a middle-class family receiving the \$1,500 in direct relief, the average bill will effectively become \$7,800, a

property tax level New Jersey has not seen since 2012.

"With \$1,500 and \$1,000 in direct property tax rebates for homeowners and \$450 for renters, more than two million New Jerseyans will see money back in their pockets – relief they will be able to count on into the future and relief that builds on the existing 14 tax cuts enacted since 2018, which together affirm our commitment to position all of New Jersey as a more affordable place to live," Coughlin said.

State lawmakers have instructed treasury officials to create a simplified method for distributing the rebates to qualified residents. There are some important deadlines of which homeowners and renters in the 19th Legislative District need to be made aware.

"Providing \$2 billion in direct property relief to New Jerseyans is a significant step in addressing the affordability of our state," Lopez said. "As inflation continues to drag the economy, I am proud to join my Assembly colleagues, especially Speaker Craig Coughlin, in providing immediate assistance to our residents during a time when they need it most."

To receive payment – expected to arrive by May of next year – it is imperative that all eligible residents apply by the state's December 30 deadline, she added.

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Amboy Fire Department for winning five trophies at the New Jersey State Fireman's Convention in Wildwood. He reminded everyone of the fundraiser for Veterans, the "Buy a Brick" fundraiser which was making great progress. He encouraged everyone to buy a brick. Reilly then asked about the miles per hour signs in the alleys.

B.A. Skarzynski stated that they are supposed to be put there.

Reilly then asked about seniors in buildings during the cold weather and who moves them. B.A. Skarzynski stated that the staff of the buildings do that. "The seniors that live in our buildings, we are working on that."

Reilly ended his comments asking everyone to support their local businesses.

Councilman Brian McLaughlin congratulated the South Amboy Fire Department and congratulated Tom Bukowski for the Little League Fields.

Council Vice President Christine Noble said, "I attended the field dedication on Sunday. My brother (Brian Noble), Glenn (Skarzynski) and the Council - it is so appreciated in the community."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, "The (traffic) ordinance – I want to thank our Clerk, our Traffic Safety Officer, for their work in the South Amboy Athletic Association, the County of Middlesex which has given \$1.5 million for the field of dreams in

South Amboy. It was really special. Also, the Arts Festival from Convery and her team. Congratulations to the Fire Department and to Mary Porcello."

Council President Mickey Gross said, "Hats off to the Fire Department – you do a great job. Mary we couldn't pick a better Grand Marshall (2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade). You make us proud. The Irish Festival is October 1st."

Mayor Fred Henry said, "I want to thank the South Amboy Fire Department in Wildwood, you always do an amazing job cleaning the vehicles and marching. The Allie Clark Sports Complex – great job Brian Noble. I want to thank the Allie Clark family. I want to thank County Commissioner Director Ron Rios. And I want to thank the people involved in the Arts Festival. There was another well attended Lunch & Learn. Check the city's website to see what's happening. I want to thank Craig Coughlin's Office for the Food Pantry Check. People talk about the overcrowding in our school system. We do our due diligence that includes buildings going up that are not conducive to add children in schools. In 2020 the number of school students was 1105 – less than in 1998. This type of smart growth we are doing so over the number of students has not changed in 20 years. Right now, there is no problem."

B.A. Glenn Skarzynski stated that construction has begun on lower Main Street walk-through up to the Ferry. The city has re-

ceived a whopper of a grant. Public Portion:

Resident Greg Babolack asked if Station Bay was 90% filled.

B.A. Skarzynski answered that 250 units are filled.

Babolack asked about Building#2's permits.

B.A. Skarzynski answered, "They have not filed for permits, yet. At this time, they intend to do so. They are installing electricity with JCPL."

Babolack made some comments about the student body size stating there was a letter written that there were too many students.

Councilman Reilly stated that he got a letter from the Superintendent about the impact of the students.

Babolack stated, "Only 260 apartments rented. There will be 1850 apartments. I'm talking about the future."

The Vice President of the Board of Education Anthony Conrad came up to speak. He congratulated the Fire Department for all they do and thanked Mary Porcello, and the council members for their great job on the fields. "The School District numbers the mayor mentioned are dead on. The numbers have not changed. Woodmont and the other developments are included and are 90% rented except those set aside for affordable housing. As of right now, the data speaks for itself."

The council went into closed session at 7:29 p.m. with no further action taken. All Council Members were present.

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Re-elect William Petrick
Elect Maria Garcia
Elect Alfred Cruz-Cortes



G-1



G-2



G-3

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Do the Right Thing Now

With Election Day coming up, you’ve heard of the expression, “Don’t cut off your nose to spite your face,” I haven’t voted in a primary for a very long time because I’ve learned a long time ago that there is good and bad in both parties, and I will only vote for a person based on what I believe will be the best for all. Right now, a lot of people are looking at the prices of consumer products that are off the charts and in spite of the hurt in their pocketbooks, they will still vote for the same people who have put us in the same situation. Don’t get me started on these politicians for some reason who continue to have a “No Cash Bail Law.” We are not talking about people who stole a loaf of bread. We are talking about hardened criminals who have maimed, killed, and destroyed people’s lives and have a record as long as my arm. If I keep hearing about the “Poor people of Color,” like we are some rare, endangered species who cannot walk and chew gum at the same time, my head is going to explode. And it bears repeating how parents can take care of ten kids, but ten kids don’t have the ability to take care of one parent. I don’t know what happened to the “feminists” who can’t even protect biological girls and women. What happened to Title IX which states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.” Passed in 1972.

When I saw that a girls’ volleyball team was banned from their own locker room. The girls felt uncomfortable changing clothes while someone identifying as a female with their original male equipment was changing in there, too.

Let me tell you something. Do you think some of these boys will not take advantage of this situation knowing by simply saying, “I think I’m a girl,” and walk into the girl’s locker room with no consequences. If I had a daughter, and she was banned from the girl’s locker room because of this nonsense, someone would be getting a huge lawsuit from me, and I would win! All I know, as a biological woman, I had to go through the pain and suffering every month. Some

girls were fortunate that they didn’t have to experience that much suffering each month.

And finally, you know when you graduated from High School and you were on your way to college, it was a rite of passage when you finally said, “I am an adult.”

I went to Middlesex County College, so I didn’t have the experience of living on a campus, but I find it reverse discrimination when a college will say, “If you are white, you cannot go into this space because that is reserved for the black kids because they need to have a specific space for themselves so they feel comfortable.” No one is going to tell me who to associate with in college or any other place. A college experience is so that you learn to co-exist with others who may not look like you or come from the same background than you.

There are even ethnic groups that have caste systems where they discriminate against each other based on skin color, economics, and your background. Trust me, I know this because I knew one couple where the woman was very educated and her husband managed a small motel, but because the woman had a slightly darker complexion, her husband’s family were not too happy about their marriage. Eventually, they did come around.

When you are a teacher, and have a degree in a certain subject, you need to be teaching that subject and not go off the range teaching sexuality, politics, etc. or anything that is inappropriate for young children in their formative years. Children need to be taught useful skills that help them survive as adults and to take care of themselves. Just remember this: We are trillions of dollars in debt and guess what? We don’t have this money right now. It is a loan from future generations. Right now they expect that social security money is running low and they are looking at a 25% reduction in those benefits across the board by the year 2032 unless something is done to change it. So, even when you get a COLA (cost of living adjustment) each year, the cost of consumer products rise, so they get you coming and going.

So, if you want to keep things copacetic (status quo), it’s up to you. That is why I stopped toeing a party line. *C.M.*

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Centenary University Announces Selection of Perth Amboy Resident as First Recipient of the Grace Y. Bissett and Louise Monez Hill Scholarship
Awarded to Zaria Moore of Perth Amboy, NJ, prestigious scholarship covers all college expenses for a student dedicated to pursuing a career that improves race relations

Press Release 9/22/22
HACKETTSTOWN, N.J. —Centenary University has awarded its inaugural Grace Y. Bissett and Louise Monez Hill Scholarship to Zaria Moore of Perth Amboy, NJ. The prestigious four-year scholarship covers the full cost of attendance at Centenary—including tuition and fees, room and board, books, transportation, travel, and miscellaneous expenses—to a student who is dedicated to pursuing a career that improves race relations. The scholarship fund was established through an estate gift from Centenary University alumna Louise M. Hill ’40 in memory of her aunt, Grace Y. Bissett, who made her education possible.

“Centenary University is proud to recognize Zaria Moore as the inaugural recipient of the Grace Y. Bissett and Louise Monez Hill Scholarship,” said Kerry Mullins, scholarship committee chair, who also serves as the University’s vice president for student life and dean of students. “Zaria’s scholarship application stood out to the committee for her commitment to academics, race relations, leadership, and her local community. We are excited to see her growth as a campus leader at Centenary.”

A business management major with a minor in marketing, Moore is a 2022 graduate

of Perth Amboy High School, where she ranked in the top third of her graduating class. She participated in a number of activities dedicated to strengthening race relations as a member of the black and brown community, including working with a local performing arts program to present the journey of racism through a dance performance at Middlesex County College, as well as supporting Black Lives Matter initiatives.

Moore also excelled in other leadership activities, including serving on the student council and as commanding officer of the Perth Amboy High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps(NJROTC). In her local community, Moore was recently appointed to the Perth Amboy Citizen’s Public Safety Advisory Board, which examines public issues and develops alternative solutions to enhance community safety. Applications are now open for the 2023 Grace Y. Bissett and Louise Monez Hill Scholarship.

Applicants must submit:

- A statement from the high school principal or vice principal stating that the student will graduate or has graduated in the top one-third of their class
- A letter from someone in a position of authority (coach, clergy, person, community leader, organization/club advisor, etc.)



Zaria Moore

regarding the candidate’s character and participation in school, church and/or community activities

- An essay of approximately 750 words, written by the candidate, describing how this scholarship will assist in pursuing a career beyond college devoted to improving the relationship between the races

Finalists will be invited to participate in an interview with the Bissett-Hill Scholarship Committee. All materials should be emailed to Stefanie Taggart, director of undergraduate admissions, at stefanie.taggart01@centenaryuniversity.edu or mail your materials to her: Centenary University Office of Admissions, 400 Jefferson St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

Nilda Delgado, Vice President of Operations at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, to Receive the Jack Cerulo Leader Award

Press Release 9/27/22
PERTH AMBOY - On October 19th, Nilda Delgado, Vice President of Operations at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, will receive the 2022 Jack Cerulo Leader Award during the Metro Chamber of Commerce’s 58th Annual Chairman’s Awards Dinner at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Woodbridge.

Jack Cerulo was a lifelong volunteer and dedicated community leader. He served Perth Amboy, Woodbridge and surrounding communities tirelessly building relationships, providing leadership, befriending the faith-based community and

organizations focused on helping and serving the most needy families and children. He served on the Raritan Bay Area YMCA Board of Directors for over 25 years. The Jack Cerulo Leader Award honors Jack’s life and legacy by highlighting individuals committed to making an impact in the community.

“Like Jack, Nilda truly exemplifies a spirit of faith and commitment to families in Perth Amboy,” says Steve Jobin, President & CEO of the Raritan Bay Area YMCA. “Her thoughtful, caring nature combined with her work ethic and passion allows Jack’s legacy to live on within our Y and our City.”

Nilda Delgado has served the Y for more than 15 years. During her tenure, she has served as Branch Director, Vice President of Family Services and she currently serves as the Vice President of Operations.

“It is an honor to receive the YMCA’s Jack Cerulo Leader award; it represents community and giving back,” said Nilda Delgado. “This award is particularly meaningful to me as I had the privilege to know Jack. I am grateful for this opportunity of what the reward represents and fulfilling its promise in giving back to the community, we serve.”

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owner of this property can deny us access to use it if they want to.”

Torres continued, “We already have open spaces for city events.”

Greene then reminded everyone that this park is right in the heart of town.

Torres continued, “Beatification was supposed to be at the entrance of the city and how much money has been spent on the park we don’t own? It is like putting the cart before the horse.”

OECD Director Tashi Vazquez joined the conversation via Zoom, “We had a technical assistant grant to study a use for that park. It was inclusive of community input. Rutgers University had suggestions and said this location was good for a pocket park based on our population and its need.”

Petrick spoke up and thought that the area from the Ferry Slip to the County Park would have better use for that grant. People are scared of Kushner, but he would talk to you. This is wasted grant money. Fink Park has been used for many events before with the owner’s permission. We are squandering this money. There are a lot of other city sites that we could have used that technical grant money for.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada spoke up, “A lot of people use Fink Park.”

Petrick suggested, “Maybe the BID UEZ can fund Fink Park. We should have a complete plan in place. There are too many black holes and there are a lot of agenda items in the same situation. I would like to table this ordinance (No. 2) regarding Fink Park.”

Vazquez spoke up, “It will have to go before the UEZ and then to the State for them to buy Fink Park.”

Petrick continued, “If it is not in writing, then it is not agreeable. We need to see the UEZ bid.”

B.J. Torres made a motion to table this resolution. Pabon seconded the motion. When they polled the council members to vote to table, the only ones to say “No” were Councilwomen Morales and Tejada.

Torres ended the conversation, “We need to see what the legal fees would be to look at this property.”

There was also a discussion involving Ordinance No. 5 (First Reading) – Amending Chapter 353, Section 3 of the City Code – Reducing the established Allowable Rent Increase Percentage per Rental Term.

Councilwoman Milady Tejada spoke first, “We have been waiting for this for a long time to have control over our rent. This is affecting a lot of fixed income citizens and the landlords and tenants will have protection.”

Pabon spoke next, “In the last four months, people have been telling me about their struggles. This issue came to light

about two years ago when a new landlord raised the rent of a building that he just bought on New Brunswick Avenue. I have looked at other towns that have raised their rents to 2.5% and then when it was due for another rent increase, they actually lowered the rent increase. Woodbridge is the only one who had a 5% increase in rent. We have good and bad landlords. Some people have their rent raised by \$400 in one year. The Rent Leveling Board is looking at registration of rentals.”

Petrick spoke up, “This ordinance will only impact legal landlords and tenants and not people renting rooms and basements illegally. The court can only hear cases of legal rentals which have been going on for decades. Water increases are across the board. Mom and Pop rentals are hurting, especially if they are senior citizens renting out rooms. Code Enforcement and Fire Officials have overlooked these things in the past.”

Council President Petrick voiced concerns over R-470 – Consenting to the appointment of Jane R. Pastor, Esq. as Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Perth Amboy and waiving the residency requirement.

“Why can’t we find a Perth Amboy resident for this position?”

Greene responded, “This person is currently sitting in the court on a temporary basis now.”

Law Director Opel spoke up and said, “This person has had a law practice for five years and has all the qualifications.”

There were two resolutions that were removed at the meeting: R-475 – involving the Affordability Assistance Policy and Procedures Manual for the City of Perth Amboy. Also, R-476 – involving equipment for the Fire Department using American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to the mic to clarify a statement made by Councilman B.J. Torres regarding Ordinance No. 2 – American Rescue Plan Act Funds for equipment for the police department. “Facial recognition never came up, even when we were discussing this in closed session. Security cameras will be placed for help investigating crime and it will also help in the enforcement of parking permits in help of the automation of parking with some of the equipment that we are requesting.”

Torres then questioned, “Wouldn’t benefit us to have free parking? The UEZ and Parking Utility should foot this bill, and this doesn’t address our need for speed bumps.”

Cattano explained that citizens need to petition if they want speed bumps in the area. “This could be expanded by the UEZ/BID.”

Council President Petrick spoke next, “Community foot patrols will be better than having security cameras all around.”

Tejada made a comment, “Our community is beautiful, and security is necessary.”

Cattano continued, “It is all about catching those who want to do things like stealing and other crimes to help catch them.”

Pabon spoke up, “The bottom line that we should be investing in things that are doing well. We have to show the community what works. I wasn’t sold on the dollar figure. The Water Street residents are the first one who requested speed bumps.”

Cattano then said, “Things have been in place on Water Street and the speeding has decreased.”

Pabon said, “Speeding by the Flynn School has been taking place.”

Cattano responded, “We have cushion speed bumps that are removeable. You can straddle them, and the cushion speed bumps are expensive.”

Petrick said, “There are still complaints coming in from the community.”

Discussions still continued regarding the proposed substation in upper Smith Street.

Petrick stated that the existing substation on Madison Avenue is not always open. “The one on that street came about because someone from the Church on Madison Avenue said there a bullet holes on their property doors.”

Pabon then questioned, “How productive are these substations? Madison Avenue is busy, and people are always double parking on that street. The Gateway Ordinance said there will be police presence.”

Councilwoman Tejada said, “I would rather keep the substation on Madison Avenue.”

Police Chief Cattano came up, “Madison Avenue has rotated officers during the week and weekends. They take police reports when people walk into that substation, but it is not manned 24/7 and there are cameras inside.”

Councilwoman Rose Morales spoke via Zoom. She said, “I am in favor of the new substation on (497B) Smith Street and how it will benefit the community.”

Cattano said, “It will help with traffic control and law enforcement and anything happening on the Victory Bridge. It is part of the community outreach, and you can do reports. Right now, we have nine auxiliary police officers, and we are doing a recruitment campaign.”

Petrick spoke up and again stated, “We need to have more of a presence, and we need more volunteers for the auxiliary and for the Fire and Police Departments. We have those ranks increased.”

Torres stated, “This will be a traffic nightmare where the new police substation is proposed.”

Cattano clarified, “It will be located in a storefront. We will have parking in a lot across the street.”

Opel then commented, “Those lots will be for public use only,

and the lot owners may be entitled to a tax exemption or reduction.”

Councilwoman Rose Morales spoke via Zoom, “It looks like Ordinances 2-4 (First Reading) will work hand-in-hand together.”

Pabon stated, “The proposed new substation is not in a busy location. It should be put downtown, and not here. I move to table Ordinance No. 3 (First Reading).”

B.J. Torres said that he seconded that motion.

The discussion turned back to rental properties. Councilman B.J. Torres stated, “If landlords make major improvements (to their buildings), they can increase the difference over the 5% cap.”

Pabon spoke up, “Everything registered is not sure. Those Mom-and-Pop Rentals have low rents. Illegal Housing units exist because they can’t pay rent and they have to decide whether or not they have to pay rent or pay for food. All some could afford is a basement apartment and out of town landlords don’t care about their apartments.”

Councilwoman Tejada mentioned that, “Even though taxes have not gone up for two years, there are some who are hardly making it and have to make hard decisions.”

Pabon then stated, “In the ordinance, we have the final say if the increases should be between 2.3%-2.5% increase in rent.”

Petrick stated, “Eventually, we will see tax increases.”

There was a lengthy discussion on R-469 – Giving part of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the houses of worship in nonprofit city Perth Amboy organizations.

Pabon agreed, “Is it legal and what is the grant and what are the guidelines and how many organizations?”

Petrick also wanted to know what the criteria would be.

B.A. Greene responded, “There are 75 houses of worship, and the grants would be between \$2,000 - \$10,000. I can allocate the money, but each group would be looked at individually. It could be rental needs, food and security, and churches can distribute it through congregation’s needs. Others getting this money would be PRAHD and the YMCA, and they would get bigger amounts with the council approval and what the money would be used for. Applications would need to be filled out by all.”

Councilman Torres noted, “The guidelines said it can’t be used for religious purposes. We need to see what the money would be used for first. We were put in an awkward position.”

Petrick spoke, “This is a purely political move with a lot of ribbon cutting. We still are going to have problems with our infrastructure. There are multiple legitimate food pantries. My cousin is in charge of one. In the middle of the night, he gets calls from people that need food.”

Greene stated, “Food pantries will be included in this ordinance.”

Petrick continued, “We only have one waterline to supply water. This money would be better used for our water infrastructure. The administration needs to sit down with the council to fix this 75-year problem. We used to have a profit-making water department until stealing started to happen. We had fights with Woodbridge and Carteret as to who will be responsible for repairs of watermain connecting all of us.”

Tejada spoke up, “Everything has been neglected, including the sewers.”

Petrick continued, “Our water is blended, and we have mandates from the EPA. This things on the agenda are political. There are plenty of food banks to feed the community.”

Pabon spoke up, “This goes back to rent control. We need to talk to our finance department and Opel to see if this resolution is legal.”

CFO Jill Goldy spoke via Zoom, “This money can be given to nonprofits if the guidelines are met. I can’t talk about the houses of worship. Talk to Opel about legal matters.”

Law Director Opel spoke up, “Regarding nonprofits, it could be used for helping reemployment, housing assistance, and food security. If houses of worship have these programs, they can get funds, but the council will have approval.”

Pabon spoke up stating, “Some pastors thought this was a bad idea to give to houses of worship. This makes the mayor look bad, and we still don’t know who is getting money. There may be people who are entitled to this money (some city employees) that are no longer here. Let it be on the record that it is legal under certain criteria that the houses of worship can get some of these funds.”

B.J. Torres had a problem with R-470 – Waving the residency requirement of James R. Pastor as a Judge of Municipal Court.

“In the past, we have waved residency requirements.”

Petrick spoke up addressing Mr. Greene, “You are supposed to live here.”

Greene responded, “I own rental property that I pay taxes on.”

Petrick then asked, “What would be the residency requirement?”

Opel then explained, “There are certain positions that residency is not required.”

Torres suggested that the council needs to revisit those requirements.

Petrick was adamant when he said, “We need to hire people who live, work, and eat here for those high paid positions. We need to hire city residents first.” He then referenced R-471 – Appointment of Andrea N. Mazzula-Adames as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor and waiving the residency requirement. “What

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happened to the Prosecutor that we hired less than a year ago?"

Greene said, "She has left, and this will fill that opening."

Petrick said, "There should have been an outreach at that time."

Tejeda spoke up, "This person who just left goes to my church and she wasn't sure that she was going to be leaving or not."

Petrick responded, "I heard there was a deal made for her to stay a little longer. Being a judge is a status and why are we reluctant to hire inside people?"

Pabon said, "They have to be recommended by someone in the court."

Tejeda asked if there were any interviews held.

Greene responded, "For the Assistant Prosecutor, there was, for the judge position, I don't know. The Municipal Prosecutor and myself sat down with the candidates for the Assistant Prosecutor position."

For R-473 – Grant money for improvements for the water quality. Greene said, "These grants will follow infrastructural practices and it is based on recommendations for Rutgers University."

Torres said, "We need to have Directors come to the meeting. Tashi Vazquez has said that none of this money will be used the staff or administrative fees. There are parameters to use funds for."

Greene then talked about R-474 – Grant money from the U.S. Department of Transportation for bridge projects in the amount of \$8,258,864.53.

Greene said, "This will include the Fayette Street Bridge. Our matching funds will equal 20% of that total and we are need of \$127 million for water infrastructure improvements. \$4 million from the American Rescue Funds will be used for water meters and a new water building and access to broadband."

Torres spoke up and said, "With all of our infrastructure needs, we should not give money to any houses of worship."

City Engineer Ernest Feist spoke up via Zoom, "This was the anticipated cost as of two weeks ago."

Tashi Vazquez spoke via Zoom and asked that R-475 (Approving the Affordability Assistance Policies and Procedures Manuel for the City of Perth Amboy be removed from the agenda. She stated that it needs Fair Share Approval and need to be looked at from the State of New Jersey regarding the Affordable Plan). R-476 was also removed (Equipment for the Fire Department).

Councilman Torres spoke about R-478 – An application to Middlesex County through the Office of Art and History for the 2023 General Operating and Support Grant Program. "There are no documents attached (that we need before we approve)."

B.A. Greene replied, "We apply for this every year through the New Jersey Waterfront Festival. It is to hire vendors and performers."

Torres continued, "This takes place on a holiday weekend, and it went from an Arts Festival to a Community event and once we say "Yes" it is out of our hands."

Petrick suggested the council tabled this. "We should get more information before the next meeting."

Torres continued, "We need all the expenditures, the preparation, the timeline, the number of people involved, what sort of venue, and the actual plan. What is the plan for the amphitheater? And who gave us the name, "The Bay City"? Are we ashamed of our city? We are Perth Amboy. What is going on with the planning of our city?"

Petrick finished the conversation, "This goes back to Annie Hindenlang and that piece of junk they call the amphitheater."

Public Portion: (In-Person)

Resident Maria Garcia spoke first in-person. She referenced R-477 – Contract with Queues Enforth Development for software maintenance for the Police and Fire Department computer systems for the period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$45,070. She also referenced Ordinance No. 2. – American Rescue Funds for the replacement of Engine No.3 for the Fire Department. She needed know what exactly is included in those two items.

"As far as R-469 (Giving monies to nonprofit and houses of worship), we need that money to fix the infrastructure. I appreciate what the houses of worship do, but we have other departments that help the community with different needs. We need grants for our homeowners because we don't know about the future. Inflation keeps going up on everything. Homeowners who are renting out their properties have costs going up, and we need a plan to benefit all."

The next person to speak in person was Samantha Castro from the Citizen's Advisory Committee who referenced Ordinance No.3. – Using American Rescue Plan Act Funds to provide for the acquisition of technology equipment in and by the City of Perth Amboy. "This needs to be researched by the Citizen Safety Committee. Surveillance will be detrimental to some in society. This will be a threat to civil liberties. Its evidence based, and how will the evidence be stored and for how long? How will this support small businesses?"

Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak about R-469. "Speaking for myself, there are 13,000 rental units in Perth Amboy. Those people will need that money, and the Salvation Army could use some of that money. People also have loans that they need assistance with."

The next person to speak in person was Assistant Prosecutor Mark Cintron, "I am not a resident, and I was appointed by the prior administration and by the council. You may be prejudice by living here and an outsider may be able to see something that you may be prejudice against. I am asking that you keep an open mind. The person that is on the agenda to be appointed as a Municipal Judge knows the community and has filled in after Judge Boyd's retirement. We have two judges who live here who may have conflict of interest. I have the pleasure of working with Judge Pastor, and you should interview him yourself. There are not many people who want to work here because of conflict."

Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to address statements made by Samantha Castro. After looking at the fact sheet that Castro read from, he said, "90% of what is that sheet which I was given from her, we are not doing." He said, "The operating expense of that ordinance would be \$40,000."

Zoom Participants:

Resident Sharon Hubberman wondered why there were changes to the Rent Control Ordinance. "Of seven members on the board, two are tenants. We looked at the demographics and the original ordinance from 39 years ago before we brought changes to the ordinance before the council. We looked at COLA (cost of living adjustments) and the 5% increase. Hardships are taken into consideration. We can have hearings to address issues. We have been very active. You can contact human resources and talk to Dianne Roman. The state of New Jersey requires tenant registration, which is mandatory for all landlords. Multi-family units must be registered by the county. The current inflation rate is 8%."

Eddie Trujillo, Jr. spoke next. "I am a landlord and I'm hurt when we are classified with predatory landlords. I am friends with a lot of landlords – big and small. We pay our bills and taxes. A lot of out-of-town landlords are doing things illegally. A lot of us will make payment plans to work with the tenants. Let's compare apples to apples and we have to address illegal issues. We all should have our right to speak, and we have not been asked for our input. This being rushed and all sides should be heard."

Resident Caroline Pozyski-Torres spoke next, "We need public hearings on American Rescue Plan Funds money. We are creating a huge bureaucracy. It's weak leadership and the police have not reached out to the community. The Police Chief was dismissive of the person who spoke about policing. What relief is there for those hard hit by Covid? This is totally pathetic."

The last person to speak via Zoom was Resident Maria Vera,

Assembly Speaker at White House on Sept. 28 to Discuss Hunger Issues

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19th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT/WASHINGTON D.C. - Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-19th Dist.), who has made hunger one of his signature issues in the state Legislature, is leading a New Jersey delegation to the White House today, Sept. 28, for the Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health.

"Over the last five years, knowing that it is our moral obligation to tackle hunger, I've worked to make food security one of our top legislative priorities in New Jersey," said Coughlin. "As a result, our state has been able to develop a comprehensive policy approach."

Carlos Rodriguez, the president and CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, and Mark Dinglasan, who heads the state's Office of the Food Security Advocate, are joining Coughlin in D.C.


State lawmakers have adopted more than 30 anti-hunger bills since 2018. This year, the state tripled its appropriation to address food security issues to \$85 million.

"From boosting funding to creating the nation's first ever Food Security Advocate and strategically improving the reach and impact of critical safety net programs like SNAP and school meals, we have become a model," the Assembly Speaker said.

Speaker Craig Coughlin at the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health. Photo Credit: Office of the 19th Legislative District "forward to the opportunity to highlight these achievements in my conversations at the conference and, likewise, to come back with more ideas and a framework that can inform us as we move forward in this fight," he added. It's been more than 50 years since the first and only White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, and Health was held in 1969. That pivotal event helped galvanize actions that included the creation of life changing programs like school lunches, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and changes to how we label foods. The 2022 White House Conference catalyzes the public and private sectors around a coordinated strategy to accelerate progress and drive transformative change in the U.S. to end hunger, improve nutrition and physical activity, and close the disparities surrounding them. Members of Congress from across the political spectrum have called for convening a White House Conference, including U.S. Representatives James P. McGovern and the late Jackie Walorski and U.S. Senators Cory Booker and Mike Braun.

"I am very distressed by these American Rescue Funds Money. We need our city to be fixed, and the churches pay no taxes. The Greek Church did their own fundraising. Stop throwing our money out the window. We have thirty attorneys in the city, but we need experienced people to fill these positions (in our courts). We can't live in this town the way it is."

After the public portion was closed, the Council went into closed session at 9:44 p.m. with no further action taken. The meeting lasted 4 hours, 14 minutes. Councilwoman Rose Morales participated via Zoom.



Continuance of Topics Discussed at Caucus

9/28/22 Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – The first person to speak at the first Public Portion on Agenda Items Only was Resident Maria Garcia via Zoom. She was concerned because the Sunshine Alley Street was supposed to have been fixed years ago and there were funds allocated for those repairs. “What happened to that money? No one seemed to account for it. We need to take care of the city’s needs before giving anything to the churches and nonprofits.”

Petrick also talked about the fact that Brighton Avenue and Patterson Street are supposed to have work started beginning on Monday (October 3rd) according to City Engineer Ernest Feist.

Pabon agreed, “After those streets are fixed, Sunshine Alley will be done next. Those streets are talked about when Former B.A. Remsen was here.”

B.A. Greene said, “Any money that was not used went into the surplus.”

Pabon also said, “Cortlandt Street was supposed to have been done and I don’t know why we wait until the end of the year to talk about these alleys.”

The next person to speak via Zoom was Attorney David Gray from Jefferson Township who represented the City of Perth Amboy Landlord Group, “They would just like input into voicing their opinions regarding the Rent Control Ordinance. Their expenses are going up, and it is hard for them to reinvest into their properties as well as paying the taxes. There were no discussions with small landlords. They need a voice on will affect their standard of living.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke next via Zoom, “R-469 does not bar houses of worship receiving the American Rescue Act Funds. We just need a breakdown of what the nonprofits versus the houses of worship will get. Sometimes they are in the front line in helping with Covid. I support the passing of this resolution.”

Attorney Alan Papp spoke next in person regarding the Assistant Prosecutor Appointee. “I applied for this position, and I had a job as an Assistant Prosecutor. I was the only person from town to apply for this position. The person who applied for this job on the agenda lives in Bloomfield and worked in Newark. Someone who works for the city told me about this opening. I believe our B.A. recommended this person and I believe Cintron got the job from someone who recommended him from Newark. I put in all the work, and I have put in a lot of recommendations that have been adopted. I can decide what is best for the people. All the judges that we had before lived in town. I am a property owner, and we eliminated a lot of illegal housing when I was on the Rent Leveling Board.”

Resident Maria Vera spoke via Zoom, “We have thirty attorneys in Perth Amboy and our Business Administrator Mr. Greene needs to move into Perth Amboy. I agree with Maria Garcia about where is the money to do the historic side street?”

When voting on the Ordinances, No. 1 thru No. 5 were moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. All voted “Yes.”

For Ordinances (First Reading): Ordinance No.1 (Fink

Park) was removed in the Caucus. Ordinance No.2 - Appropriating \$1,320,000 from the American Rescue Act Plan Funds for equipment for the Police Department. Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Pabon, Torres, and Petrick voted, “No.”

Ordinance No.3 (Police Substation lease agreement at 479B Smith Street) was removed at the Caucus Meeting. Ordinance No.4 (An Amendment to the 12/22 Redevelopment Plan for Area No. 1 (Gateway) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 5 (Amending Chapter 353 Section 3 – Reducing the established allowable rent increase percentage per rental term.) Moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. The only person who voted “No” was Petrick. He felt there was not enough homework done and it should be amended, “Not everyone’s voices were heard.”

A couple of comments were made regarding this ordinance. Petrick had concerns about Section B of the ordinance, “It does not mention a 2.5% increase. It should be carried over to our ordinance.”

Pabon spoke up, “I did get some numbers from other towns where there were rent increases that percentage, but I did not read their entire ordinances.”

Councilwoman Morales who spoke via Zoom wanted to know if Harbertown could be included in this ordinance.

Petrick said, “They have an agreement that cannot be superseded by anything else.”

When it came time to vote on the consent agenda, R-465 thru R-468, R-472 thru R-474, R-477, R-479 thru R-481 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. R-469 was moved by Tejeda, seconded by Morales. Petrick, Torres, and Pabon voted, “No.” Some of the reasons were that we need to take care of our city employees to make sure they get their share of the American Rescue Plan Funds first after waiting 3 years. “People work through Covid and were excluded,” said Pabon.

R-470 (Municipal Court Judge Appointment) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Petrick, Torres voted, “No.”

R-471 (Assistant Municipal Prosecutor Appointment) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Pabon, Torres, Petrick voted, “No.”

R-475, R-476 were removed at the Caucus Meeting.

R-478 (Grant from Office of Arts and History for 2023 General Operating Support Grant Program) moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Petrick, Torres voted “No,” because there was no paperwork attached.

Some of the remarks regarding the Rent Leveling Board Ordinance that concerned the council were a suggestion by Council President Petrick that there be a special meeting so that the landlord, tenants, and the Board Members could voice their opinions.

Tejeda said, “Not many people came to speak about this ordinance at the Caucus Meeting.”

Pabon said, “It is a dream to be a homeowner, and they are struggling, too.”

Petrick also said, “There are people on Section 8 that can qualify for a First Time Homebuyer Grant, and they can get help with paying those mort-

gages.”

Tejeda disagreed, “My parents were on a 10-year waiting list for Section 8 and one of my parents passed away in the meantime.”

Pabon spoke up, “Grants with Section 8 are limited and rent rate increases vary after every 3 years.”

Petrick said, “The ordinance passed, and it is only the first reading. Some landlords that have more or larger units want to be free to raise rents on their own. This ordinance pertains to legal landlords.”

Public Portion (in-person first):

Resident Dorothy Daniel questioned, “Why are there two big TV Monitors in the council chambers?”

Council President Petrick explained, “It is for people who need to make presentations via Zoom. There is no more need for slide projectors.”

Daniel continued, “I am very disappointed on some of the events happening, and I tried to come to every city event, especially the ones that happen City Hall Circle.” She then turned her attention to Council President Bill Petrick, “I don’t always agree with everything you say or do.”

Petrick said, “I feel the same way about you.”

Daniel said, “When they have these programs, they mention everybody, but they don’t mention you, which is not right.” She then mentioned Alan Papp, “He is a respected member of this city. How could you not vote for him to be the Assistant Prosecutor. He has served on many municipal boards. Why was the police substation ordinance taken off the agenda?”

Petrick responded, “It was not being properly utilized.”

Daniel said, “It is good to have that substation to make people feel safe, especially the elderly.”

Petrick responded, “We need more foot patrols, and it is more powerful than a building with a sign with hardly anyone in there.”

Daniel said, “What about having volunteers in that proposed substation that would have communications with the police? I would volunteer myself.” She also invited everyone to attend a program on October 30th at St. Peter’s Church at 2 p.m. that will honor the First Responders in the Perth Amboy, Woodbridge, and Sheriff’s Department.

Resident Junior Iglesia came up next, “There is no rent control for owner occupied of three units or less. Everyone feels the inflation rate of 9% to 39% increase in rent. The minimum wage is \$13/hour. Our community cannot afford these rents. I know a single mother who says she has to work two jobs and she still can’t get what she needs. She worries about sickness, and this is a humanitarian issue.”

Council President Petrick asked Iglesia, “How many rentals do you own, and how much do you charge?”

Iglesia responded, “This is not about me, but I charge \$1,200 for two bedrooms.”

Petrick responded, “I also charge the same.”

A.D. Pauro spoke next, “I listened to the gentleman that applied for the Prosecutor’s job. He is a taxpayer and lives here.” Continuing he talked about the substation on Madison Avenue where there was a rape that occurred nearby. “There have been



PERTH AMBOY - Councilman Joel Pabon and Council Candidates Junior Iglesia, and Jeanette Rios along with attorney JB Vas held a rally in City Hall Circle on September 28, 2022, to bring attention for the city administration officials to enforce rent control laws and reduce and support a new measure which will reduce annual rent increases to a maximum 3%. *Photos by Paul W. Wang

homicides, stabbings, robberies, and shootings. There is a lack of leadership (at the top) and at the Police Department. There was a shooting in Harbertown. There only is police presence at city events, and you see Kenny Ortiz and Miguel Arocho at these events. There is a priority list when people call the Police Department. You can’t pay me enough to do that job. The owner of a pharmacy was pistol-whipped. Don’t play politics with the Police Department. What about money for nonprofits?”

The next person to come up to speak was Sharon Keller who resides at the Honson Building (a Senior Citizen Building). She previously lived at 275 New Brunswick Avenue. “I’ve had landlords who lowered my rent. When that building was sold, the new landlord imposed a huge rent increase. I am helping someone who lived at 275 New Brunswick Avenue pay their rent. Dianne Roman who is on the Rent Leveling Board gave me a number to call someone in New Brunswick who can help me with that situation.”

Petrick told Keller not to lose the copy of the leases.

Alan Papp came up to speak, “They used to have community police under the Vas administration who would walk the streets and rode on bikes. They had substations then that were closed due to lack of manpower. I agree with Dot, that having volunteers might work in that substation. It’s good to hire more police, but we need them to walk the streets for more visibility in the community.”

A woman by the name of Abigail came up to speak, “It hit a nerve to talk about Section 8. It takes 8 years or better to get that. I have to work to get on Section 8, yet I know of some people who get Section 8 who don’t work and can work but choose not to work and still get Section

8 approval.”

Dot Daniel spoke briefly while seated, “Section 8 is a federal program.”

The meeting was opened up to Zoom participants.

Maria Vera spoke first via Zoom. She questioned, “What is the Section 8 policy? Is there a limit to be on Section 8? There was a catalytic converter that was recently stolen (It happened in Fords). On News 12, there is a report about people in Staten Island complaining about the loud music coming from Perth Amboy. We are getting a lot of dirt bikes on our roads. Atlantic City and Jersey City has cut down on a lot of them. In most towns, the rent increases are only 5%.”

Petrick responded, “The Administration controls loud music and unlicensed vehicles. It’s an epidemic.”

Attorney David Gray who was representing the Landlord Association in Perth Amboy spoke about problems with out-of-town landlords. The city can enforce the laws on the books and the misinformation bothers me. These landlords just want a voice, and they work with their tenants. Take into consideration those who do the right thing. Make sure you have some teeth to the law. Don’t handcuff the taxpayers who are also landlords.”

Petrick said they are always welcome to come talk to him.

Resident Lisa Nanton spoke next via Zoom, “All the dead shrubs and bushes at Harbertown – developers need to have irrigation for the landscape in their development.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke next via Zoom. She thanked the council for supporting the Rent Leveling Board recommendations. “At the end of 2020, we started to issue public notices of our meetings. We

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Woodbridge Public Library Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dowdell’s Live Music, Activities, Stories and Fun.....Oh My!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Continuance of Topics Discussed at Caucus 9/28/22 Council Meeting

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have various speakers and have a diverse Board of Residents. Will there be a presentation of the allocation of the American Rescue Act Funds? We also needed a presentation of the proposed new water building.”

Petrick responded, “There was one.”

Hubberman concluded, “The front-line people need to be taken care of first when it comes to using the American Rescue Funds.”

Petrick then remarked that the Director of the Water Department had people make presentations about the new Water Department building and what was needed.

Greene spoke up and told Petrick that the Covid money that was allocated and its distribution how it will be used was listed in the Capital Plan.”

Petrick asked if it could be presented in a slide show.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales spoke via Zoom. She thanked all who participated.

Councilman Joel Pabon thanked the Rent Leveling Board for answering questions for us and the community. He urged the community to go to those meetings. “That board has an attorney.” He the council for voting for the Rent Leveling Board Ordinance. He turned his attention to the motorized bikes that are zooming by people, especially by schools. “What can we and the Police Department do about this? And the Rent Leveling Board also can see what they can do about Harbortown.” Het thanked all the volunteers who helped build a new KaBoom Playground near Waters Stadium. “We need to work on the Waters Stadium entrance. I want to thank all who came tonight.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada thanked all the participants. “All residents should feel free to par-

ticipate.”

Councilman B.J. Torres talked about an article he read in the News Tribune that spotlighted Carteret getting a film studio. “They looked like our warehouses. We can do this to transform our town to a middle-class town. Carteret is getting a ferry, and word on the street is one of our warehouses is leaving. We are not getting living wages with these warehouses, and they exploit their workers.”

Council President William Petrick agreed with Councilman Torres that film studios open up a lot of opportunities. “I thank all the people who showed up tonight, and I wish more people would come here in person and participate on Zoom. These meetings are important for a learning experience on how you can make a change. It is the government of the people.”

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m. Councilwoman Rose Morales participated via Zoom.

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Museum Pass Program

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

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

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

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

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

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School Class of '65 Celebrates their 75th Birthday at the Barge, 9/16/22 *Photo by Paul W. Wang



Anton Knows:
A Review of Pop Culture



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

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The Lizard Guys, Perth Amboy Free Public Library, Perth Amboy 9/24/22 *Photos by Paul W. Wang




PERTH AMBOY - The Lizard Guys came to the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (in the Children's Library) on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Kids were delighted as they were shown lizards, a frog, snakes, and a turtle. The program was sponsored by the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library


Firefighter Parade, New Jersey State Fireman's Convention, Wildwood, 9/17/22 *Photos by Katherine Massopust



WILDWOOD/SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Fire Department (bottom 2 photos) won 5 trophies at the NJ State Fireman's Convention.

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

MENTAL DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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South Amboy Seniors

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

DOCUMENTARY REVIEW: WORST TO FIRST

By: Anton Massopust III

Scott Shannon is a radio DJ personality who was from Atlanta and came to New York to work with Z100 Radio Station. In this new documentary, we talk about how he took a little radio station that just started and changed the face of radio forever. He took it from "worst to first".

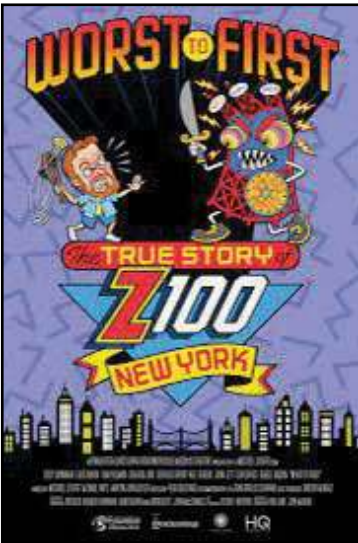
Through a set of different interviews, some famous people (John Bon Jovi is one of them) and other people who worked in the radio industry throughout the decades we learn how he did it. When Scott Shannon came to New York, he went the studio in Secaucus, New Jersey. They said they broadcasted live from the Empire State Building, even though all the local radio stations broadcasted from the Empire State Building at the time, but it made them seem like they were out of the ordinary and called the radio show: "The Z Morning Zoo". He wanted to do something completely different from what radio was at the time by playing music that people wanted to hear (especially younger people) and also, he loved music so he wanted people to experience music that the way he liked it and to get people interested in music.

When he first started, the ratings were so terrible when they came off the teletype machine Z100 was dead last. He read on the air the entire list of the ratings and said, "We're terrible. We need your help and I want to take this radio station in New York from "Worst to First". The people rallied around them (long before social media) and liked what they were doing, so they got people to listen to the station and anytime the Z100 Van driving around would give away free stuff, so people tuned into Z100 to get the prizes and get people interested and listening.

Scott Shannon helped a famous singer who wasn't famous at the time (early 1980's) to get her song played on the radio. She would come by the studio every Tuesday and asked for Scott Shannon. Finally, he saw her and said, "If you don't come back next Tuesday, I will play your song on Tuesday at night. If it gets requests, I'll play it in the daytime."

The singer replied, "If it reaches number one, I'll do something special for the Z Morning Zoo."


That singer was Madonna, and the song was: "Lucky Star". When the song reached #1 and she had the world premiere of the movie, "Whose that Girl?"



she premiered it in Times Square live on the Z Morning Zoo.

What's interesting about this documentary is that it's very short and it is very interesting. There is enough information for music fans who grew up during the eighties and remember these days. Scott Shannon left Z100 after many years and went to their rival WPLJ for a while. Presently, he is on CBS FM 101.1 New York in the mornings.

You can find this documentary on demand called: "Worst to First," and it's a lot of fun to watch, especially if you love eighties nostalgia.




PAHS

Class of 1977

45th Reunion

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



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, seating is limited. Please call either Connie at 732-442-4978 or Nancy at 732-541-5929.

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.

Harrahs

Casino Trip

San Salvador Seniors

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

Please note there will be no A.C. Bus Trip in September.

You Must Reserve Your Seat! You must pay before you board the bus.

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.

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Interview with Patricia Carroll

In an interview with Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay/Old Bridge Medical Center’s new President, Chief Hospital Executive Patricia Carroll, she discussed the need for Behavioral Health services in our community and the new achievements taking place at the hospital

Tell us a little about yourself and joining Raritan Bay?

I’ve been at Raritan Bay for a little over three months now. I came here from Palisades Medical Center, where I served as chief operating officer and most recently interim president, chief hospital executive since 2017. Prior to that, I had numerous executive healthcare roles at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in West Orange and Saint Peter’s Healthcare System in New Brunswick. Early in my career, I was a neonatal outreach educator from Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and came to Raritan Bay to help teach in the obstetrics area. I am proud and humbled to be back at Raritan Bay to help serve the community.

Why is there a need for Behavioral Health services in our community?

Behavioral Health services and support in our country are needed more than ever. The COVID-19 pandemic, societal unrest, and economic uncertainty has moved Behavioral Health to the forefront of the national healthcare conversation.

In New Jersey, 1,112,000 adults have a mental health condition, that’s more than 3 times the population of Newark. In February 2021, 42.2% of adults in New Jersey reported symp-

toms of anxiety or depression and almost 20% were unable to get counseling or therapy, according to the New Jersey State Fact Sheet.

It is more important than ever to build a stronger mental health system that provides the care, support and services needed to help people build better lives. Nearly 40,000 people in New Jersey live in a community that does not have enough mental health professionals. Our latest community needs assessment mirrors this trend, which is why I’m so pleased that we are addressing this important need.

How is Raritan Bay Medical Center addressing this need?

Hackensack Meridian Health has invested \$35 million into creating a brand-new, state-of-the-art Behavioral Health unit on the campus at Raritan Bay Medical Center. Construction is currently underway which will feature a new, modern design that adds warmth and more natural light.

The expanded Raritan Bay Medical Center Behavioral Health unit will continue to to serve adults and collaborate and incorporate standards of excellence with the HMH Carrier Clinic. Two new dimensions of care will be added, including Geriatric Psychiatric care and Dual Diagnosis (psychiatry/

addiction) services. The new Behavioral Health unit is scheduled to open in Summer 2023.

In addition, outpatient specialty care programs will be added that will allow for patients and the community to receive comprehensive behavioral health services within a seamless continuum of care.

I am committed to listening and working with the Perth Amboy community to ensure that these services meet the needs and concerns of residents. I have met with elected officials and community leaders in Perth Amboy, and will be launching a new community advisory board in 2023 to ensure that the community’s voice continues to be heard.

Will there be new jobs created for this?

Yes! We have created numerous new jobs. The majority of the recruitment will begin in early 2023. If you are interested, please visit our careers page on the website, <https://jobs.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/>

What else is new at Raritan Bay?

Hackensack Meridian Health’s first Long Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH) recently opened. Our LTACH offers a variety of programs to accommodate those patients that need a longer stay in the hospital in

an acute care setting.

Anything else you would like to tell us?

With more than 700 physicians and 1800 dedicated healthcare professionals, our team truly provides the highest-quality, patient-centered care. This team has served our patients during the pandemic and as I round and meet them, they impress me with their compassion and caring. Raritan Bay and Old Bridge recently achieved a Leap Frog “A”, a national recognition for patient safety. This is a testament to the entire team and their commitment to excellence. I am honored to join and be a part of this journey.

Any special awards or distinctions?

In addition to Leap Frog “A”, Raritan Bay and Old Bridge Medical Centers hold many national awards and distinctions.

■ Magnet® designation for nursing excellence

■ Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence

■ American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get with the

Guidelines Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award

■ Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval

■ AHA’s Heart Check Mark for Advanced Certification for Pri-



Patricia Carroll

mary Stroke Centers

■ AHA’s Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Performance Achievement Award

■ Healthgrades Patient Safety Excellence Awards in gastrointestinal surgery, coronary intervention, critical care, gastrointestinal care and gynecologic surgery

■ Healthgrades Women’s Excellence Award

■ Recipient of HEI LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Leader

■ Platinum recognition by Health Resources and Services Administration for their National Hospital Organ Donation Campaign

Hackensack University Medical Center Endovascular Surgeon Becomes First in U.S. to Perform Commercial Minimally Invasive Thoracic Aortic Repair Using New Device

Dr. Michael Wilderman is among only a few physicians in the region to have access to the first and only commercially available branched device to treat thoracic aortic conditions

HACKENSACK, NJ – On August 16, 2022, Michael Wilderman, M.D., chief of Endovascular Surgery at Hackensack Meridian Hackensack University Medical Center, became the first in the U.S. to perform a commercial minimally invasive repair of a Type B aortic dissection using the new GORE® TAG® Thoracic Branched Endoprosthesis (TBE) — marking the first time the device was implanted at a non-clinical trial site.

Cynthia (Cindy) Pecorelli, 62, of Belleville, New Jersey, was the recipient of the TBE.

“A few days after July 4, I felt severe pain in my upper abdomen and back — probably an eight or nine on a scale of 1-10,” said Cynthia. “It slowly went away, but when I went to the doctor the next day, he sent me to the emergency room.”

Cynthia was transferred from her local hospital to Hackensack University Medical Center, where Emergency Department physicians performed a CT scan, bloodwork and an ultrasound to diagnose her with a Type B thoracic aortic dissection. A Type B thoracic aortic dissection happens when a tear occurs in the inner layer of the portion of the aorta — the body’s main artery — that descends from the heart into the chest.

Innovative Treatment Options for a Complex Condition

Aortic dissection is a life-threatening condition that requires emergency evaluation and expert treatment. Dr. Wilderman is one of the most ex-

perienced physicians in the country in the treatment of aortic conditions, presenting his research at national and international meetings and training other physicians on the latest treatment approaches.

He offers a full range of treatment options for aortic conditions, with a focus on developing and utilizing innovative minimally invasive techniques to treat patients who are unable to undergo traditional open aortic repair surgery. As a result, Hackensack University Medical Center is a regional destination for comprehensive care of aortic conditions.

“As an early adopter who is expertly trained in the latest minimally invasive techniques to treat aortic dissection, Dr. Wilderman is one of the first physicians in the region to have access to the innovative Gore TBE device — which is the first and only commercially available, ‘off-the-shelf’ device designed to provide minimally invasive treatment of thoracic aortic conditions,” said Gregory Simonian, M.D., director of the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence at Hackensack University Medical Center.

During the procedure, the TBE is inserted through a small incision in the groin. The TBE has a pre-made fenestration — or hole — that allows it to be placed across the arch of the aorta in the chest while still preserving blood flow to the branched artery that supplies the arm, brain and spinal cord.

Before the approval of the

Gore device, surgeons either needed to perform a major bypass procedure to maintain blood flow to the arm, brain and spinal cord, or temporarily cut off blood flow altogether, which increases the risk of stroke. As a result, two operations were required to repair the dissection and restore blood flow to the branched artery. And although custom-made devices were available, they often took 4-5 weeks to make — which was too long of a wait for patients who needed emergency treatment.

“The Gore TBE contributes to improved outcomes by reducing operative time, length of stay and patient discomfort,” said Dr. Wilderman. “We can now treat thoracic aortic aneurysms using a single device in a single surgery performed through two small incisions in the groin and one in the wrist — with immediate access to the device, and without the need for open surgery.”

Minimally Invasive Care Delivers Outstanding Outcome

After stabilizing Cynthia’s condition during her Emergency Department visit, Dr. Wilderman determined that Cynthia did not need emergency treatment. Evidence showed the safest option was to allow Cynthia’s delicate aorta to “rest” for a few weeks to reduce the risk of complications during the aortic dissection repair.

“Performing surgery too soon or too late can lead to poor outcomes,” said Dr. Wilderman. “We have the experience to

identify the optimal time to perform a procedure and the best approach to use for each patient.”

On August 16, 2022, Dr. Wilderman — in collaboration with Dr. Simonian and vascular and cardiac surgery colleagues — performed Cynthia’s procedure at Hackensack University Medical Center.

“In Cynthia’s case, Dr. Wilderman and his team applied experience, clinical evidence and effective initial assessment and treatment to optimize the patient before surgery,” said Dr. Simonian. “The team was able to convert an emergency to a semi-elective procedure, which provided outstanding results.”

“Cynthia went home the day after surgery and did very well,” said Dr. Wilderman. “With the support of a multidisciplinary team of cardiovascular experts, we were able to perform a ‘first-of-its-kind’ procedure right here in New Jersey, meaning that Cynthia didn’t have to travel far to receive the life-saving care she needed.”

“We are proud to have the expertise and access to the latest technology that allows us to offer our patients the latest treatment options — especially for a complex, life-threatening condition like aortic dissection,” said Mark Sparta, FACHE, president, Northern Region, and president and chief hospital executive, Hackensack University Medical Center. “We are a regional referral center for aortic dissection treatment, and we want our patients and referring physicians



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to know that they can trust us to offer the most advanced care.”

“Dr. Wilderman and our team members are among the nation’s leaders in treating complex aortic conditions, which means that Cynthia and others who develop this condition can turn to us for an accurate diagnosis, a comprehensive care plan and innovative treatment options,” said Ihor S. Sawczuk, MD, FACS, Hackensack Meridian Health’s president of Academics, Research and Innovation, and also associate dean of Clinical Integration and professor and chair emeritus of Urology at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine..

“I was a little nervous about the procedure, but Dr. Wilderman was very reassuring. He explained exactly what happened and what he was going to do to fix it. After the procedure was done, I had no pain at all — and 10 days later, I’m back to normal,” said Cynthia. “I knew I was in good hands with Dr. Wilderman, and I’m glad he was the one who performed my procedure. God bless Dr. Wilderman and his team.”

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WOODBIDGE - Our 19th 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

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 casaofmiddlesex-county.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, email info@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org, or call (732) 246-4449.

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.

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

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

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - For people wanting to get involved in helping to have safe and fair elections. John Anagnostis, Regional Vice Chair of the Middlesex County Republican Organization is seeking Poll Workers from Perth Amboy, Sayreville, and South Amboy for the upcoming General Election November 8, 2022. If interested call 732-371-9967 and leave a message.

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.

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SOUTH AMBOY - On Sunday October 16th we are having a 2lb. Tricky Tray. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., tricky tray starts at 1 p.m. promptly. Your entrance fee is to bring a WRAPPED gift that weighs at least 2lbs. Your gift can be funny or serious. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. Tables of 8 can be reserved.

Thursday, October 20th is our Shrimp Scampi Dinner. Doors open at 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. dining. The cost is \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. This dinner benefits our Drug Awareness Committee.

Finally, Sunday October 23rd is our monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet. That is from 9 a.m. - 11:30 am And is \$12. Per person, children 6 and under are \$6.

South Amboy Elks appreciates the residents support with all our events and would like to thank you in advance for all your future support. For more information on any of events please call 732-727-7170. South Amboy Elks is located at 601 Washington Ave.

PERTH AMBOY - On Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at 6 p.m., the Borinqueneers Park Education Alliance in Partnership with the Perth Amboy Free Public Library Presents: Meet the Author Noemí Figueroa Soulet, Author of *The Borinqueneers: A Visual History of the 65th Infantry Regiment* Exclusive Book Signing Event at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861. Join the author for a brief presentation of the book, a question-and-answer session and get your copy signed.

An inspiring collection of rare photographs which traces the glorious history of the 65th Infantry Regiment, the only Hispanic - segregated unit in US Army History, from its origins in 1899 through its service in three wars.

Books available for purchase (\$39.99). All book profits donated to Borinqueneers Park Education Alliance A NJ Nonprofit Corporation. Visit: www.bpealliance.org or call 201-704-8943.

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On October 5, 1862, Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn's Confederates, compelled to withdraw from the fighting at Corinth, are caught between Rosecrans's pursuing forces and troops coming from Tennessee, led by Maj. Gen. E.O.C. Ord. Van Dorn's men fight their way out and safely reach Holly Springs, Mississippi. Without a shot being fired, a U.S. Navy force seizes Galveston, Texas. Corpus Christi and Indianola fall shortly after. In Kentucky, Gen. Braxton Bragg determines that Buell's main Union force is headed toward Perryville, so he begins moving his troops there.

President Lincoln, frustrated by the lack of movement by the Army of the Potomac, which he characterizes as “General McClellan’s bodyguard,” on October 6 sends instructions to McClellan: “Cross the Potomac and give battle to the enemy or drive him south. Your army must move now while the roads are good.”

In Clay County, Missouri, on October 7, the first U.S. black units authorized to fight — the 1st and 2nd Kansas Colored Troops — clash with Confederate guerrillas.

On October 8, 55,000 U.S. troops under Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell march on Perryville, Kentucky. Only about a third of his force, some 13,000 soldiers of Maj. Gen. Alexander McCook's corps, encounters about 16,000 (also roughly one third) of Braxton Bragg's Confederates and fighting erupts. The Southerners come close to winning, but suffer heavy casualties and, in the face of overall superior Union numbers, withdraw southeastward during the night. In Florida, a large Confederate force returns to St. John's Bluff and ousts the Union garrison there, forcing the abandonment of Jacksonville by Federal troops.

In the East on October 9, Confederate Maj. Gen. “Jeb” Stuart crosses Federal lines and leads 1,800 cavalymen on four days of raids that once again circle the U.S. Army of the Potomac (still in Maryland after the Battle of Antietam). Stuart ranges as far as Chambersburg and Cashtown, in Pennsylvania, capturing livestock and supplies and destroying railroad trains before heading back into Virginia.

Maj. Gen. John Magruder — the hero of the siege of Yorktown during McClellan's Peninsula Campaign — on October 10 takes over as Confederate commander in Texas, with headquarters at Houston, replacing Brig. Gen. Paul Hébert.

On October 11, Bragg's Confederates begin withdrawing from Kentucky towards Chattanooga via the Cumberland Gap. Although Bragg fails to capture the Bluegrass State, the Southerners end up with improved positions overall in Tennessee. In Richmond, the Confederate Congress passes a bill, signed into law by President Davis, that amends the military draft law. Under the new regulation, anyone owning 20 or more slaves is exempt from service in the Confederate army. The amendment ignites much controversy, heightening a sense of class separation across the Confederacy, with some beginning to consider that the ongoing conflict has become "a rich man's war, but a poor man's fight."

Pennsylvania-born Lt. Gen. John Pemberton assumes command of the Confederate Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana on October 14, 1862, with the prime responsibility of defending Vicksburg, on the Mississippi River.

Confederate guerrilla William Clarke Quantrill leads a raid on Shawnee Town, Kansas, on October 17. Citizens are corralled into the town square: two are killed, and thirteen wounded. Most of the town is looted, then burned to the ground.

On October 18, 1,500 Confederate mounted troopers under Col. John Hunt Morgan rout Federal cavalry near Lexington, Kentucky, capturing over 125 prisoners.

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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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PERTH AMBOY, NJ - One much loved Perth Amboy resident is celebrating a century, as he turns 100 years today. Mr. Jose Ortiz was with his children, family, and friends when he was greeted by a birthday vehicle parade, including Mayor Helmin J. Caba, Perth Amboy Police, Fire, and the Office on Aging program members in front of his residence.
In recognition of his 100th birthday celebration, Mr. Ortiz was presented with a mayoral citation, birthday banners, balloons, and a fruit basket by the Office on Aging members. Mr. Ortiz has been a member since 2012.
"I'm just so happy that all came today and to show their love for my father," said Mirta Ortiz, daughter of Mr. Ortiz. "Thank you for making this day special for him, for all of us. It is a cherished moment."
"I am overwhelmed with love received and greatly appreciative of my children who also traveled from Florida to surprise me," said Mr. Ortiz. "God bless everyone."
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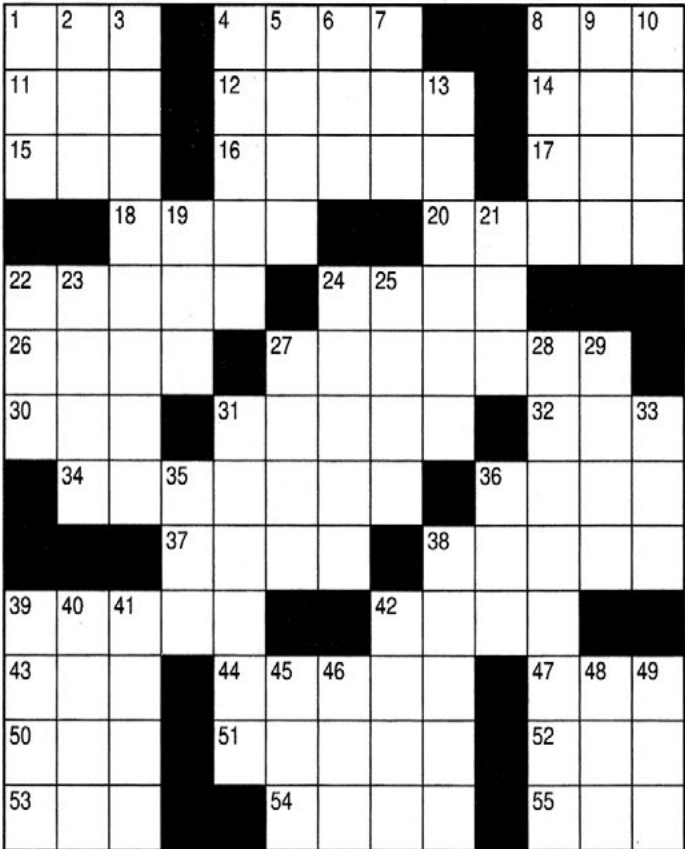
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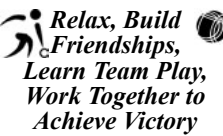
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Novena to St. Rita

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

Prayer to the Blessed Mother (Memorare)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen. **M.P.B.**

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can achieve my goal. You who give me a divine gift to forgive & forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life are with me. I want to this short prayer to thank you for all things you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal joy and thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the favor requested will be granted even if it seems difficult. The prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted without mention of the favor, only your initials should appear at the bottom. **M.P.B.**

Answers From Puzzle On Page 17

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Pets of the Week



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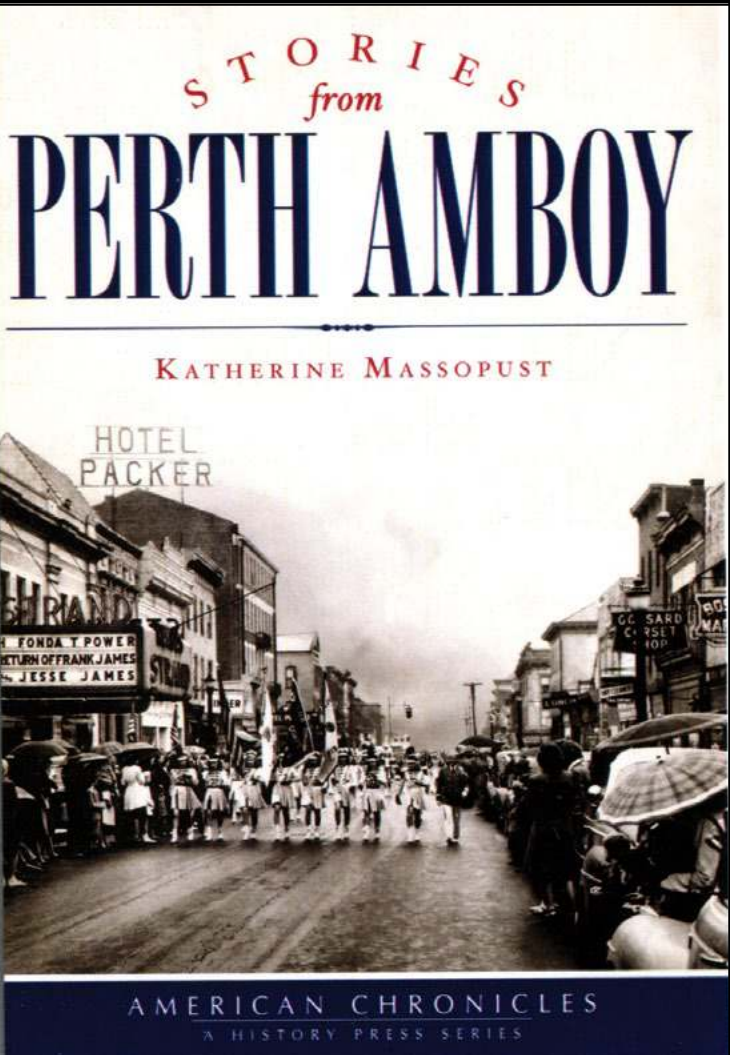
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Ukrainian Dancing at Ukrainian Assumption School (now Assumption Catholic School) Katherine Massopust dancing. Marcella Massopust made the towels for the dance. 1981

Photo Courtesy of Marcella Massopust

This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.



Stories From Perth Amboy

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EDISON - Updated 2-bedroom mobile home in the heart of Edison, NJ. The unit was completely remodeled 1 year ago. It has a central air and heating system, new furnace, water heater and gas tank. A monthly land lease of \$917 a month includes taxes, sewer, garbage removal and common area maintenance. Must get approved by Edgewood properties management. **\$65,000**



MIDDLESEX - Don't miss this opportunity to expand your business or start fresh! This newly renovated 2nd floor unit features 5 spacious office spaces, common area, small kitchenette and 2 half bathrooms. Ready for immediate occupancy! You can also lease entire building for \$6,000/month. (1st floor has 1,820 sq ft of warehouse/office space, 1 half bathroom and up to 10 vehicle private parking space available) **\$3,000 Mo Rent**



PERTH AMBOY - A large warehouse space with endless possibilities. Landlord willing to subdivide space to accommodate any and all needs. **\$10,000 Mo Rent**



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**



MIDDLESEX - 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. The 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 spaces, a kitchenette and 2 half bathrooms) If interested, you have the option to lease 1st or 2nd floor individually or entire building. **\$3,500 Mo Rent**



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 - Great Investment Opportunity! A Two-Family House (Side-by-Side). It has two bedrooms and one bathroom per unit. It is close to the beautiful Perth Amboy Waterfront area, a train station, bus stop and major highways. The only thing this house is missing is your personal touch. **\$450,000**



EDISON - Great high visibility location on Route 1 South Clara Barton Section. AKA 124 Jeff Street, 3 separated units with lots of office space and lots of parking. Unit 1 has 4 office spaces with a reception area and large kitchenette, Units 2 & 3. Please call listing agent for more details. A must see! **\$5,500 Mo Rent**



PERTH AMBOY - Great downtown location near the center business district of Perth Amboy (Five Corners). For many years Pancho Sneakers has been one of the biggest suppliers of Shoes in the Perth Amboy area. A well-established business with a huge customer base. Pancho Sneakers has been profitable for many years. Hurry! **\$250,000**