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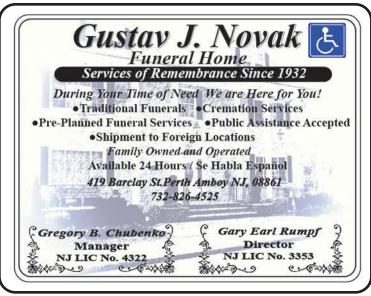








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City Makes Final Payment for Chromebooks for Students Among a Potpourri of Subjects Discussed 11/2/22 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust SOUTH AMBOY - The consent agenda consisted of: (22-194) \$10,000 grant for Emergency Management Performance; (22-195) road improvements on Main Street and Bordentown Avenue through a NJDOT grant and (22-196) a transfer of funds in accordance with New Jersey State Law.

There was a brief discussion regarding a Resolution for the County "Vision Zero Action Plan to Eliminate Traffic Related Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes."

City Clerk Deborah Brooks stated that this program is to eliminate traffic accident fatali-

Law Director Francis Womack stated that he doublechecked and there were no obligations to spend any money.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski stated that Best Practices was completed for the

For the introduction of Ordinance 22-16 (First Reading) -Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Article IX of the City Code Entitled Abandoned and Vacant Properties, Sections 115-67 through 115-76.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski stated that some tweaks were required in the ordinance in order to adjust it to be compliant.

For Ordinance 22-17 – An Ordinance amending Mercantile License Timing.

City Clerk Deborah Brooks

stated that the city changed from a fiscal year (beginning June 30th) to a calendar year (beginning January 1st) and now the license needs to be adjusted.

Council Comments:

Councilman Brian McLaughlin thanked all the emergency service personnel. He noted that when the chief's truck was announced, that no one should be making a political announcement.

B.A. Skarzynski stated he would speak in private with McLaughlin about the matter.

Council Vice President Christine Noble wished everyone a Happy Veteran's Day.

Council President Mickey Gross offered his condolences on the death of Councilwoman Zusette Dato's mother.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato stated that on Veteran's Day the city plans to dedicate the monument on Bordentown Avenue at 11 a.m. She thanked everyone who purchased a brick. She also mentioned the upcoming election. "Early voting has started. Please put your vote-by-mail ballots in a (designated) dropbox." She noted that early voting for South Amboy Residents could be done at the Sayreville Senior Center on 423 Main Street, Sayreville. Dato also noted that the third and final payment for the \$300,000 in order to purchase Chromebooks for South Amboy Students was

Council President Mickey Gross thanked the food bank. "Veteran's Day should be every day. We wouldn't be here today without our Veterans."

Mayor Fred Henry said, "We have meetings with the Superintendent who lets us know what is needed. The dedication of the Veteran's Memorial will be on November 11, 2022." He was pleased with the success of the Lunch & Learn Program with the seniors. Henry thanked the Fire and Police Departments and everyone who kept the kids safe on Halloween. "Today we got some news. The Federal Government has okayed the specs for the new ferry. We will go out to bid for the new ferry. This has been in the works for two decades. It is a feel-good moment for us to help South Amboy."

Council President Mickey Gross said, "Congratulations for a good job!"

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski said, "We are starting to see the fruits of all your works. Also, It is highly likely we are bringing a steakhouse to Broadway. We are experiencing more foot traffic on Broadway.' Public Portion:

Board of Education Member Anthony Conrad stated, "On behalf of the Board of Education, this project (Chromebooks for students) was approved in May and the council made a commitment to supporting our schools. Thank you for helping out."

Councilman Tom Reilly was not present. It was noted that the next Council Meeting will be on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 7 p.m.



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With a new mobile gift card program sponsored by the City of Perth Amboy Neighborhood Preservation Program and the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District; a new way to give back to the community.

Press Release 11/11/22 Helmin J. Caba, along with the Perth Amboy Neighborhood Preservation Program and the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District, is proud to announce the sponsorship of a new Downtown E-Gift Card. This community-based digital gift card makes it fun and easy to keep local spending local. This e-gift card initiative in the BID/NPP district will launch on November 15th, just in time for holiday shopping in the downtown district. This gift card

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City Receives Gift of Tow Truck in Memory of Donald Rzepka



Press Release 11/3/22 SOUTH AMBOY - To those that knew him the loss of Donald Rzepka in May of this year was felt deeply in South Amboy. As the long-time owner of Al's Auto Body Don was routinely engaged in quiet philanthropy for many years to the benefit of many fraternal and civic organizations in the city and surrounding communities. Continuing that spirit his daughter Jill today donated a four-wheel drive wrecker to the City of South Amboy in his memory.

"Small communities like ours certainly have wish list items



they would like to acquire. And while highly desirable, the prospects of our being able to purchase a tow truck, much less one equipped with four-wheel drive was just not a realistic possibility", said Mayor Fred Henry. "This will be a welcome addition to our Public Works fleet and we are grateful to the Rzepka family for their continued generosity."

According to City Administrator Glenn Skarzynski the vehicle will be assigned to the Public Works Department mechanics and will enable them to handle additional tasks and road repairs "in house". "This unexpected gift is a welcome addition to our fleet", said Skarzynski.

Once integrated into their fleet the City plans to add a graphic to the truck in memory of Don and acknowledging the generosity of the Rzepka family. *Photos "Submitted"









LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

It Goes Hand-in-Hand



PERTH AMBOY - Firefighter Javier Cruz (L) with NJ Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) State Chief Resiliency Officer, Training & Outreach Liaison David S. Leonardis (R). Note the amount of equipment that may be needed on a emergency call. *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

Dorothy Carty-Daniel who has been a longtime parishioner of St. Peter's Episcopal Church put together a very moving program in order to honor First Responders. It was held at St. Peter's Church on Sunday, October 30, 2022 and was hosted by Dorothy Carty-Daniel. Along with help from the Office of the Mayors of Perth Amboy and Woodbridge, the Pipes & Drum of the Jersey Shore, Abundant Life Worship Center of Perth Amboy, and other parishioners of St. Peter's Church.

Dot Daniel held up a picture of the late Police Officer John Stumpf who she remembers when she was young who always made sure that she crossed the street safely. She had two of her relatives walk down the center aisle so everyone could see the Police Officer's photo.

Sheriff Mildred Scott spoke about how she was inspired by Officer Walter Gibson (affectionately known as Gibby) who was the first Black Police Officer in Perth Amboy. She stated that she is a first-generation officer in her family. She spoke about the day she never forgot when she held a dying girl in her arms.

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. talked about his dad, who was also a police chief.

The person who really caught my attention who spoke was David S. Leonardis who is from

when he first came to Perth Amboy, it happened to be National Night Out. He was very community. He had a 30-year arson investigator in that dea certain amount of equipmore. What people often forstress. He also talked about how as a young detective; he had a mentor who died in a gun bataway two days that he could not investigate the case. He also talked about his stepson who is also a police officer who was going through a very difficult time. His stepson was seeing a psychiatrist who talked about was the day his stepson com-Attorney General. He recalled his son told him later that they

impressed on how the First Responders interacted with the career with the New Jersey State Police. He was also an partment. As he talked, he had some equipment that he brought up front. He said depending on the type of investigation, First Responders may have to carry ment. The type of investigation may require equipment that may weigh up to 70 pounds or get is that there is a lot of emotional weight that is carried. A friend of his took his own life because of the weight of the tle with a domestic terrorist. It was stressful for him to work on that case for three years. He hated Fridays because it took everything except what was bothering him. One day, he stated that he was going to call him, but didn't get around to it. That the New Jersey Office of the mitted suicide. He stated that

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Remembering Rose Weikel (1922-2018)



Ro-Ro, we miss you. It's been four years since you left us. Your calling in life was to serve God through the Salvation Army for 67 years. You are sadly missed by not only your family, but all who you served in the community. Love, from the Family

*File Photo November 2012, Rose Weikel was honored by Mayor Wilda Diaz for her service in the Salvation Army. *File Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



Immigration and Canada

President Joe Biden, Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Department of Homeland Security Chief Alejandra Mayorkas claim that our southern border is secure. Under the Biden administration, we are on track to reach a record 5 million people illegally

were worried whenever he was quiet. He explained that he ran the State Police Academy for a while and won many awards from the Governor's Office. He spoke about always being focused on taking care of the community instead of ourselves. For every police officer who died in the line of duty, there are twice as many who committed suicide

after leaving the force. On November 11th, I attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony held at the American Legion in Perth Amboy. For some reason, the words that Leonardis spoke stayed in my head. There are a lot of First Responders who have served in the military (active and retired) and all I could think about is the emotional stress that they go through.

Personally, I want to thank all of our First Responders and Military Personnel for their service and remember, in order to help others, you have to take care of yourself first. C.M.

crossing into our nation by end of December 2022. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau proudly claims that Canada is a sanctuary nation welcoming all. Canada is facing both an aging nation and labor shortage. His Immigration Minister Sean Fraser has said that Canada needs 1.45 million immigrants between 2023 to 2025 to deal with these growing challenges. Why not lend a helping hand to our neighbor to the north? United

States Customs and Board Patrol should offer to bus or fly many of those entering our nation illegally to Canada ASAP. The rest should be sent directly to our own self-proclaimed sanctuary cities and states. They can back their words with concrete action, step up and adopt your own fair share of illegally immigrants...

Sincerely, Larry Penner

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Joel Pabon, Sr. 2,430 Jeanette Rios 2,209 Junior Iglesia 2,112 William A. Petrick 1,114 Maria Garcia 1,008 807 Alfred Cruz-Cortes Milady Tejeda 2,740 Kenneth Puccio 2,809 Hailey Cruz 2,768 Write-in 18,052

Perth Amboy **Board of Education**

Richard Zaleski Marilyn Grullon 1,994 1,888 Manuel Fernandez Sharon D. Hubberman 1,270 Danny Gonzalez 1,328 Stephen W. Konopka 1,177 2,489 Luis Marte Jasmin Melendez 2,514 2,305 Joas Quiles Write-in 40 17,121

South Amboy Mayor

Geraldine Bruno 994 1,444 Fred A. Henry Write-in 2,450

South Amboy Council At-Large

Peter Pedro Pisar Michael "Mickey" Gross 1,410 Anthony Conrad Write-in 44 3,971

South Amboy **Board of Education**

Paula L. Taggart 1,190 Janet Kern Rafael Albarran 679 Joan M. Conway 926 Write-in 40 3,939

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City Hall, High St. & Zoom

TUES. Nov. 29 BID, 5 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

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Please register if you would like a holiday ornament personalized with your loved one's name to be included on our memorial tree and have their name read aloud during the ceremony. The program will be held in our heated tent on the front lawn of the funeral home in view of the tree. The tree will be illuminated during the ceremony and will remain lit throughout the holiday season. The program will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Please arrive early to allow time for check in.

Kindly RSVP by November 23, 2022. Register online at www.flynnfuneral.com (Click on the "Resources" tab at the top of the page and choose the "Community Events" Tab) or call 732-548-2134 Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ornaments may be picked up and placed on the tree from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022, thru Friday, December 2, 2022.

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Middlesex County and the

City of Perth Amboy Plan Major

Improvements to the Intersection of **Goodwin and Smith Streets**

Announcement was Made During a Press

Conference on November 3

Middlesex County and the City of Perth Amboy Share New Milestones in the Fayette Street Pocket Park Project

Press Release 11/4/22

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ Middlesex County has taken significant steps forward in the development of the pocket park located on Fayette Street in Perth Amboy, including selecting Najarian Associates to assist with the design of the pocket park. In addition to enlisting Najarian Associates to assist with the concept design of the new park, Middlesex County has razed the former County public works garage, paved the lot, and installed fencing around the construction site.

The next phase will begin once the environmental remediation testing is completed, and final design is approved. Middlesex County and the City of Perth Amboy, first announced plans to develop the County Office of Public Works Garage site into a pocket park in November 2021.

"We're excited to take the next steps in the process to turn this great piece of land in Middlesex County into a pocket park that can be enjoyed by everyone," said Middlesex County Commissioners Director Ronald G.



Rios. "This investment shows our continued commitment to providing recreational opportunities for our residents and visitors, while also brightening up our neighborhoods. On behalf of myself and my colleagues on the Board of County Commissioners, I thank Mayor Caba and his team for their significant role in this ongoing project."

"We are grateful to Middlesex County for its investment in the creation of this new pocket park in the Gateway Neighborhood. This expands the city's recreation, which is essential for residents and helps to enhance its beauty and environmental quality," said City of Perth Amboy Mayor Helmin J. Caba.

"In Middlesex County, we understand how important parks are, no matter how large or small. Situated in a residential area near a senior community, this pocket park will be of great use to the residents of Perth Amboy, as well as anyone else passing through this part of the County," said County Commissioner Charles E. Tomaro, chair of the County's infrastructure Management Committee.

Press Release 11/3/22

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ - Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios and County Commissioner Charles Kenny met with Mayor Helmin J. Caba along with officials from Middlesex County and the City of Perth Amboy today, November 3 to further discuss improvements to the intersection of Goodwin Street and Smith Street in Perth Amboy. Improvements will address pedestrian and vehicular safety concerns at the intersection. Estimated construction cost is \$513,403 for all improvements. Middlesex County and the City of Perth Amboy will each bear 50 percent of construction costs.

Along with replacing the traffic light system at Goodwin and Smith Streets to include Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), the project will also include improvements to ADA curb ramps, associated sidewalks, modifications of corner turning radius, and new painted crosswalks. The project is scheduled to enter bid by the end of 2022 and construction to start in Spring of 2023.

"This project is a key infrastructure improvement that will have a tremendous impact on the community. Smith Street is also County Road 656, and this intersection experiences a high volume of both foot and vehicle traffic each day. These changes will not only increase the functionality of the intersection by improving the flow of traffic, but they will also enhance the safety of everyone who travels through this area on foot or by bicycle or vehicle," said Middlesex County Commissioners Director Ronald G. Rios. "On behalf of myself and my colleagues on the Board of County Commissioners, I thank Mayor Caba and his team for their vision and hard work on this project. I know I speak for the entire Board when I say that I am honored and grateful to be part of such a productive partnership as we work on behalf of our residents and businesses."

"Everyone has the right to travel safely in our city each day, without the risk of death or serious injuries, no matter how

or when they travel," said City of Perth Amboy Mayor Helmin J. Caba. "In the last five years, there have been 129 accidents at this intersection. This traffic signal represents the innovation critical for us and advances Middlesex County's Vision Zero goal. I greatly appreciate our Board of Commissioners, who have pledged to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries and improve mobility in our city with this improvement."

"The new traffic light system at Goodwin and Smith Street will bring us closer to ending preventable traffic deaths and serious injuries from motor vehicle accidents here in Middlesex County. The County is working hard, in collaboration with municipalities like the City of Perth Amboy, to implement an initiative called Vison Zero, a strategic plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries by reducing the number and severity of motor vehicle crashes. As Chair of the County's Transportation Committee, I believe this is long overdue and I am proud that we are the first county in New Jersey to commit to this goal," said Middlesex County Commissioner Charles Kenny, chair of the Transportation Committee. "I thank Mayor Caba and his team for their support and collaboration as we work to eliminate the roadway and traffic conditions that contribute to motor vehicle related accidents, injuries, and fatali-

ties." "Very excited to be part of the official announcement of the brand-new traffic signal at the intersection of Goodwin and Smith Street. The City of Perth Amboy has a commitment from Middlesex County and its elected leader, Mayor Caba," said Douglas G. Dzema, Executive Director of the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization. "This new traffic signal is critical and important work as this intersection is part of the main entrance into and through the city. Ensuring the safety of our Gateway Neighborhood streets and all who use them is paramount."

Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine Vice Dean Hoffman Honored with Prestigious ELAM/ELH Fellowship

The year-long Executive Leadership in Health Care fellowship makes Vice Dean one of just 1,200 worldwide *Photo Submitted

Press Release 11/3/22

NUTLEY, NJ - Miriam Hoffman, M.D., Vice Dean for Academic Affairs at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine, has been named to a prestigious fellowship for women leaders in Academic Medicine and health

The Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM®) program is a year-long part-time fellowship for women faculty in schools of medicine, dentistry, public health and pharmacy. Hoffman will join the inaugural cohort of the Executive Leadership in Health Care (ELH) cohort of ELAM. The fellowship began this summer, just completed their first in-residence week, and will continue for the academic year.

"Miriam Hoffman is one of our key leaders driving the School's progressive curriculum and vision forward, said Robert C. Garrett, CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health. "She will continue to be recognized nationwide as a thought leader in this space."

"Miriam is so important to what we're doing at the School," said Jeffrey Boscamp, M.D., the interim dean of the School and a

professor of pediatrics. "She is a brilliant educator - but she also incorporates that distinctive human element that's so important to our School. This accolade is supremely well-deserved."

The Drexel University College of Medicine runs the program. According to Drexel, the ELAM program is dedicated to developing the professional and personal skills required to lead and manage in today's complex health care environment, with special attention to the unique challenges facing women in leadership positions. More than 1,200 ELAM alumnae hold leadership positions in institutions around the world.

Hoffman was promoted to Vice Dean of the School in April, and was previously the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. She has led the development, implementation, and continuous enhancement of the medical education program. Hoffman's goal is to align medical education curricula with health outcomes of populations and individuals, including addressing health inequities.

Previously, she was at the Boston University School of Medicine for 13 years, where she held many educational and



Miriam Hoffman, M.D.,

leadership roles.

Hoffman has spent her clinical career working with patients from diverse backgrounds in underserved settings, including safety net hospitals and Community Health Centers. Hoffman completed her undergraduate education at the Johns Hopkins University, received her medical degree from Cornell University Medical College, and completed her residency at the New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Family Medicine Residency.

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Payments for City Employees Amongst Topics Discussed 11/9/22 Caucus & Council Meeting

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY – During the Caucus portion of the meeting, CFO/Comptroller Jill Goldy informed the council that the city scored well on the Best Practice Questionnaire. "Out of 36 questions, we had 28 positive results and there were 11 new questions that were added this year."

The council had no questions regarding Best Practices.

The next person who came up to speak was BID Executive Director Noelia Colon who spoke on R-532-11/22 – Approving an introduction of the 2023 Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (BID) Budget.

Colon provided a booklet on

the Annual Report. She stated, "Our operating budget was \$247,500 which is almost the same as last year. We also had the budget audited. We handed out Outreach brochures in English and Spanish which talked about grants and loans available to the businesses. Some of the events that the BID participated in included Cinco de Mayo, Independence Day Fireworks, Hispanic Heritage Month, and the upcoming Small Business Week and the upcoming Hometown Heroes Banners. We have new parking signage which we are working on with the Police Department. We have a Holiday Shopping E-Cards coming up where you can buy a \$25 gift card and get \$25 on top of that. This year, we've added ten additional businesses. We also put out a dining guide and small business resources are on the city website. It shows how to start a business and what you need. We've contributed \$18,000 for a partial investment for ride/share racks for bikes and to stroll which we hope to launch in spring. The new downtown flowers were part of our beautification problem which also included murals. \$30,000 went towards the new flowerpot improvements and signage. We've had grand openings of new businesses."

The council then made remarks. Councilman B.J. Torres was first. He had concerns about the bike sharing program, "I have two sons who live parttime in Jersey City where it is very bike friendly. There are no bike lanes here, and it is an unfriendly community to ride bikes. This might lead to a liability."

Colon replied, "We are trying to do this in the waterfront area."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, "The new planters downtown are a homerun." He then questioned, "Did you let the public know about the disruption of the businesses with the roadwork being done."

Colon responded, "I know it was difficult."

Pabon continued, "When I see a project as big as this. Businesses affected should have been notified."

Colon assured the council that the BID followed up with those businesses.

Business Administrator Michael Greene commented, "This is an upgrading of service lines

and flyers about this work were handed out beforehand to the businesses. We called Elizabethtown Gas about the uneven paving that took place, and they will be repairing those streets."

Pabon then stated, "Market Street looks like the uneven paving was done on purpose."

City Engineer Ernest Feist spoke on Zoom, "We called Elizabethtown Gas to do trench repairs and all roads are to be completed by April. They are not regulated by us."

Council President Petrick remarked, "New Brunswick Avenue is another bad road."

Pabon continued, "I would like to see the work that they have done in other towns (to compare it)."

Feist continued, "We are at the mercy of Elizabethtown Gas and their contractors."

Petrick then asked, "Were there any discussion about doing this work at night?"

Feist responded, "They are using high pressure gasoline and safety is important. They also need to access the inside of businesses to reconnect the gas lines."

Petrick continued, "The laying of the mains and the disconnect of the laterals can be done at night. During the day, everything is being shut down. If this was Westfield, it would have been done at night. Be stronger, and don't accept them working during the day when it hurts businesses."

There was a discussion on Ordinance No. 5 (First Reading) – Appropriating \$465,000 from ARPA Funds for the restoration and paving of Sunshine Alley.

Councilman B.J. Torres made a move to table it. "This money should not be used for this, and I am surprised that there is no ordinance in place to pay the city employees who worked during Covid."

Pabon then commented, "We were told at a previous meeting that we would have something in place to pay our essential workers."

Greene reminded the Council, "It is in the budget for a resolution to do so (pay city employees who worked during Covid)"

Council President Petrick spoke up, "I will write up a resolution myself to put it on the agenda (to pay the employees who worked during Covid)."

When it came time to vote whether or not to table this resolution, it was moved by Torres, seconded by Petrick. Joel Pabon abstained because part of Sunshine Alley is in the back of his house. Morales and Tejeda voted "No" to table. Motion does not pass. The item was kept on the agenda to be voted upon.

B.A. Michael Greene spoke about R-537-11/22 – Authorizing a contract with Copy Center Inc., d/b/a Shore Business Solutions for office technology equipment in the amount not to exceed \$27,000.

"This is a projector with a screen that could be hooked up to the Department of Recreation, the Police Department, and Tax Department."

There was a discussion involving R-538-11/22 - An Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Open Space 2023 Grant in the amount of \$1 million.

Petrick said, "First, they were supposed to build a dog park. Now it is supposed to be a Fishing Pier. There is nothing happening. Has that original project been scrapped?"

Department of Recreation Director Kenny Ortiz spoke via Zoom, "We have an Access Agreement to go on that property. We are waiting for the Department of Transportation to submit our application to Green Acres. We imagined that to be a picnic area."

Petrick said, "That phrase sounds familiar."

Ortiz added, "We already have rentals lined up for the Summer Season. The DOT needed to know the identification of the person who owns that property."

Petrick spoke up and said, "I remember that there were discussions when the owner of that piece of property said they would sell it to the city for a dollar. We have electric signs at the foot of the bridge."

Ortiz responded, "The owner of that property told us they would offer us a price to purchase it."

Councilman B.J. Torres then spoke up. He had a question about the Veteran's Memorial Field, "How much is the school's responsibility to pay for this project since they will more than likely use that field?"

Petrick then commented, "The new High School has no outside recreational fields and that is why they will be using the Veteran's Field. The school should be pitching in money to help maintain those fields."

Ortiz responded, "There is an agreement between the city and the Board of Education, and we have to use the school's indoor facilities. Waters Stadium belongs to the city."

Petrick then said, "The city council has asked the school to restore the Water's Stadium Gate. The outside facilities need more maintenance than the indoor gyms."

Torres spoke again, "We should have a hearing on how the money is spent and we should table any resolutions where the money use is not spelled out entirely."

Ortiz then stated, "We pay less than a third for this project and this field has not been improved for many years. We are following through on the plan, especially regarding the turf."

Petrick then said that Tashi Vazquez should work with the city to make sure that the Board of Education pays for maintenance of the fields and is there a conflict because she is Vice President of the Board of Education and is Director of the Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD)."

Law Director William Opel said, "This Resolution has to go out for bids for contractors."

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda said, "When there is a conflict

of interest, a Board Member will automatically recuse themselves."

Tashi Vazquez spoke up via Zoom, "I do recuse myself if there is a conflict and the Board of Education will not receive any funds from this project. We can't make any capital improvements to property we don't own, and I will no longer be on the Board of Education."

Petrick continued and questioned, "Has there been any movement by the Board of Education about getting the Water Stadium Gate Improvements for restoration?"

Vazquez answered, "I will have someone from the Board of Education reach out to you."

Torres then said, "We need to see how the money is allocated and we don't have a say on this."

Petrick agreed, "It is the job of the council to control the money."

B.A. Greene spoke about R-539-11/22 – Submission of an application to the State of New Jersey DOT for the Local Freight Impact Fund in the amount of \$1,020,475.73.

"This is a for a footbridge over Convery Boulevard near the high school and it is ADA compliant."

Pabon spoke up, "This is the best thing I've heard about for awhile, but what would be the cost of the bridge? The Board of Education should invest in this. Many people have been hit or killed near there."

Petrick then asked if they could have a design of the bridge. "Can rumble strips be installed?"

B.J. Torres had a question on R-543-10/22 – The purchase of 2 three Post Cantilevered Dugouts to RCP Shelters, Inc. in accordance with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$37,430.00.

"Are there any plans to fix the Arts Gallery?"

Greene responded, "We have one bidder. I will get back to you with a timeframe for a start time."

Public Portion (In-Person First):

Resident Ken Balut spoke

first, "Before you go into closed session, you should have more details on what you will be talking about." He then talked about the Best Practices Form, "It changes every year. How many of the mayor's relatives are working, but they are not on a timeclock. There are two PILOTS that have no money for the schools, and you gave away a quarter of a million dollars. We are getting less money for our schools. Have the Board of Education come here for discussions. In 2012, there was an

Green responded, "The Y has not turned over the property they owe us."

last Y audit?"

arbitration lawsuit filed against

the Y and they owe us at least

\$2-\$3 million. Did we get the

Balut then asked if there is a list how any of the American Rescue Funds will be used for.

Greene responded that he would give Balut a list.

The next person who came up to speak was Mel Ramos. "We can't say we are a history of people, but we can't do anything if that history is erased."

No one spoke on Zoom.

The council went into closed session at 6:46 p.m. and returned at 7:04 p.m. to adjourn the Caucus Meeting, then started the Regular Council Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only (In-Person First):

Resident Ken Balut spoke first. He questioned why there was no bid on R-542 -11/22 – A contract with Sports Field Solutions for work associated with the reconstruction of the Stanley P. Rudyk Park Infield in the amount not to exceed the sum of \$39,445.

He then asked the council if they have gotten reports from the CFO on money for the essential employees who worked in person during Covid. "How come there is no report from the Best Practices for the public to look at? Transparency is not being done. The GIF (General Insurance Fund) raised their legal bills. They are incompetent. One of your lawyers filed paperwork that I think is illegal. One of the councilmembers should be on the GIF (General Insurance Fund) Board. Do you know that there is another overpass in this town? And do you know where it is? The traffic light should have been up before the school was built. One of our insurance brokers stole millions of dollars.'

Resident Mel Ramos spoke next, "I am a member of the 1683 society. In one of the past meetings, it was said that we were very close to fixing Sunshine Alley. Please preserve the history of Sunshine Alley We are a small organization, but we don't do grants."

Councilman Torres responded, "You can apply for grant money each year."

Greene spoke up, "There are no grants available for this kind of project."

Torres continued, "This is a large dollar amount (\$465,000 for the restoration and paving of Sunshine Alley). The money will be gone, and it will have to be in the budget every year."

Ramos then said, "The residents are the ones who approached the mayor about restoring Sunshine Alley, and there is another Victorian roadway being preserved."

Torres responded, "We should put our essential workers needs first and I am not against restoring Sunshine Alley, but it is benefiting the mayor's allies."

Pabon spoke up next, "We need to get an update on the other alley repairs."

Council President Bill Petrick then asked if Hunter Avenue will be repaved, "There are cracks all over the place. If it is dangerous, city engineers should look at it."

The meeting was opened up to Zoom Participants:

Resident Sharon Hubberman spoke first. She was concerned

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Stop & Shop Donates 1,500 Thanksgiving Turkeys to Community FoodBank of New Jersey Between Periods of the New Jersey Devils-Calgary Flames Game

CFBNJ President Carlos Rodriguez Took the Ice to Spotlight Hunger in New Jersey

Press Release 11/8/22

NEWARK, NJ - Stop & Shop donated 1,500 Thanksgiving turkeys to The Community FoodBank of New Jersey. The donation was part of Stop & Shop's annual Turkey Express program which provides more than 25,000 turkeys to hunger relief organizations across the supermarket's footprint. The issue of food insecurity across the Garden State was highlighted during the second intermission of an NHL game played between the New Jersey Devils and Calgary Flames on Tuesday, November 8th at the Prudential Center Arena, when Community FoodBank of New Jersey President Carlos Rodriguez took part in the Stop & Shop Shoot-Out, attempting a center ice shot to secure the donation, but ultimately putting the spotlight on hunger in New Jersey.

"Stop & Shop's 1,500 donated Thanksgiving turkeys have been in the CFBNJ freezer for weeks," said Stefanie Shuman, External Communications Manager for Stop & Shop. "But we still wanted to put Carlos on ice - as the true goal was to shine the spotlight on hunger in New Jersey and encourage fans to help if they are able. We are grateful for partners like the Devils who share our commitment to support CFBNJ."

"Taking the ice at a Devils game was definitely a first for me, but I was honored to have the opportunity to shed light on hunger in New Jersey and the need for public support," said Carlos Rodriguez, President & CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "At CFBNJ, we're grateful for the steadfast commitment of partners like Stop & Shop and the New Jersey Devils - during the holidays and all year long."

As the official supermarket of the NJ Devils, Stop & Shop's donation spotlighted the increased need Community Food-Bank of New Jersey is facing going into the holiday season: •More than 650- thousand New Jersey residents (1 in 13) are food insecure.

•More than 175- thousand Children in New Jersey (1 in 11) are

food insecure.

•Community FoodBank of New Jersey distributed over 85 million meals last year.

•Almost 34% of all food distributed was fresh produce.

•In New Jersey, Black and Latino residents experience food insecurity at more than five and a half times the rate of white residents.

•"Food insecurity, especially as we approach the holiday months, is a serious concern for those in our community that we all need to work together to combat," said Jake Reynolds, President, New Jersey Devils & Prudential Center. "The work of Stop & Shop and Community FoodBank of New Jersey in this sphere has never been more important, and it is our responsibility to use our platforms to draw awareness and contribute to this communal need."

In addition to the turkey donation, Stop & Shop also supports the Community FoodBank of New Jersey at each Devils home game through its Community Assist program. For every home game assist tallied



by the Devils in a season, Stop & Shop donates 150 meals to CFBNH. Last season, the Devils had 216 home game assists, which meant a donation of 32,400 meals to the Food Bank.

To learn more about Stop & Shop's efforts to support hunger relief and give back to the communities it serves, please visit https://stopandshop.com/pages/our-purpose.





Puerto Rico Discovery Day Celebration

PERTH AMBOY – Join us as we honor Joelci Almanzar & Destiny Newton with the "Outstanding Scholar of the Year" awards and Victor Tavarez with the "Outstanding Community Service Award." On Saturday, November 19, 2022.

1 p.m. – Puerto Rico's flag raising ceremony at City Hall Circle, 260 High St., Perth Amboy, NJ

2 p.m. – 6 p.m.- Cultural event, entertainment, and activities will take place at: Robert N. Wilentz School, 51 First Street, Perth Amboy, NJ

Entertainment provided by: Julianna Fuentes-vocalist; Los Cimarrones- Bomba Y Plena Dance Group; L.A.R. Visuals and Ent. LLC – Photography; Cuqui – D.J. Lady C., La Comai Buena Entertainment.

For more information, call Amanda Ivan: 732-638-2824.

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about the water/wastewater appropriations and the salary and wages and other operating expenses. "There are no details on how the \$12 million was used. We need a desk audit and I hope there is a follow-through. You also need funds to restore Sunshine Alley and you need to know about the history of this alley. When preserving history, it is more than just restoring it. It is very historical. Would you have to rezone that area if it is preserved and is it already classified as a historic site?"

Petrick responded, "The HPC did some historic work that the administration hasn't acted upon."

Ordinances No. 1,2,3,4 (First Reading) was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Ordinance No. 5 (First Reading) – Using ARPA Funds to restore and repave Sunshine Alley was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda. Pabon abstained. Torres was the only one to vote "No." He made a statement that this is being used as a political tool and we are here to represent the residents and employees.

Petrick wanted to piggyback in regards to city employees being paid during Covid, "I would like to do a resolution to pay them."

Law Director Opel responded, "I haven't seen a resolution as to who is getting this money."

Petrick responded, "Money should be given to people who came in person to work during Covid before the vaccine came out. It shouldn't matter if they are retired, now working elsewhere, or the money should be given to their survivors. I will put together the resolution or ordinance in detail. We are the only ones who can do the payments."

B.A. Greene spoke up, "During that time, hand scanners were not being utilized."

Petrick spoke up and said, "Just look at who received a paycheck during that period. All we need is the number of employees who worked during that time, and we should have that information by Friday."

Torres had one more comment regarding those funds for Sunshine Alley. "Less than 1% of our residents are being put in front of the rest of the residents."

When it came to vote on the consent agenda, R-538 (An open space 2023 grant in the amount of \$1 million) was pulled out to vote on separately by Councilman Torres.

For the consent agenda, R-530 thru R-537; R-539 thru R-543 was moved by Pabon, seconded by Tejeda.

Torres commented on R-538, "It will be a bad practice for us to vote on this before it is shown how this money will be spent."

When it came to vote, the only person to vote "No" was Torres. Public Portion (In-Person first):

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak. Law Director William Opel told Balut that the reason there was no bid on R-542 was because it was below the low bid threshold of \$44,000.

Balut then talked about the Best Practices Forms again, "Did you answer any questions about security reports? Do we have any lead paint in the building, and have you applied for grants which you don't do? Can Code Enforcement say that they inspected our buildings and illegal housing? I am still waiting to see the qualifications of our Code Enforcement Director. We still have a lot of illegal driveways and illegal parking going on. If you try to speak up, Code Enforcement will come after you. I reported illegal housing a few years ago, and nothing happened."

Opel responded, "Single 1-3 family rental units can be inspected for lead."

Council President Bill Petrick spoke up to agree, "This was done to one of my rental units. You need a special tool to detect lead."

Balut spoke up again, "They dropped ordinances on you without you knowing anything about them. You will have a lawsuit if a fire breaks out (in an illegal housing unit)."

Resident Mel Ramos came up who is a part of the Borinqueneer Committee. He said Boriqueneer Ervin Machado is our Sadowski and he is a Hometown Hero."

Councilman Bill Petrick disagreed with that statement. While acknowledging Ervin Machado's service to the country, it should be noted that Sadowski lost his life in battle during World War II and is a Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient.

Ramos said, "We need to put Machado's name on the banners

all over, recognizing him as a Hometown Hero."

Resident Jeremy Baratta spoke up next and spoke about the BID Annual Report, "There is nothing in here about a balance sheet or the money which would include liability, finances, or any pending lawsuits. All I see are misspellings and grammatical errors. I see no assets listed. Is this their final report? You need at least a balance sheet."

Council President Petrick agreed, "A balance sheet should have been listed."

Law Director Opel told the council that they have the information in their packet.

Baratta concluded, "A balance sheet is needed."

The meeting was opened up to Zoom Participants:

Resident Caroline Pozycki-Torres spoke first about Atlantic City having money for scholarships for their students and a new stadium. "We need to have more discussions. I have never been to Sunshine Alley or heard of it. I am disappointed that the council voted to use those funds for the restoration and paving of the alley."

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales thanked all who spoke in person and on Zoom. She thanked all of our veterans for their service and sacrifices. She also wanted to congratulate Police Officer Bobby Minaya who completed the New York Marathon in just over 4 hours. She reminded everyone that the League of Municipalities is coming up this month.

Councilman Joel Pabon asked if he could get any information when the Paterson Alley Street will be fixed. He also stated that Hector Cruz from Perth Amboy spoke at a Veteran's event that was held in Newark.

Councilwoman Milady Tejeda thanked all who participated tonight and because of her work schedule, she will not be able to attend the Veteran's Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11th. She thanked all the veterans who are serving here and abroad.

Councilman B.J. Torres said that a previous meeting someone shouted out from the audience telling him to go back to where he belongs, but the local newspaper did not report who that person was. "It was John Dyke, who is a member of the 1683 Society who told me to go back to Jersey City. Every single resident in this town is probably first generation. I addressed John Dyke's statement, and everyone here have probably heard this said to you or your relatives (go back to where you belong).'

Council President Petrick said, "It is a shame (the low turnout we get at meetings). It is very important, and we are lucky we get thirty people to come here. There are only twenty concerned people. I want to thank those who participated in the election. Please be safe."

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. All councilmembers were present at both meetings.

Perth Amboy Catholic School Gala, Perth Amboy, 11/5/22 *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell





















Dowdell Library Halloween Party, South Amboy, 10/27/22 *Photos Submitted















Halloween Festival Bigfoot Lecture at the Kearny Cottage, Perth Amboy, 10/30/22 *Photos by Paul W. Wang & Katherine Massopust

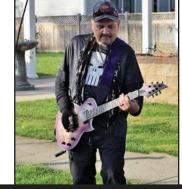
















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Free Thanksgiving Dinner

PERTH AMBOY – The Knights of Columbus San Salvador Council #299 are having a Free Thanksgiving Dinner and cordially invite Perth Amboy Residents who wish to get a free hot takeout meal to stop on by on Sunday, November 20, 2022, from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. at Assumption Catholic School (Playground Side), 380 Meredith St, Perth Amboy, NJ. Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn & Green Beans.



Brunch with Santa

SAYREVILLE - There will be a Brunch with Santa at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ on Saturday, December 10, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$12. Brunch includes: Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Macaroni & Cheese, Bread, Cereal, Coffee/Tea, Juice. We will have Crafts, Story Time & Gifts. Please contact Winsome at 732-432-9072 for reservation.

Breakfast with Santa

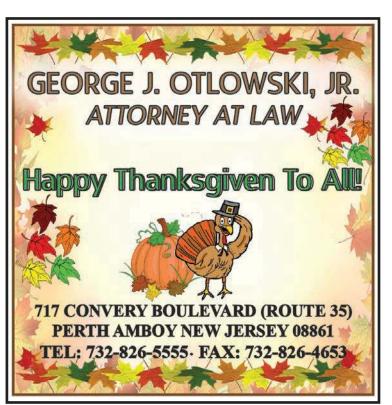
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks is hosting Breakfast with Santa at 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy, on Sunday, December 18th, from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Breakfast is buffet style featuring our made to order omelet station. On the buffet we serve Pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns and much more. The cost is \$12.00 per person and children 7yrs and under are \$6.00. There will be goody bags and games for the children with plenty of time for pictures sitting on Santa's lap. So, save the date and get your cell phones ready to snap some memories.

Blood Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Ring in the new year on a positive note and donate blood. The South Amboy Elks is hosting a blood drive at 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy, for the American Red Cross on Thursday January 5th, 2023. All donations are by appointment and can be scheduled online. More information on scheduling will be advertised as the date gets closer. For information, please call 732-727-7170 and leave a message for Dawn or Lisa. Thank you in advance for your consideration.







Christmas Bazaar & Gift Auction

PERTH AMBOY – Assumption Catholic School, 380 Meredith St., Perth Amboy is having a Christmas Bazaar and Gift Auction on Sunday, December 4, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Admission. Great Prizes, Wheel of Chance, Games, 50/50 Raffle, Vendors, Crafts, Activities for Kids, Traditional Ethnic Foods, Face Painting, Pictures with Santa.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REVIEW: TELEVISION SPECIAL: THE POWER OF THE DOCTOR By: Anton Massopust III Email: DrZaius69@aol.com



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"If I can't be the Doctor then you neither can't either!" - The Master

In this big regeneration special, the Doctor (Jodie Whittaker) faces a terrifying threat - the Master (Sacha Dhawan) has survived the destruction of Gallifrey and is now out for revenge. The Master Free has a 3part plan, as he says. The Master recruits the Cybermen and the Daleks. The Cybermen have gained the power of the Time Lords to regenerate making them invincible. The Master has disguised himself as the most infamous villain of all time -Rasputin. He takes the summer palace of the Czar using his hypnotic power and uses it as his headquarters. All this is a trap of course, to lure the Doctor to trap her, force her to regenerate and steel her body so the Master can become the Doctor. He sends a message by defacing famous



works of art to send messages to the Doctor to face her. He kidnapped many of the leading vulcanologists. The Master is captured by UNIT and locked up – but that is exactly what he wants. The Daleks are using the machines in volcanos to set up volcanic eruptions all around the Earth so they can manufacture more Daleks. The Cybermen have a planet and they are using the Master's TADIS as a power source so that they can enslave the earth turning everyone into Cybermen.

The doctor and Yaz (Mandip Gill) team up to stop the bad guys and their nefarious plans. With UNIT are old friends Tegan (Janet Fielding) and Ace (Sophie Aldred). Eventually Graham (Bradley Walsh). To stop them, the Master escapes UNIT Headquarters to steal the Doctor's body in order to ruin the Doctor's reputation as a hero. Now, it's up to the companions using a hologram of

the Doctor who appears in the forms that they remember him or her to stop the villain's plans before the earth is completely destroyed.

There are cameos from Colin Baker, Paul McGann, Peter Davidson, Sylvester McCoy. This season had lots and lots of ups and downs. Jody Whittaker's Doctor has faced a lot of problems with bad writing, but these last couple of specials have made up for them. Whittaker goes out with a huge bang. You'll have to watch for yourself what they are going to do next with the 60th Anniversary of "Doctor Who" on the horizon. There are plenty of villains, of course the Rogue Cyberman that is half human/half Cyberman. Sacha Dhawan is terrific and has all the best lines - the villains always do! I won't tell you about the surprise at the end. It's definitely worth watch-

Holiday Cake Sale

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



Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - St. John Paul II Parish is having their 19th Annual Tricky Tray and 50/50 Raffle on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at St. Stephen's School, 500 State St., Perth Amboy. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Drawing starts at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Includes buffet, dessert, coffee, one ticket for a door prize and one sheet of white tickets. Cash Bar (No outside alcohol permitted). Lots of great prizes. For more information, call the Parish Office at 732-826-1395 or Ana Maria Zevallos at: 732-485-9367 or email AZevallos@ johnpaulsecond.com RL 4291;

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WOODBRIDGE - Sponsored by the Lorantffy Women's Guild of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Corner of School and N. James Streets, Woodbridge. Each individually hand rolled. Made from the best ingredients. Each weighing 1 lb. 8 oz. Available in: English Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune-Lekvar, Apricot, Raspberry-Seedless, and Pumpkin-Cheese. Price \$18 each. Deadline for orders is November 30th. Pick-up date: Saturday, December 17, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Please use the Ross Street Entrance. All orders must be paid in full upon ordering. Please call: Florette Pastor: /32-636-2868 or the church office at 732-634-1751.

Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz, Sale

WOODBRIDGE - Made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Corner of School and N. James Streets of Woodbridge. Price: \$8 per lb. Please call the Church Office at 732-634-1751 or Florette Pastor: 732-636-2868. Deadline for orders: December 5th. Orders may be picked up at the Fellowship Hall, Ross Street Entrance on Saturday, December 17, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your order for Kolbasz at the same time. Please pay by separate checks.



Tea and Other Meals in Victorian America Presents Judith Krall-Russo

WOODBRIDGE - As a prelude to the future opening of our Victorian museum, Judith Krall-Russo-a noted food historian and certified tea specialist-will discuss tea and other meals in Victorian American. Mrs. Krall-Russo, a Fords resident, has presented over 30 programs in the metropolitan area and was a guest on "Martha Stewart Living".

The years after the Civil War ushered in many changes in the eating habits of Victorian America. Etiquette around the table became more important, tea parties were popular, and the soda fountains became the social center. Come join us and learn about the food and drink of 19th century as America industrialized!

Monday, November 28, 2022, at 7 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 600 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge, New Jersey. For further information, contact Brenda Velasco, Township Historian:: TEXT 732.428.2403

Woodbridge Public Library Events

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

November 15 | 4PM | Main Library Mystery/Thriller Book Club

Join us for an in person discussion of Not a Happy Family by Shari Lapena. No Registration Required - https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12162&backTo=Calen dar&startDate=2022/11/01

November 16 | 7PM | Main Library Teens & Adults DIY Scrapbook Paper Leaf Craft

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

November 16 | 7PM | Main Library Wills, Estate Planning & Probate Seminar

Join guest speaker Kenneth Vercammen, Managing Attorney from Kenneth Vercammen & Associates, for this comprehensive seminar. Registration Recommended - https://woodbridgelibrary. evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=13190&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/11/01

November 17 | 1PM | Main Library All About Diabetes

Dr. Reema Patel, Director of Diabetes Center at Old Bridge Medical Center will discuss signs and symptoms of Pre-Diabetes and Diabetes and what you can do about it. Registration Required - https:// woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=132 01&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/11/01

November 17 | 7PM | Virtual Program LGBTQ+ Meetup

LGBTQA+ adults (18+) are welcome to attend our new monthly LGBTQA+ virtual meetups. Come and make new friends, share stories and engage in activities with fellow members of the community. Registration Required.

November 29 | 7PM | Main Library

Using Historical Newspapers In Genealogical Research
This program presented by Laura Cubbage-Draper of LCD Genealogy Services will highlight the importance of newspapers as well as the range of details that can be discovered. Registration Recommended - https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDet ails?EventId=13337&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/11/01

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

Thank you for your support! Woodbridge Library Programming Department Woodbridge Public Library 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

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Prime Rib Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks will be Having a Prime Rib Dinner Fundraiser on Friday January 27, 2023, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The dinner will include Salad, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert for only \$25 per person. For the nonbeef eaters, we will offer a half of a roasted chicken for \$20. Tickets for this dinner are IN ADVANCE ONLY. Please call 732-727-7170 or stop Thursday or Friday nights between 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. for tickets. Thank you in advance for your support.



South Amboy SeniorsSOUTH 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.

Perth Amboy Free Public Library Events

NOVEMBER

Tues. 11/15 Crocheting Class: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Tues. 11/22 Jewelry Makerspace: 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Thurs. 12/1 Book Club: 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Perth Amboy Free Public Library

196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

732-826-2600

LOOK OUT FOR THESE EXCITING EVENTS!



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.

South Amboy - The Holidays @ Dowdell Library

Press Release 11/10/22

SOUTH AMBOY — Celebrate the holiday season @ Dowdell Library with 3D Pens, Victorian Holiday Party, Food Explorers, Storytime, After School Fun Club, Teen Hangout, and more!

'Tis the holiday season... for a celebration! Join us for the Victorian Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 13 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There will be music, refreshments and door prizes. Kids and teens! Have fun with some special activities. Spend the night with friends, neighbors and enjoy the

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The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, December 19 at 10:30 am. Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060

Adults! Create a 3D ornament using a 3D Pen on Thursday, December 8 from 6:30-7:30 pm. We'll provide templates, or use your imagination to create a holiday masterpiece!

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.

Kids, stop by every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm for the After School Fun Club. Drop in for scavenger hunts, relay races, bingo and holidays crafts. Join us for another Food Explorer's on Wednesday, December 28 from 1-2 pm for a hands on cooking program. Make an appetizer/snack from start to finish, learn how to read a recipe, and how to measure ingredients. Ages 5-14. Registration is required. Lastly, become part of the tales and adventures in the Dungeons & Dragons Gaming Club on Thursdays, December 15 and 29 from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for storytimes on Monday, December 5 and Saturday, December 10 from 1-2 pm for stories, games, activities, and crafts.

Teens! Stop by and have fun with 3D pens on Friday, December 9 from 3-4 and Friday, December 30 from 1-2 pm. Do you need community service hours? Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) on Friday, December 16 from 3-4 pm and help us plan 2023 teen programs!

The library will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Saturday, December 24 and Monday, December 26. The library will also be closed for the New Year holiday on Saturday, December 31 and Monday, January 1, 2023. Have a merry holiday season!

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.







Windcreek **Casino Trip** Good Shepherd **Seniors**

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

Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 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.

Caesar's **Casino Trip**

San Salvador Seniors PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino, Atlantic City, on Thursday, March 2, 2023. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephen's Church (St. John Paul II) Parking Lot on Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy at 11 a.m. Cost: \$35 per person; \$30 back in slot play. Please call Joe at 732-826-0819 for reservation.

Book SaleSAYREVILLE – The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library are having a book sale on Saturday & Sunday, November 19th & 20th, from 1:00pm-3:30pm. ONLY \$10 for a bag of books or \$15 for a box of books. Must use bags and boxes provided. Also, donated gifts will be priced to sell. Sayreville Public School Teachers free of charge, with proper ID. Location: Sayreville Free Public Library, 1050 Washington Rd., Parlin, NJ. Changes implemented to keep within the guidelines of safe social distancing. For more information, call 732-727-0212.





Friends of South Amboy Annual Basketball Games

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

The schedule is as follows:

12:00 noon - South Amboy boys vs. Spotswood

2:00 p.m. - South Amboy girls vs. East Brunswick Magnet School

4:00 p.m. - Sayreville vs. Calvary Christian

6:00 p.m. - St. Joe's Metuchen vs. St. Joe's by the Sea Staten Island

8:00 p.m. - St. Thomas Aquinas vs. Oratory Prep

Thank you for your continued support. Friends of South Amboy

Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are once again having a book sale Saturday, December 10th from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center at the corner of Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy. We are delighted to be back after being sidelined by the pandemic for 7 months. 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 as mandated by the State of NJ. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardcovers are \$1, \$5 for a bag full, no limit to size of bag except 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 look forward to your visit.

For more information email us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@ gmail.com, or call us at 201-381-1903 and like us on Facebook. Dealers are welcome. A this time we are not taking donations of

This Week in the Civil War 160 Years Ago

November 16, 1862 – December 6, 1862 By Phil Kohn

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In the Caribbean Sea, the Confederate cruiser CSS Alabama, commanded by Capt. Raphael Semmes, on November 17, 1862, sails into the harbor of Fort-Royal (later Fort-de-France), Martinique, in the French West Indies. Following reports that Alabama might be there, the Federal frigate USS San Jacinto arrives the next morning. As Alabama is entitled to sanctuary in the neutral port, San Jacinto soon withdraws to international waters three miles outside the mouth of the harbor to lie in wait for the departure of the Southern vessel so it can legally attack it.

On November 18, the Federal Army of the Potomac arrives at Falmouth, Virginia, across the Rappahannock River from Fredericksburg. Over the next two days Union and Confederate forces take up positions around Fredericksburg. As the bridges across the Rappahannock River had previously been destroyed, Maj. Gen. Burnside requests pontoons to be delivered so his engineers can build six pontoon bridges for the planned crossing.

In Mississippi, on November 19, Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant launches a reconnaissance force to determine the strength of Confederate troops defending Vicksburg. In the Caribbean, the night of November 19 is very dark and rainy. CSS Alabama sails out of Martinique's Fort-Royal harbor and into the open sea. It is unseen by USS San Jacinto, waiting to attack the Southern ship once it departs French waters. San Jacinto remains on post, trying to determine if Alabama has left or is hiding in a secluded inlet of Fort-de-France Bay.

Gen. Robert E. Lee arrives in Fredericksburg, Virginia, on November 20 and begins organizing his defenses against the impending Federal assault. On the same day, Lt. Gen. Stonewall Jackson, anticipating a summons from Gen. Lee, begins moving his Second Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia out of Winchester, Virginia, and heads towards Fredericksburg, roughly 80 miles away.

Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside on November 21 sends a demand for surrender to Montgomery Slaughter, the mayor of Fredericksburg. Upon rejection of the proposal, Slaughter is told the town will be bombarded and is advised to evacuate women, children, the sick and the infirm from the city. In Richmond, Jefferson Davis appoints Virginia lawyer James A. Seddon as the new Confederate Secretary of War on November 21. Off Martinique, the Federal frigate USS San Jacinto, having determined that the CSS Alabama has indeed departed the island, sets sail in search of the Confederate

Union Maj. Gen. Edwin Sumner on November 22 walks back Maj. Gen. Burnside's surrender demand of the previous day. Sumner promises Fredericksburg mayor Montgomery Slaughter that in exchange of a promise of no hostile demonstrations by residents, he will not fire his artillery upon

Federal naval forces capture Jacksonville, North Carolina, on November 23. The town is on the Atlantic coast, roughly midway between New Bern and Wilmington. At Fredericksburg, Lt. Gen. James Longstreet's First Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia arrives from Culpeper. It is deployed to the west of town on a ridge known as Marye's Heights.

On November 24, Braxton Bragg's Confederates arrive in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, from Chattanooga. Bragg reorganizes his 45,000 troops and dubs them "The Army of Tennessee." On the same day, Gen. Joseph Johnston returns to active duty after being wounded at Seven Pines, Virginia, in May. His assignment: to command the Western Theater (Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and parts of North Carolina, Georgia and Louisiana), supervising Bragg and Pemberton (who is in Vicksburg). The first of the pontoons that had been requisitioned by Maj. Gen. Burnside arrive at Falmouth,

Virginia, on November 25 but there are only enough for building one bridge. Five additional bridges are needed. The required remainder of pontoons, as these first had been, are delayed in arriving.

President Lincoln on November 26 leaves Washington, D.C., to meet with Maj. Gen. Burnside at Belle Plain, in northern Virginia.

Lincoln and Burnside meet on November 27 to discuss strategy for the upcoming battle, but don't see eye-to-eye. Burnside's idea is to directly assault Fredericksburg, where most of Lee's Confederates are concentrated. Lincoln's suggestion is to position troops at Falmouth, at a location south of the Rappahannock and at the Pamunkey River and then launch a three-pronged attack. Burnside decides to go with his own plan rather than the president's.

Some 5,000 Federals under Brig. Gen. James Blunt on November 28 engage 8,000 Confederates led by Brig. Gen. John Marmaduke at Cane Hill, Arkansas, and force the Southerners to retreat over 40 miles southward toward the Arkansas River. Union casualties number around 40, while Confederate numbers are more than ten times that: 435.

Stonewall Jackson's 2nd Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia arrives at Fredericksburg on November 29 after forced marches of up to 20 miles per day. Jackson deploys his men along the Rappahannock River south of town to prevent a Union crossing there. In the Far West, Maj. Gen. John B. Magruder assumes command of the Confederate Department of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

The remaining pontoons for the other five bridges that Maj. Gen. Burnside wishes to build for his assault finally arrive at Falmouth on November 30. However, he has lost all elements of surprise as the Confederates are already digging into strong defensive positions. In the Caribbean, the Federal cruiser USS Vanderbilt, armed with 15 heavy guns, joins USS San Jacinto in the hunt for the Confederate cruiser CSS Alabama.

In Washington, D.C., President Lincoln on December 1 delivers his State of the Union message to Congress. Among his points, he notes that commerce is in relatively good condition and that Federal receipts exceed expenditures. He also proposes, among other things, that Congress provide for colonization outside the U.S. of free persons of color with their consent.

On December 3, some 20,000 Union soldiers under Brig. Gen. Charles Hovey — part of Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's plan to take Vicksburg, Mississippi — seize Grenada, Mississippi, a railhead. Unable to move the rolling stock, retreating Confederates destroy 15 locomotives and over 100 railroad

A small Confederate raid is made on Prestonburg, in southeastern Kentucky, on December 4. Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Banks sets sail from New York with a Federal expeditionary force of 20,000 troops headed for New Orleans, Louisiana, where he will take command from Maj. Gen. Benjamin Butler. In the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, Winchester — with Stonewall Jackson's troops having departed for Fredericksburg — falls into Federal hands. Confederate Gen. Joseph Johnston assumes overall command of the Western Theater. (In general, the Western Theater encompasses military operations in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Louisiana east of the Mississippi River.)

In northern Mississippi, on December 5, Confederates repulse a Union cavalry attack at Coffeeville, near Grenada.

President Lincoln on December 6, after reviewing their cases, orders 38 leaders of the Indian uprisings in the Northwest during August and September to be executed.

National First Responders Dedication Program In Honor of all First Responders, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy, 10/30/22
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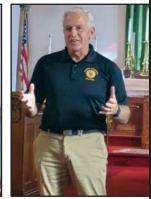


























Fire Prevention Month, PAFD Open House, Perth Amboy, 10/29/22 *Photos by Paul W. Wang





















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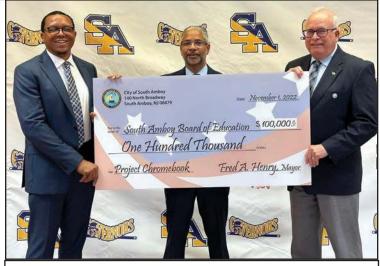
South Amboy "Project Chromebook" Reaches Final Goal

Press Release 11/1/22 SOUTH AMBOY - As large redevelopment projects continue to bring improvements to South Amboy City officials made good on their promise to fully fund a program to provide Chromebooks to each student in the district. In presenting the third and final one hundred thousand dollar check this morning. Mayor, Fred Henry

dred thousand dollar check this morning Mayor Fred Henry reaffirmed the commitment of his administration to support projects like this through funds derived from redevelopment projects.

"This is our third concrete step to support our school's efforts to bridge the digital divide and provide amazing opportunities for our students." Said Mayor Henry. "The City Council and I along with the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency have committed to leveraging new revenue sources from redevelopment projects to support initiatives like this for both the schools and the City at large. Promise made and promise delivered"

"This check represents the third installment of the City's commitment to provide funding for a Chromebook for every student in the South Amboy School District. In the modern classroom this technology is indispensable for instructional de-



SOUTH AMBOY - (LtoR) - Dr. Frederick Williams III School Superintendent, Anthony Conrad Vice President South Amboy Board of Education, Mayor Fred A. Henry *Photo Submitted

livery and learning in the modern classroom. The Board of Education is thankful to Mayor Henry, his administration, the City Council, and the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency for making good on their commitment to support our students." Said Anthony Conrad Board of Education Vice President.

"We are grateful and appreciative for the continued support that Mayor Henry and the South Amboy Council has for our students, faculty/staff and our schools. The \$100,000 donation, from Pilot Funds, to purchase Chromebooks for our

scholars will enable us to continually close the digital divide and to ensure that all of our scholars have equitable access to technology as well as applicable learning resources. On behalf of The South Amboy Public Schools, as well as the Board of Education, we humbly accept this donation on behalf of our scholars, and we look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationship as we work together to build a better and brighter future for our community of learners." Said Dr. Frederick Williams III Superintendent of Schools.

Congratulations Kerry Dyke!





PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy's Kerry Dyke received a Championship Medal for taking 2nd place in the United States Track & Field NJ Cross Country Championship Race! This win places Kerry among the top USFT distance runners. Kerry is typically seen training along the Perth Amboy waterfront.

*Images courtesy USTF

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Archdiocese of Newark Honors Active Police, Fallen Heroes at 29th Annual Blue Mass

Press Release 11/9/22

NEWARK, N.J. – The Archdiocese of Newark honored the dedication and sacrifices of all active, retired, and deceased New Jersey law enforcement personnel at the 29th Annual Blue Mass on November 3 in Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, presided over the liturgy, which featured honor guard units, bagpipers, and drummers.

This year Governor Phil Murphy, Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin, and numerous other dignitaries joined hundreds of police officers from throughout the state to pray for five men who died in the line of duty: Senior Correctional Police Officer Daniel Sincavage; Port Authority Police Officer Anthony Varvaro; Middletown Police Detective Lieutenant Joseph Capriotti; Paterson Police Lieutenant Frank Petrelli; and Deputy First Class Glenn Hilliard of the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office in Maryland, who was a former Newark resident. Additionally, those at the Mass paid tribute to 10 officers who succumbed to COVID-19.

Cardinal Tobin also acknowledged the good work of all active-duty law enforcement in his homily, citing the two Newark officers who were recently shot as examples of the police's selflessness. He then asked everyone who is not in law enforcement to reflect on what God wants from them. They may not wear a badge, he said,



Police from throughout New Jersey process into Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart for the Archdiocese of Newark's 29th Annual Blue Mass on November 3, 2022.

(Photo by Archdiocese of Newark/Joe Jordan)



Law enforcement officers from throughout New Jersey, including the Bloomfield Police Department (pictured), filled Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart for the Archdiocese of Newark's Blue Mass on November 3, 2022.

(Photo by Archdiocese of Newark/Jessica Miano)

but they can still follow the police's example of helping those in need.

"We're called to model mutual

respect in the honest search for the common good, excluding no one from that process," Cardinal Tobin said. "Saying 'yes' to



Police bagpipers process through the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark during the Archdiocese of Newark's 29th Annual Blue Mass on November 3, 2022.

(Photo by Archdiocese of Newark/Joe Jordan)



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin speaks with members of the Union County Sheriff's Office following the Archdiocese of Newark's 29th Annual Blue Mass at Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on November 3, 2022.

(Photo by Archdiocese of Newark/Joe Jordan)

God is something believers are called to do each day. (They) choose good over evil, truth over lies, and love for others over selfish gain."

To learn more about the Archdiocese of Newark, visit www. rcan.org.

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.)

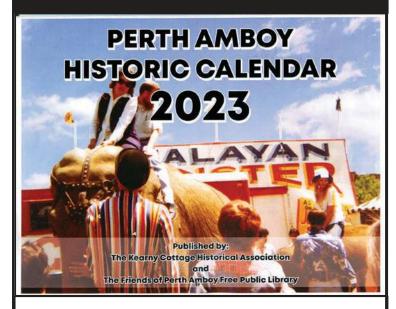
Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

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.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

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Sumo WrestlingSOUTH AMBOY - Come grab

a table with your friends to laugh and have a good time at our Sumo Wrestling fundraiser which comes to the South Amboy Elks on Saturday, January 21st, 2023. You can get suited up and wrestle your best friend or one of our members. Doors open at 6:30, wrestling starts at 7 p.m. The donation is \$25 per person and includes select beverages. Food will be available for purchase from 6:30 p.m. -10 p.m. For more information and tickets, please call 732-727-7170

You're Invited to Sunday Worship PERTH AMBOY - Please join

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

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GroupPERTH AMBOY - A support group to help you through loss, grief and mourning with Reverend Andras Szasz, Facilitator. Every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Holiday Parade on Smith Street 1996.

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Pets of the Week





ADOPTABLE KITTENS!!

PERTH AMBOY - These are a few of the adorable little faces in our rescue. All kittens have been fully vetted, fixed, vaccinated to age, tested for FIV/FELV, dewormed, deflead, microchipped, etc. If interested in any of our kittens, contact us! Email vmoralespps@yahoo.com for adoption application or text 1.732.486.6382 for pics. Adoption donation fee applies. We desperately need food donations too! Allforthepaws.org. All for the Paws, P. O. Box 2281, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

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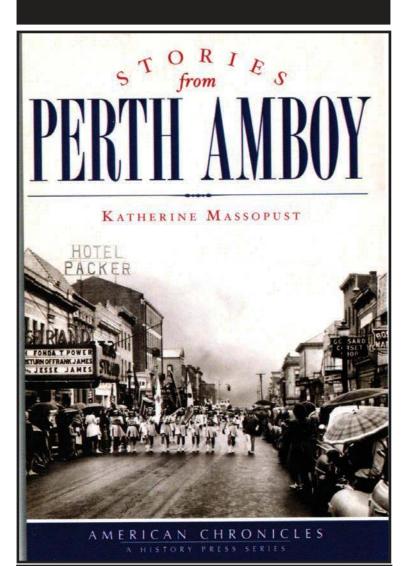
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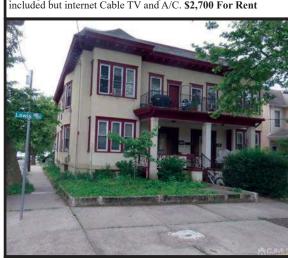
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FORDS - Beautiful 2nd floor apartment freshly painted with hardwood floors, 3Bds, formal dining room, large living room, 1 parking space, nice deck and in a great location. All utilities are included but internet Cable TV and A/C. \$2,700 For Rent



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FORDS - This is the chance to own this charming property! This house features new kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite countertops, new bathrooms, new hardwood floors, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, detached garage, full basement and much more! Located just minutes from Route 1, Route 9, Route 287, Garden State Parkway, And NJ Turnpike. \$499,000



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