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South Amboy Fire Department at the City's Memorial Service marking the 25th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center Twin Towers. See more photos on page 22 .(Photo by Jamie Norek)



Master of Ceremonies CSM Robert Bruce US Army addresses the people in attendance at the Sayreville 9/11 Memorial Service. See more photos on page 22 . (Photo by Rich Kosmoski)



South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 donated \$4,500 to the South Amboy YMCA to use for their Summer Camp Program for kids. To learn more about the Elks or membership call us at 732-727-1710. We are located at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy. Pictured (l-r) Exalted Ruler Dawn Roberts, Alexis Korsak, Elizabeth Bennett, Sandra Low Youth Activities Chair, Tony Brewster, Angie Carrano and Val Bardales. (Photo/Info Submitted)



On August 27th the area was hit with a Monsoon-like rainstorm that caused devastating flash flooding. Pictured are the effects on John St. in South Amboy! (Photo by Paula Taggart)

This issue is dedicated to

- *Joseph Gregoreski
- *Lillian Nardone
- *Edward Twomey

So Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Announces 2027 Honorees

The South Amboy Parade Committee will recognize its 2027 parade honorees at its annual Grand Marshals Night to be held on Friday, January 8, 2027, at the Pines Manor, 2085 Lincoln Highway, Edison. Honorees include Grand Marshals Edward and Anna Mae O'Connor, Deputy Grand Marshal Catherine Housman and Honorary Grand Marshal Harold McKenna, M.D.

Tickets are \$100 per person and will include a cocktail hour, dinner buffet, open bar and dessert. Please purchase your tickets by December 15, 2026 as tickets will not

be sold at the door. For more information regarding the event please contact Mickey Gross at 732-215-5028 or Donna Williams at 732-423-7190.

Once again, our honorees have been nominated due to their hard work and dedication to the city of South Amboy, and will participate in the 2027 South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 14th at 2 p.m.

Edward and Anna Mae O'Connor will serve as the 2027 Grand Marshals. The couple, who have been married for 38 years,

reside in South Amboy and are the proud parents of three grown sons, Dan (Molly), Luke (Christine), Jack and grandparents to Lily and Cory. When asked how he met his wife Anna Mae, Edward explained he went to school with Anna Mae's older brother and things progressed from there.

Edward was born and raised in South Amboy attending St. Mary's grammar and high school. He is a graduate of Middlesex County College and Montclair State University with a degree in Computer Science. Edward retired from AT&T after a 22-year employment. In addition to his IT position with AT&T, he worked for IBM (3 years) and NCS Technologies (15 years) in a middle management position in their IT departments, where he found his work interesting and rewarding.

Edward is currently enjoying his

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On Sunday, August 23, 2026, Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus Council 2061 in Sayreville held its annual installation of officers at St. Stan's Church. The council extends its best wishes to the newly elected officers for a blessed and successful term. Mike Cook-Grand Knight; Jimmy Kenny-Deputy Grand Knight; PGK Jim Revel-Chancellor; Harry Eiring-Warden; Rich Kosmoski-Inside Guard; Dave Cooke-Outside Guard; Jim Poltritzky-Financial Secretary; PGK John Schnitzer-Treasurer; PGK Pat Revel-Recording Secretary; Fr. John Alvarado-Chaplain; PGK Billy O'Neill—Trustee; PGK Rick Brannagan-Trustee; PGK Ed Reagan-Trustee. (Photo/Story submitted)

Talk of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Two More Priests Celebrate Ordination Anniversaries

Father David Pekola, Pastor of Our Lady of Victories, Sayreville, recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He previously served as Pastor of Assumption, Hackettstown; St. Patrick's, Belvidere; St. Rose Lima, Oxford.

Father Michael Gromadzki, also had reason to celebrate for his 25th jubilee since he was ordained. Father Michael was appointed by the Bishop in 2012 as the new Pastor of St. Mary of Ostrabama Parish in South River, replacing his brother Father

Stanley Gromadzki, who became the Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy. Congratulations to both priests, and may God continue to bless you.

Ryan Named New Police Chief

Former South Amboy resident James “Jim” Ryan was sworn in on September 1st as the Chief of Police for South Brunswick. Jim became the 7th Police Chief in the 90-year history of South Brunswick. Congratulations to a great guy, and may you have continued success in your new position.

Prayer to St. Jude

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Most Holy Apostle St. Jude Thaddeus, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered your beloved Master into the hands of the enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases and of things despaired of. Pray for me who is so needy; make use, I implore you of that particular privilege accorded to you to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolations and succor of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings and that I may bless God with you and all the elect throughout eternity. I promise you, O blessed St. Jude to be ever mindful of this great favor, and I will never cease to honor you as my special and powerful patron and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank you St. Jude for answering my prayers. J.J.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -K.A.

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It's A Bugs Life



This caterpillar was grazing on herbs in a local garden. By the time you are seeing this, it is now a beautiful Black Swallow Tail butterfly. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)



A Praying Mantis was hanging out on the net of a trampoline! (Photo by Aurora Stratton)

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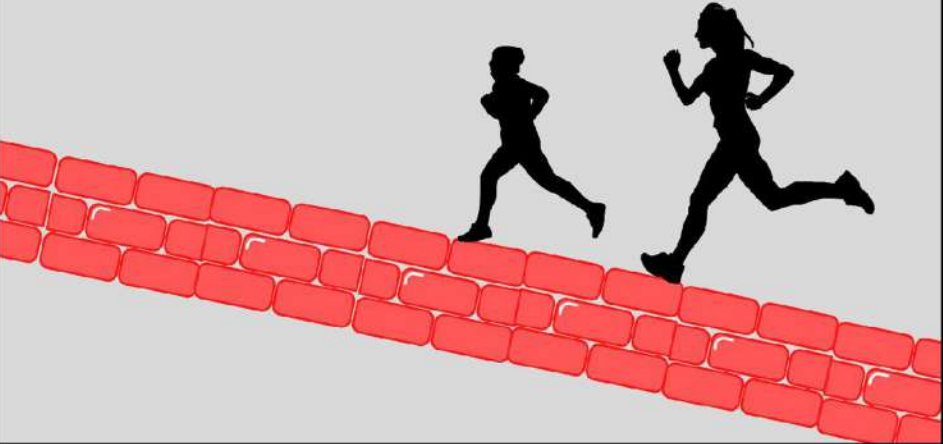
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Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1.In 1993, the President of the Sacred Heart Holy Name Society was?
a.Frank Sullivan b.Adam Rzepka c.Eugene Witkowski

2.In '02, where was Jo Jo's Racing Collectibles store located in Sayreville?
a.Rt. 35 North b.Main St. c.Rt. 35 South

3.This travel agency was located at South Pine Ave., South Amboy in '93?
a.Amboy Ports of Call b.Travel Trips c. Cruise & Trips

4.In 2007, where was Plus Polish Specialty Deli located in Sayreville?
a.MacArthur Ave. b.Jernee Mill Rd. c.Washington Rd.

5.This bar was located on Ridgeway Ave., South Amboy in '93?
a.Ridgeway Tavern b.Bob's 2 X 4 c.Bev's Cozy Corner

6.Back in 2016, what was the pet grooming business in Sayreville?
a.Mary Sue's Pet Parlor b.Dogs & Cats Grooming c.Mel's Pet Parlor

7.South Amboy Fire Official in 2002?
a.Ed Szatkowski b.Chuck Pickard c.Don Tormello

8.Pastor of OLV Church in '19?
a.Father Tom Ryan b.Father John Josephson c.Father Daniel O'Riley

9.South Amboy DAV Commander in 2002?
a.James Campbell b.Arthur Holmes c.Bob MacDonald

10.Where in Sayreville is Total Hardware & Garden currently located?
a.Washington Rd. b.Fisher St. c.Main St.



Answers
1c 2a 3a 4b 5c 6c 7a 8a 9c 10b.

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Remember When?
Salt Water Day In South Amboy
(Photos by Jim Tedesco)



1961- "Salt Water Day" in South Amboy was held. Pictured is the battleship and skiff in the bay with crew & local guests, who waited on a long line at the Boat Club for hours to be taxied out to tour the ship.

1961- "Salt Water Day" at the South Amboy Boat Club, was a big happening in town as can be attested to by this huge line waiting for their rides on the skiff that would take them out to the battleship in the bay.

Sayreville Library News

The Retirement Paycheck-Strategies for making your money last.
Monday, Oct 5 @ 5:30PM
Retirement is about more than saving enough, it's about knowing how to turn your savings into income that can support the lifestyle you want. Join Kimberly Stratton from Marg Financial for this informative session, and explore general strategies for creating retirement income, managing expenses, understanding different sources of income, and making your money last throughout retirement. Registration required. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.
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Pumpkin Season with Vanessa (Virtual)
Wednesday, Oct 14 @3PM
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Understanding the impact of Data Centers-An Informational Session.
Monday, Oct 19 @6PM
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Tuesday, Oct 20 @1PM
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Bus Trip To Wind Creek Casino
The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will be running a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino on Saturday, November 7th in Bethlehem, PA. The cost is \$50.00 per person which includes \$25.00 in slot money and snacks on the bus. The bus will depart from the AOH building located at Second St. and North Stevens Ave., South Amboy, at 9:00am. The bus will depart Wind Creek at approximately 4:30pm. Must be 21 yrs old and proper ID is required. To reserve a seat, contact Claire, at 732-619-5630. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

Hardy Mum Sale
The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will hold a hardy mum sale the weekend of September 25-27th in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy NJ (across from Sacred Heart Church). Locally grown 8" hardy mums in assorted colors will be available for purchase. Please come by Friday, September 25, 2-5PM; Saturday, September 26, 12 Noon-5PM; and Sunday, September 27, 7:30AM-2PM, and support our organization's fundraising.

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**FROM THE DESK OF
TOM REILLY**

Like most of our residents of a certain age, I remember exactly where I was on that fateful day twenty-five years ago when our nation changed forever. As painful as those ensuing days and weeks were, there were also moments of great inspiration -- of neighbors doing all they could to help and console each other, and of first responders selflessly answering the call of duty. I am sure those memories of the great devotion of our friends and neighbors have stayed with all of us. And it is why I continue to remain proud of the work our emergency management personnel continue to do in our city.

No one wants to imagine an emergency affecting their family or community. It is our great fortune as a community that, while we go about our lives, the South Amboy Office of Emergency Management works behind the scenes every day planning, preparing, and coordinating the resources needed to protect our city. Our residents can rest assured that, when the unexpected happens, OEM is ready to support them.

OEM serves as the city's central coordinator for disaster prevention, response, and recovery. Whether our community faces severe weather, flooding, an industrial accident, or another emergency, OEM works alongside our police officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, school officials, and other agencies to protect our residents.

Emergency preparedness is especially important as South Amboy continues to grow. New waterfront development requires careful planning for flooding, evacuations, emergency access, and communication. OEM works with city officials and developers to help ensure that this progress is accompanied by strong safety measures.

OEM also collaborates with our school administrators on emergency action plans and coordinates with our police and first aid to identify residents -- particularly seniors and people with medical or mobility needs -- who may require additional assistance during an evacuation, power outage, or severe storm. Investments in upgraded communications equipment, portable message boards, light towers, drones, and water-rescue capabilities have further



strengthened the city's ability to respond when every moment matters.

Like most matters of civic life, preparedness works best when all of us pitch in together as a community. An informed and involved community is one of our strongest defenses. To stay informed, residents can register online or with their smartphones through Smart911 to receive timely notifications about severe weather, road closures, public-safety emergencies, parades, concerts, and other local events. Assistance with registration is also available at the South Amboy Senior Center. For additional information, residents may email saoem@southamboynj.gov.

Those who want to become even more involved may participate in Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, training. The program combines classroom instruction with practical exercises in disaster preparedness, fire safety, basic medical response, team organization, and light search and rescue. CERT gives ordinary citizens the skills to assist their families, neighbors, and first responders during an emergency.

South Amboy continues to grow and change, but our commitment to protecting one another remains constant. I hope we will all remember that preparedness is more than equipment, plans, and procedures; it is a promise that we will do our best to be there for our friends and neighbors when the chips are down and when we need each other most. By staying informed, getting involved, and continuing to look out for our neighbors, we can ensure we keep that promise.

Respectfully
Tom Reilly
2nd Ward Councilman
City of South Amboy

Yearbook-St. Mary's 1981

By Tom Burkard

St. Mary's Class of '81 returned for their final year, during the first week of September 1980, and as the kids were cruising through town, they probably had their stereos blasting to top tunes of the day, such as "Upside Down" by Diana Ross, and "Sailing" by Christopher Cross. Sister Joan Gavron was principal and some of her fine faculty included Janet Gray, Ruth Zdanewicz, Sister Nathaniel, Thomas Phillips, Robert Howarth, Dorothy Holliday. The yearbook was dedicated to Mrs. Scordinsky, and the editors-in-chief were Kathy Rhoades and Maureen Maher. Some of the seniors included: Robert Arrington, Craig Burkard, Jim Campbell, Nina Cashman, Bernadette Cassidy, Joanne Cassidy, Debbie Collins, Anna Mae Connolly, Karen Cook, Anthony Corcione, Debbie Creange, Terry Davies, Diane Esposito, Jackie DiGangi, Patricia Dohaney, Maryann Donlon, Mary D'Onofrio, Veronica Gilmartin, Jean Flynn, Barbara Hansell, Mark Hancik, Holly Holton, Phyllis Howard, Susan Kanecke, Stephen Kania, Eileen Keevens, Patricia Kelleher, Joseph Kelly, Catherine Kulik, Susan Lambertson, Teresa Lee, Denise Leveille, Sherri MacDonald, Brian Marino, Luis Mendoza, June Miller, Patricia Mrozowski, Thomas Murray, Joan McMahon, Kevin McDonnell, Mary Kate McNamara, Kathleen McQuade, Mary Morenski, Kelly Noble, Patricia O'Connor, Teresa O'Keefe, John Pachkowski, Lisa Palladino, Judith Pelczar, Chris Peters, Afshin Peyman, Carlene Polites, Joanne Poltrictzky, Ron Prybylowski,

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It is: the people that one contacts,

The places that one has been.

The food that one eats.

The environment that one lives in.

That causes the things that one has done.

And these surely age one's body

And formulates one's life . . .

Hours, days, years

Time is irrelevant, yet not meaningless

For one is never old.

One just keeps getting older.

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Tricky Tray

Sacred Heart Church will be having their annual tricky tray on Friday, October 23, 2026 in Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Avenue South Amboy, NJ 08879. Doors open at 6pm and the first ticket will be pulled at 7:30pm. Pre admission bundles must be purchased when making reservations. No walk-ins as this is always a sold out event! There will be 50-50's, super prizes, door prizes and other tickets sold the night of tricky tray, cash only! Adults only! Call the parish offices at 732-721-0040 with questions or email Shirley at sreadski@aol.com to make your reservations.

Local Authors Spotlight At Sayreville Public Library

Come out to a free event sponsored by the Friends of Sayreville Public Library and meet four local authors on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, Noon-2pm at the Library.

Enjoy a mix of an empowering children's book (Feathers in the Sky by Janine Hernandez), a savage comedy (Exploding Bears by Frank Edler), an inspirational non-fiction journey (When I Was Alone With God by Damaris Falcon-Santiago) and a fast-paced novel with themes of motherhood and family (Secrets of the Midwife by Ann Ormsby). There will be readings, Q&A with the authors and signed copies of books will be available. Refreshments will be served.

OLV Seniors Bus Trips

The OLV Seniors will be holding bus trips to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse- Magical Christmas Special on November 22 2026 and Jersey Tenors on October 25, 2026. Cost is \$180 for each show. Contact Carmen Delikat at: 732-254-9425

The Gift Of Life

By Robert W. Eginton

Sit down little one

and lend me your ear,

It won't take me but a minute.

I'll tell you a story

of the purpose of life

And what you're doing in it.

Life costs not a penny,

But yet it's not free,

There are dues that must be paid.

Cherish the time that

you have been given,

It's the one thing that can't be delayed.

Be strong and behave,

And always be brave,

For life has its own set of rules.

Obedied by the wise,

Ignored by the weak,

And broken by sinners and fools.

You may lose your temper

or even your pride

But never be mistaken,

That the part of me that I give to you

Is the one thing that

will never be taken.

So take this gift, the gift I am giving

The gift of life I give to you.

And with it the thought

That I will always be with you

In all life that you do.

Autumn

By DEE

Yellow, red and burnt orange, all these hues.
Let your travels take you to see these impressive views
Through the hills of North Jersey and up to the Delaware Water Gap.
Spectacular colors; a great photo you could snap
If you want to see those leaves in all their glory,
best get on the ball.

It won't be long now until they start to fall
The farmers markets too, are filled to the brim
With red delicious apples and orange pumpkins
That cool crisp air and bright clear sky of fall
Indeed make this my favorite season of all!

Dr. Madura To Retire

By Tom Burkard

Longtime South Amboy Dentist, Dr. Joseph Madura has announced that he will be retiring soon. There's an old saying that 'Time flies,' and it really does. Dr. Madura has been practicing dentistry in "The Pleasant Little City," for 44 years, treating patients from South Amboy, Sayreville and the surrounding areas.

Joseph Madura was born in South Amboy on Main St. in the upstairs apartment of the house where his Dentist office is located. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart Grammar School and also Christian Brothers Academy (C.B.A.) High School., where he ran track for the Colts. Following high school graduation, he attended Notre Dame University, where he was a classmate of the legendary football great Joe Montana, and also had a class with him. Dr. Madura then attended the UMDNJ of New Jersey.

In 1982, Joe joined his father Paul Madura's practice on Main St., South Amboy, working side by side with him for 10 years until the elder Madura retired at age 80, after 50 years in dentistry. "My dad was the inspiration for me to join the dental field, and by just being a part of his 50 years in practice, it was an honor," said Dr. Joe. When asked what he liked most about being a Dentist, he replied, "The people. I see people from years ago, who have become like family to me. It's like meeting friends all day long. I will miss all of them and the friendships I've made, and I'll also miss listening to their stories."

Dr. Madura said that "My fondest memories of my dad were how kind he was to people, and how dedicated he was to his family."

South Amboy resident, Dr. Yazan "Yaz" Alkhawam is taking over the practice, and it will be known as Clear Path Dentistry.

"My current staff is my receptionist Jennifer, my assistant Ann, and my hygienist Marie, who has been with me since 1992. Donna passed away in 2019.

Dr. Joe said the secret to his success and such an outstanding career is "First, my family and my wife Audrey, and my staff, I've been blessed with such a great staff through the years, that made my job much easier. He and his wife Audrey who "has been so supportive through the years" reside

Welcome Dr. "Yaz"

By Tom Burkard

Dr. Yazan "Yaz" Alkhawam is already starting to continue the wonderful tradition that began with the Madura Family. His practice will be known as Clear Path Dentistry. Dr. "Yaz" is very happy to have his first practice in South Amboy, and commented on Dr. Madura, saying, "Dr. Madura is caring, compassionate and willing to go the extra mile for patients. People praise him so much. I'm looking to emulate him. We were a perfect fit."

The transitioning phase for Dr. "Yaz" at the office began on August 10th. He has been an Associate since 2020. A graduate of NYU in 2020, he was born in Newark, NJ, and is a native of Kearny, where he played

ANNUAL FALL FISH DINNER

The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91 will be having their annual Fall Fish Dinner on Election Day November 3, 2026, in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. The event will be a totally "drive-by" take-out only dinner. The time of the event will be 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and the cost is \$20.00 per dinner.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. For ticket information, call 732-899-6074 or e-mail djsibol@aol.com. Ticket mail orders with payment can be sent

McQuade, Mulvey To Be Honored

Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62 South Amboy is having a testimonial dinner honoring legionnaires Francis "Butch" Mulvey and Brian McQuade.

It will take place Saturday, November 14, 2026 at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus from 6 - 10 pm.

Price is \$50 which includes; music,

Dr. Joseph Madura (l) welcomes South Amboy resident Dr. Yazan "Yaz" Alkhawam, who will continue the Dentistry practice on Main St., South Amboy, and will be calling it Clean Path Dentistry. (Photo submitted)

in Branchburg, New Jersey, and they have three children, Meghan, Steven, Christine, and two grandchildren.

In his retirement, Dr. Madura plans to "Slow down, enjoy life, spend a lot of time with our grandkids, travel, golf, and go fishing." He is currently still working part-time.

"When I met Dr. Yazan "Dr. Yaz" Alkhawam, it just felt right for him to carry on the tradition that started with my dad, and was continued by myself, to serve the people around South Amboy and Sayreville, for all the years I've enjoyed being a part of the community here," said Dr. Madura.

In a closing message to his many patients in South Amboy and Sayreville, Dr. Joseph Madura said, "I will miss you! I've made so many friendships and memories that I will cherish for my life. I'm looking forward to making new memories and enjoying the time God gives me."

God Bless you Dr. Joe, as you embark on your retirement! May you have much health, happiness, and enjoyment always, and thank you for all you have done for everyone!

soccer and was a member of the wrestling team. He did his undergraduate work at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, and has a degree in Cell Biology/Neurology. Dr. "Yaz" and his wife, the former Christine Towlen, who is originally from Sayreville, have three young sons 5 years old, 3 ½, and another 17 months old. "We wanted to find a community to grow with, as Dr. Madura did, and feel the South Amboy School District is the place for us, Dr. "Yaz" stated.

Clear Path Dentistry is a state-of-the-art facility, and the first provider in South Amboy of Invisalign (clear lines instead of metal braces).

TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude gave me hope. -P.S., B.S., S.S., M.S., K.S., S.P., N.P..

Tickets may also be purchased in person on most Monday nights from 7:30 to 8:45pm between September 21 and Oct. 26 at the First Presbyterian Church in South Amboy

We thank you for your support as we continue to benefit the youth of the South Amboy / Sayreville area. For more information on the Camp Dill Foundation and its current activities, go to their web-site at <https://www.campdill.org>.

dinner, beer, wine and soda, coffee, dessert.

To purchase a ticket, contact your South Amboy post legionnaire or email your intent at post62americanlegion@gmail.com

Councilman John’s Monthly Minute

No one likes seeing their property taxes go up. I understand the frustration that comes with an increase, especially at a time when so many everyday costs are already higher. The municipal budget process can also be difficult to follow. It takes months, involves a lot of moving parts, and isn’t always easy to explain. Quite frankly, I’m equally frustrated whenever taxes increase, and I understand why residents want clearer answers about what changed and why.

The process actually begins much earlier than most people realize. In Sayreville, department heads start preparing for the following year’s budget shortly after Labor Day. Over the months that follow, those requests are reviewed against expected revenues, fixed costs, and the services residents rely on every day.

By the time a proposed budget reaches the Borough Council, a great deal of work has already been done. But that doesn’t necessarily mean the work is finished. The numbers still need to be reviewed, questions answered, and opportunities for additional savings or revenue considered before the final budget is adopted.

That’s one reason formal adoption can sometimes take longer than expected. There are State requirements and reviews that must occur, but delays can also result from changing financial information or continued efforts to identify additional spending reductions and revenue sources that could lessen the amount that ultimately has to be raised through property taxes.

I understand why waiting can be frustrating. Residents want to know what they’re going to pay, and there is certainly value in completing the process in a timely manner. At the same time, taking additional time can be worthwhile if it provides an opportunity to improve the final budget.

This year’s budget is also a good example of why municipal finances aren’t always as straightforward as they might appear. Sayreville actually spent less overall than the previous year, yet the municipal tax rate still increased.

At first glance, that doesn’t seem to make sense. I understand that reaction.

The reality is that some costs continue to rise even when spending is reduced elsewhere. At the same time, when revenues available to support the budget decline, more of the cost has to be raised through property taxes. So even with lower overall spending, higher fixed costs and the loss of certain revenues can still result in a tax increase.

Knowing why it happened doesn’t make the increase any easier. Residents aren’t paying their tax bills with percentages on a spreadsheet—they’re paying them from their household budgets. For families dealing with higher everyday expenses and seniors living on fixed incomes, every increase matters.

There’s another part of the conversation that can sometimes be misunderstood. When your property tax bill arrives, the entire amount can easily feel like “the Borough tax.” It isn’t.

Based on Sayreville’s current tax distribution, 55.954% is attributable to school taxes, 25.975% to local municipal taxes, and 14.682% to county taxes. Another 1.62% supports the Municipal Library, and 0.3% supports Municipal Open Space.



Put more simply, about 26 cents of every property tax dollar represents local municipal taxes. More than half is attributable to school taxes, while the County and other dedicated levies account for much of the remainder.

That’s not about pointing fingers or shifting responsibility. When the total bill goes up, residents have to pay it regardless of which portion increased. But understanding that breakdown is important because no single budget determines the entire property tax bill.

And perhaps that’s the larger point.

Municipal budgeting will always involve numbers, rules, deadlines, and financial terminology. But residents shouldn’t have to become municipal finance experts to understand what’s happening with their taxes. When the process takes longer than expected, there should be a clear explanation of why. And when taxes increase, understanding what drove the change is just as important as knowing the final number.

There are practical ways to make that easier. Providing information earlier, creating more opportunities for residents to follow the process, and allowing department heads to publicly explain their budgets and the services behind those numbers can provide valuable context. Residents can better understand not only what is being spent, but why it’s needed, what has changed from the prior year, and where opportunities for savings may exist.

Greater accessibility also gives residents more opportunity to ask questions and better understand the choices that go into building a municipal budget. That doesn’t mean everyone will agree with every decision, but a process that is easier to follow can lead to a better-informed conversation about how tax dollars are being used.

None of that makes paying higher taxes easier, and I don’t expect it to. I know what it’s like to open a tax bill and see that the amount has gone up again. What we can do is continue looking for ways to make the process more understandable, provide residents with greater access to the information behind the numbers, and keep looking for savings and revenues that can help control costs.

Ultimately, residents should have a clear understanding of where their tax dollars are going, what is driving changes from year to year, and how the final budget comes together. Making that information more accessible and creating more opportunities to understand the process can only lead to a more informed conversation about the Borough’s finances.

With gratitude and pride,
John Zebrowski
Sayreville Councilman

Republican Town Hall Invitation

The Sayreville GOP Committee is pleased to host a Town Hall on Monday, October 5 at the American Legion @ 240 MacArthur Avenue in Sayreville. This event will be held from 7 pm to 9 pm. We are happy that Justin Murphy, the candidate for US Senate will be in attendance in addition to John Zebrowski and Mike Colaci, our two councilman candidates.

The event will provide time to discuss their objectives and accomplishments; and more importantly, time for questions and answers. Come prepared to meet the

candidates and ask the tough questions as to why they should get your vote.

Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!!

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -G.S...

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Repeated Song Titles

By Tom Burkard

1.Goody Goody Gumdrops

2.Pata Pata

3.Chewy Chewy

4.Bang Bang (I Shot You Down)

5.Sugar Sugar

6.Rebel Rebel

7.Talk Talk

8.Bye Bye Baby (Baby Goodbye)

9.Monday Monday

10.Liar Liar

11.Laugh Laugh

12.Louie Louie

13.Mony Mony

14.Turn! Turn! Turn!

15.Dance, Dance, Dance

16.Cherry Cherry

a.The Byrds

b.The Four Seasons

c.The Ohio Express

d.The Beach Boys

e.Miriam Makeba

f.The Beau Brummels

g.Cher

h.The Castaways

i.Tommy James/The Shondells

j.Neil Diamond

k.The Kingsmen

l.David Bowie

m.1910 Fruit Gum Co.

n.The Archies

o.The Music Machine

p.The Mamas and The Papas

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Acoustic Friday, October 16, 2026

By Jerry Smith

South Amboy Arts Alliance is pleased to announce that the performers for its October 16, 2026 showcase will be Renee Maskin and Bill Anania.

Asbury Park-based singer/songwriter Renee Maskin has been recognized by New Jersey Stage Magazine as “Songwriter of the Year” in 2023. Renee offers an impressive body of recorded material, including Swimming (2020), The Mysterious Wilds (2023), Shimmer (2023), Chansons de Lune EP (2024), and Is it Real (2025). Her live performances are equally impressive. Onstage, her presence is intimate but with the assurance of a seasoned musician. Her voice is emotionally resonant, tugging at the heart with warmth and vulnerability.

Shotgun Bill Anania refers to himself as a late-blooming singer/songwriter, but that doesn’t mean he hasn’t gone all in when it comes to his involvement in the local music community. He’s hosted many open mics and coordinated shows at Middletown Arts

Center. Currently, Bill hosts the popular 1st Cup Open Mic in Atlantic Highlands, NJ, usually on the first Saturday of every month. Bill has recorded seven CDs as Shotgun Bill and two additional CDs as part of the duo Frank and Bill. One might describe Bill’s songs as wry, plainspoken Americana with a dusty, outlaw, country streak. A few of his song titles are “Should Be in Jail,” Still Not Dead,” and “You Get the Coffee.”

SA Arts is located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and complimentary light refreshments will be offered.

The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future performances. For additional information, contact SA Arts at 732-727-4600, extension 5971, or by email at SAarts141@gmail.com. Watch for updates on the South Amboy Arts Alliance Facebook page.

Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Hey Hot Rod and Music lovers, it’s here already! Yup, this Saturday, the 26th, Kennedy Park “The Blast from the Past” Car Show and Concert, 5-8pm, Richie”Flash”Hart and the Just Us Cruisers Car Club, along with the greatest “Live Classic Rock,” from Central Jersey’s #1 Rock n Roll Outfit,”The Clem and Friends Band,” with our 22nd annual show featuring an outstanding array of beautiful Customs, Hot Rods, Classics, Led Sleds, and Antiques..What’s special for us, this year is that the “Jerry Ust Memorial Best in Show Trophy” will be presented to the winner, here at “The Blast” where 22 years ago Jerry, the then Director of the Sayreville Rec Dept. gave Rich and I, the writer, the go ahead to put this incredible show together! Sadly, Jerry passed away in 2020, and our show was put on hold due to the Covid Outbreak..At the same time Sayreville’s new Rec Director, Brian VanDongen came on board, and all of the Rec’s events were put on hold.That’s when I, the writer, wanted to put together a get together to honor and remember Jerry for his outstanding work, while at the helm of the Rec Dept..at the same time Tony and Brian Jackowski and their staff at St. Stan’s Church and School were discussing putting a Car Show together, to benefit the school. After discussions, Richie and the “Cruisers,”and The “Clem and Friends Band,” and Emmie and Amy Jones from Basement Audio and Sound, joined forces to get their show started, which, this year, it’ll be its 5th annual show..(more on that later)..That’s when Rich and I decided to have the “Jerry Ust Memorial Trophy” to be a part of our efforts, and Jerry’s Memory! So, this year’s ”Blast from the Past”..The Jerry Ust Memorial Trophy will be “HOME”..where it all started 22 years

ago! And our sincere thanks go out to the St.Stan’s Crew and Sayreville Rec Director for allowing us to “bring it home”..This means so much to us! and to Jerry’s Family.. So, this year's show is something special to a lot of us..So, make sure you’re there to be a part of this long awaited tribute..Can’t wait to see who’s gonna be the winner...Quite an Honor to whoever it may be! And, the crowd will be entertained by the late Jerry Ust’s granddaughter, Ms. Ella Cook..who will open our show with the National Anthem, as well as other “surprise” songs from her repertoire.. You guys are gonna love this lady! And, Jerry’s grandson, Jackson Cook, will have the honor of picking the winner of his Grandpops Trophy! Pick a good one Jackson! Hey, the following day, Sunday the 27th, the “Clem and Friends Band” will be onstage for the Boro's Annual Sayreville Day celebration, along with lots of other outstanding and talented entertainers! Fun starts at 12 pm or so..see you all there..Let’s move onto Saturday Oct.24th..for Sayreville VFW Post 4699 Super Scary “Monster Mash Halloween Dinner Dance”..doors open at 5pm...see flyer on this page for all info..this is gonna be fun! Then, the next day, Sunday the 25th, the band will be onstage at St.Stans 5th Annual Halloween Car Show..11am to 3pm..at the Church Fairgrounds..A super Show..300plus Rods, Customs, etc...the largest end of season show in Jersey! Food..50/50s...drawings.. you name it..with Richie Hart and the Just Us Cruisers at the helm..it’s just plain FUN!.. see flyers for info..Lots of Fun in Sept. and Oct.! See you at all the events...bottom line.. Music at ALL Events..just makes ya smile... doesn’t it??"

#1 Pop Hits-September 26

2020-Dynamite-BTS

2011-Moves Like Jagger-Maroon 5

2004-Goodies-Ciara

1995-Gangsta’s Paradise-Coolio

1986-Stuck On You-Huey Lewis/The News

1970-Ain’t No Mountain High Enough

-Diana Ross

1962-Sherry-The Four Seasons.

#1 Country Hits-September 26

2025-What I Want-Morgan Wallen

2016-Peter Pan-Kelsea Ballerini

2007-Take Me There-Rascal Flats

1992-I Still Believe In You-Vince Gill

1988-Addicted-Dan Seals

1979-Just Good Ol’ Boys

-Moe Bandy/Joe Stampley

1966-Almost Persuaded-David Houston

One Hit Wonders

10 Years Ago

2016-Panda-Designer; Cake By The Ocean-DNCE; Broccoli-D.R.A.A.; Don’t Mind-Kent Jones; Chill Bill-Rob Stone; This Girl-Kungs vs. Cookin’ On 3 Burners.

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Prayer to One’s Guardian Angel

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Board of Education to reduce
school taxes.



Ensure true cooperation with
the **Historical Society**,
particularly regarding preservation
of the first Town Hall/Firehouse.



Acquire and protect the
40 acres behind
Kennedy Park.



Return to **caucus agenda**
meetings where issues can
be thoroughly discussed.



Allow public participation at
Council meetings via Zoom.



Realign resources to expand
the hours and days of operation
at **Fort Grumpy**.

*Let's work together
for a better Sayreville!*

BERNIE BAILEY & DEXTER THOMAS

FOR SAYREVILLE COUNCIL

Paid for by B. Bailey & D. Thomas for Council

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Who is it?
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you recognize this legendary band leader? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Oct. 19th.

Last month's mystery trio was Elizabeth Montgomery, Judy Carne and Marlo Thomas.

The following TV fans of the 60's and 70's got it right: Elaine & Rich Angerstein, JoAnn & John French, Pam and Mark DePazza, Pete McIntyre, Kenneth Oleskin, Michael and Irene Logan, Ed English, Edna Pilch, Walter Starzec Jr, Betty Leveille, John Meleski, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, Laurie & Gary Loftus.

Three Beloved TV Stars

Elizabeth Montgomery, Judy Carne and Marlo Thomas were three wonderful women who brought charm, humor and heart to television.

Elizabeth Montgomery became forever loved as Samantha Stephens on Bewitched, using her magical powers—and plenty of patience—to keep life with her mortal husband interesting. Judy Carne made audiences laugh with her unforgettable comedy and famous “Sock it to me!” catchphrase on Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In. And Marlo Thomas captured hearts as Ann Marie on That Girl, an independent young woman trying to make



Elizabeth Montgomery, Judy Carne and Marlo Thomas

her way in New York City.

Each woman had her own special style, but together they represent the fun, spirited and unforgettable era of classic television. Their talent and personalities continue to bring smiles to audiences today.

WWW.?

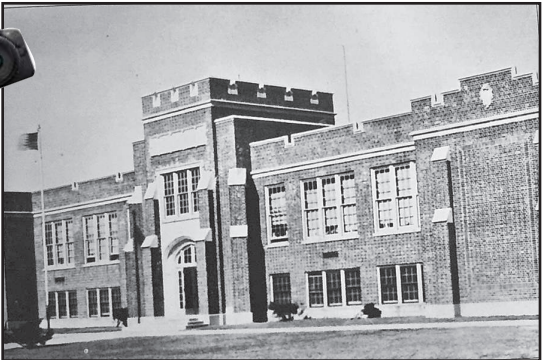


Do you recognize this location? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Oct. 19th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners

Last month's WWW.? was the old Sayreville High School now Woodrow Wilson Elementary School aka “The Castle on the Hill”, in Sayreville.

Winners: Adele O'Hara, Dennis Quinlan, Don Zrebiec, Elaine & Rich Angerstein, JoAnn & John French, Pete McIntyre, Donald Chrzan, Steve Laskiewicz, Edna English, Walter Starzec Jr, Ed Groholski, Betty Leveille, Barb Bockus, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, Lisa Grankowski, Laurie & Gary Loftus.



Woodrow Wilson Elementary School

LETTERS



Hi Tom and Brian.

I hope you are both doing well.

Just an FYI. Tom Kelly is on a podcast called Midwest legends. I watched episode 1 last night, and there were a lot of mentions of South Amboy, Little League Baby Ruth, and High School ball.

Thought you might get a kick out of it, maybe put the link in the paper.

Terry Kelly (Formerly of South Amboy)

Here is the info:

Former Minnesota Twins manager Tom Kelly featured on the Midwest Legends Podcast in September 2026. [1] (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvu_hVNeJ1g), [2] (<https://open.spotify.com/show/7epemv1EbtwvV5Nn98L1fQ>)

Hi,

Thanks to Tom and Brian and the staff for another great edition. Loved the articles and pictures and appreciated the info on the new Bill "Biff" McKeon book. I will purchase one today. Loved the music trivia too, although I am not as good at it, as I recognize the music and the singers, but am terrible at matching them.

Have a wonderful Labor Day!

Bill Farrell

Formerly of Sayreville

‘68 St. Mary's HS Graduate



Dowdell Library News

South Amboy Residents! Dowdell Library is pleased to offer free passes to the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) to South Amboy resident cardholders in good standing! Contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org for more information.

To celebrate America's 250th Anniversary, look for many library events this year! The next program will take place on Thursday, November 19, “A W.A.S.P. Takes Wing!”

"After Lunch" by Seward Johnson - caught sleeping on the job! Drop in to the Dowdell Library to visit this special sculpture on loan from the Seward Johnson Atelier. In the meantime, he will be catching some ZZZZs.

Dress up for the Halloween Costume Contest on Thursday, October 29 at 3:15 pm. Judging starts at 3:45 pm sharp! Prizes!

Toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for Toddler Thursday Play Dates in October from 11:00 to 1:00 pm for games, activities, crafts, and a fun story time. Meet other parents and make new friends!

Kids! Stop by for weekly fun at the After School Fun Club on Wednesdays in October from 3:15 to 4:30 pm.

Tweens and Teens! Don't miss Drop in Club this October from 3:00 to 4:30 pm on Mondays for Board Games, Tuesdays for STEM activities, Board Game Club, and Halloween Trivia, and Fridays for Video Games from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Ages 10+.

Stop by to register for the October Test Kitchen on Monday, October 26 for ages 13+ and Tuesday, October 27 for ages 10 to 12 at 3:00pm! Learn how to make different treats and snacks.

Adults! The Hispanic Heritage Month Culinary program will take place on Thursday, October 8 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Seniors! Senior Tech Time will be held on Monday, October 5 at 10:30am. Come learn about a new technology topic.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, October 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Ask about joining! The city can provide transportation if needed.

Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers online virtual health programs. Please register by emailing community@rwjbh.org. Stretch it Thursdays occurs all month long at 1:00 pm.

The Knitting and Crochet Club meets Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Bring your supplies, tools, and let's get started! Interested in learning how to knit? Drop in for some informal tips.

Use these free services from home! Check out the library's Freegal Music+ Service, which allows you to access a collection of over 18 million songs from more than 93,000 music labels. Or, ask about our new video streaming service, Kanopy with a collection of thousands of movies, television series, and documentaries! Both services offer a mobile app and website at no cost to ensure an easy-to-use and enjoyable experience. These are available for South Amboy cardholders and can be downloaded in the Apple® App Store and Google® Play store.

Dowdell Library's hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, from 10am-8pm; Wednesday and Friday from 10am-5pm. Saturday from 12pm-4pm. Connect on social media!

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.

Continuing Sayreville's Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)

(Article submitted)

Help Sayreville preserve its all-volunteer fire department.

The Borough of Sayreville established the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) under New Jersey law (Chapter 388, Laws of 1997) to recognize and encourage the dedicated service of volunteer members of the Sayreville Fire Department, Sayreville Emergency Squad, and Morgan First Aid Squad.

In 1999, Sayreville voters approved a ballot question establishing the LOSAP program. Over the past 26 years, the cost of living has risen, but the LOSAP contribution has remained unchanged. We are asking

Sayreville residents to approve an increase to the program to help retain volunteers in the community. 4. This should not be viewed as a raise; it would restore the benefit to its 2000 level.

How LOSAP Works

- Eligible volunteers receive an annual contribution to a deferred income retirement account.
- The Borough makes these contributions in compliance with New Jersey law, the Internal Revenue Code, and its LOSAP plan.
- Volunteers must qualify annually by meeting LOSAP Point System requirements, including earning the required service points.



Gomolka's Collectables Give Away!



Al Gomolka
As seen on
American Pickers

Super collector Al Gomolka in conjunction with The SA Times will offer a new contest in each upcoming issue Gomolka's Collectables Give Away. Al would like to give away “FREE” portions of his collections to his fellow South Amboy/Sayreville readers of The SA Times to enhance their collections or just to make them happy. All one has to do is to e-mail to: satimes@aol.com for the Gomolka's Collectables Give Away, and a winner will be selected via a random drawing to receive box fulls of Al's collectables for FREE! The winner will be notified via e-mail before the next newspaper comes out.

Albie's Next Giveaway

Big Paper Collectables (Ephemera) Free Give-A-Way

“The most stuff to give-away yet! All kinds of collectable paper products including sports cards, comic books, postcards, Vintage magazines, stamps, old advertising, collectable books, some with odd subject matter, and some other surprises. The winner will have the beginnings of wonderful collections. Happy Collecting!!!”

Enter to win these FREE goodies!

The winner must pick up the winning prize in person at a certain location in South Amboy or Sayreville. *The winner must be available to pick up the prize at a predetermined location and time, or the prize will be forfeited.

*No prizes will be mailed, and must be picked up in person.

Email your Name and Phone Number

to: satimes@aol.com

Put Gomolka's Contest in the subject line

By October 2nd

Must enter each month

Staff of The SA Times and their family members are not eligible to enter. One entry per household. Must be 18 years or older to enter.

So Amboy St. Patrick’s Day Parade 2027 Honorees-continued from page 1

retirement playing golf, traveling with his lovely wife, and playing in competitive softball leagues. Both he and Anna Mae take boundless joy in spoiling their two grandchildren aged 3 and 6 months. Edward also volunteers his time and is currently serving as President of the South Amboy Ancient Order of Hibernians, Vice President of The Friends of South Amboy and a 20 year plus member of the South Amboy Housing Authority. He is currently a member of the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency which looks out for the welfare of the city, through reviews of the city’s master plan identifying areas marked redevelopment zones and coordinates the development of tracks of land.

In his free time, Edwad is a Trustee of St. Mary’s Parish and sits on the Finance and Parish Council. He is also a former coach for the CYO basketball and South Amboy Little League. Edward stated that he was thrilled that both he and Anna Mae were nominated as Grand Marshals. “I could not have succeeded in my career or taken part in my many volunteer activities without her support.”

Anna Mae (nee Connolly) grew up in Old Bridge with her 5 brothers and one sister. A graduate of St. Mary’s Elementary School and Our Lady of Victories, she attended St. Mary’s High School. Following her graduation from St. Mary’s, Anna Mae attended Monmouth University earning a BA in Business.

Her work career included a position in NYC at a custom jewelry manufacturer, a Customer Service Representative for Guest Supply, allowing her to travel to Canada and Hawaii, as well as working trade shows in Manhattan.

Anna Mae went on to explain that she was fortunate enough to be able to be a stay-at-home mom for 15 years and became active at school clubs, organizations and activities as her boys got older. She has volunteered as the PTO Treasurer and President, as well as the South Amboy Players, the South Amboy Parade Committee in its early years, St Mary’s Parish Council and is a member of Heartworks, a New Jersey based acts-of-kindness non-profit. Founded in response to the community spirit following September 11th, the organization provides support, connection, and financial relief to individuals and families facing grief, chronic illness, unexpected injury, or severe hardship. Anna Mae has worked at South Amboy Elementary School in several capacities including substitute teacher, paraprofessional, and full-time secretary at the Board of Education office. But her fondest memories stem from time spent raising her children and being involved with the plays performed by the South Amboy Middle/High School theatre.

Anna Mae’s reaction to the nomination was at first embarrassment but she went on to explain how honored she feels to stand next to her husband as well as stand upon the shoulders of her father-in-law Alfred (Alfie) O’Connor who was one of the original members of the Irish American Association, the organization that was the catalyst for the South Amboy Parade.

Our Deputy Grand Marshal, Catherine Housman. was born in Perth Amboy and has resided in South Amboy for the past 47 years. She was pre-deceased by her husband of 21 years, South Amboy Police Officer, Sgt. William Housman. She is the proud mother of three adult daughters: Donna, Kate and Kristen.

Although she originally had her sights on a career as a librarian, she changed her mind after speaking with her best friend whose goal was to go to nursing school. After much thought Cathy’s sensitivity, connection to people and desire to serve led her to enrollment in the Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing. She has spent the last 50 years working in various capacities in South Amboy as an Emergency Room nurse at South Amboy Memorial Hospital for 24 years and a full-time nurse at the South Amboy Middle/High School from 1999 until present day where she provides medical care and a trusting and relaxed environment, while also allowing students, parents and

staff a chance to talk or take a breather. She has many fond memories from her time in nursing, but she stated that the highlight of her career was participation in two Medivac helicopter transports to New York City, which set down in Central Park. “For a little town and emergency room, we saw our fair share of trauma situations.”

Catherine also enjoys her membership in the Middlesex County School Nurse Association, the Municipal Alliance against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, The Friends of South Amboy and working for South Amboy’s Office of Emergency Management during Covid or other such events.

She also looks forward to enjoying her eight grandchildren and new great- grandson as well as maintaining contact with former students. Her hobbies include walking, reading, and spending time on Long Beach Island.

Catherine was deeply honored and surprised by her nomination and credits her parents for her sense of service and desire to give back to her community, as well as honoring her parent’s Irish roots.

Born in Jersey City, NJ and currently residing in Old Bridge, Dr. Harold McKenna will hold the title of Honorary Grand Marshal in the city’s 2027 parade. When he learned that he was nominated to serve as Honorary Grand Marshal, he replied that he was humbled, grateful and pleasantly

surprised! He is very proud of his Irish roots as his paternal grandfather, James McKenna emigrated from Dingle, Ireland while his maternal grandmother, nee Callahan, and his maternal grandfather, Hallahan both emigrated from County Cork where the family came through Ellis Island and settled in Jersey City. He and his wife Cheryl are the proud parents of two beautiful daughters and 2 sweet granddaughters. Dedicated to his craft, he looks forward to his daily walks with his dog, EmmiLou.

Dr. McKenna attended St. Aedan’s Grammar school, St. Peter’s Prep High School and St. Peter’s College all located in Jersey City. He attended medical school in Guadalajara Mexico at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara and completed his residency at St. Michael’s Medical Center, Newark. As a result, he is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Dr. McKenna is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and has 50 years of clinical experience as a primary care physician caring for patients aged 15 to 100 at his South Amboy practice. He credits his parents, as well as his Jesuit education, who encouraged him to pursue medicine so that he could contribute and help improve social well-being through healthcare.

Known for his compassionate approach, attentive listening skill, calm and reassuring demeanor Dr. McKenna has cultivated long

standing with his patients built on trust and reliability. He is proud to say that many of his current patients are children and grandchildren and, in some cases, great grandchildren of former patients!

Formally affiliated with Raritan Bay Medical Center for over 45 years until February 2026 when Dr. McKenna decided to concentrate fully on his private practice, stating that he loves taking care of his patients and enjoys the challenge of diagnosing a patient’s illness and helping them to regain their health and always taking the time to listen to their concerns/problems and symptoms. He finds it extremely rewarding, hearing the gratitude that patients express as he cares for them.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING
Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -R.S., A.S., L.P., H.S., L.S., E.P., I.P., A.R.S.P.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY
O holy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand. Assure me that I am not alone. You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me (mention request here). Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from heave and guide me with thy strength. Plead for me in my needs. And teach me to be humbly thankful as you were for all the bountiful blessings I am to receive. – B.S., P.S., S.S., M.S., S.P., N.P., K.S.

Notification of Environmental Investigation and Cleanup
Riverton Redevelopment Site
1000 Chevalier Avenue and Off Mian Street
Sayreville, Middlesex County, New Jersey
NJDEP Preferred Identification (PI) #s 018025 and 743154
September 2026

In accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) regulations for "Notification and Public Outreach", the Sayreville Economic Redevelopment AGENCY (SERA) and Sayreville Seaport Associates Urban Renewal, L.P. (SSA) is providing the following information related to environmental conditions and on-going environmental remediation at the above referenced property. Note that the two properties related to the NJDEP Preferred Identification numbers referenced herein are being redeveloped as one contiguous property, known collectively as the Riverton Redevelopment.

PI # 018025 – Former NL Industries (NL) operated on this property from approximately 1935 to 1997. NL's operations primarily included a sulfuric acid plant and former ore processing operations to extract titanium for the production of titanium dioxide, and associated operations. Several dredge spoil deposition areas used by the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) are also located on the site. Known and suspected sources of contamination related to these operations generally included: the dredge spoil deposition, transformers, equipment, wastewater discharge, spills of sulfuric acid, aboveground and underground petroleum storage tanks and appurtenances, and ore processing operations. Constituents of concern found in soil, sediment, and/or groundwater typically included certain polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), metals, naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORMs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and sulfate. Affected soil was and is continuing to be remediated by a combination of excavation and off-site disposal, on-site blending, in-situ stabilization and capping. Affected sediment was and is being remediated, where warranted, by capping and offsite wetlands replacement. Groundwater beneath the property related to historic filling was addressed by a Classification Exception Area (CEA). Beneath a portion of the former main plant area of the Site, groundwater was also impacted by spills from a former historic sulfuric acid plant and associated operations, with groundwater remedial action being conducted by injection of magnesium oxide to raise the groundwater pH and reduce concentrations of sulfate, metals and NORMs.

PI # 743154 – The Middlesex County Utility Authority (MCUA) historically operated on this property. Former MCUA operations on the property included use of a pump station, drainage swales and a wastewater sewerage easement, with potential runoff from local industrial operations. Constituents of concern potentially associated with these operations included certain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and certain metals. Metals concentrations have been identified above NJDEP standards in both soil and groundwater. Since the discovery of VOCs in groundwater, SSA has shown that the VOCs in groundwater have attenuated to concentrations below NJDEP standards. Accordingly, no further remedial action with respect to VOCs in groundwater is necessary. Soil was addressed, where needed, by excavation and use of compliance averaging which shows no remediation is required based on future non-residential uses.

SERA and SSA have evaluated potential environmental impacts from the site including the potential for the contamination from the properties to affect drinking water wells and the quality of indoor air to ensure that any impacts from site related constituents, if any, are promptly mitigated.

For additional information or to obtain a copy of the complete fact sheet for the Riverton Development, please contact Sayreville Seaport Associates Urban Renewal, L.P. at (860) 214-7195 and/or the LSRP of record Michael Gonshor at (856) 423-8800.



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School Sports
By Tom Burkard

Sayreville Football
Appiah Leads Bombers To Opening Win

The Sayreville Bombers football team opened the season with a 23-19 win over Plainfield, as Sherwin Appiah excelled on offense, accounting for 3 touchdowns, 2 rushing with the longest a 66-yard run, and also intercepted a Plainfield pass and raced for another score. In 9 rushing attempts he racked up 156 yards for Coach Mark Poore's squad.

Game #2

A strong Ridge team ripped Sayreville, 21-7. Chiemerie Attah hauled in a 72-yard TD pass from quarterback Marcus Butka. Philip Sayouwoh booted the extra point.

Game #3

The powerful Bombers were way too much for Edison, and destroyed the Eagles, 41-6. Appiah notched 121 yards in 18 rushing tries, including a 25-yard TD jaunt, and also scored a touchdown on a 78 yard scoring bomb from Butka. Gabriel Manson rushed for 70 yards on 6 rushes, good for 2 TD's, and Shane Walsh added a touchdown.

Boys Soccer
South Amboy (2-0)
Coach Tony Gonsalves

***Congratulations Coach now in your 50th season at the helm!

Guvs Nip Edison Magnet

The South Amboy Guvs nipped Edison Magnet, 3-2. Kcen Ventura, Manny Souza, and Dilin Crespo scored a goal apiece for the Purple & Gold.

Sayreville (1-2)
Coach Tom Wonaszek
Bombers Win First Game

After dropping their first two games, Sayreville topped Woodbridge, 2-1. Eugene Zebrowski and Jude Wilkins scored a goal apiece, and Jaden Feijo added an assist.

Girls Soccer
Sayreville (3-1)
Coach Alison Riccio
Sayreville Girls Romp In Opener

Sayreville girls plastered Piscataway, 7-1 in the season opener. Emma Halmo blasted in 3 goals, Leah Eskolsky 2, while Sabrina Costa and Amy Iskarden each added a goal.

South Amboy (0-4)
Coach Gina Martinez

*No information provided on the first four soccer matches.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER
(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -K.H.S.



Fall is in the air and this Sayreville Junior Bombers Cheerleading team has been working hard at perfecting their cheers for the Junior Bombers Flag Football games! Go Bombers!



Fishing Flashes
By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

There is a change in our local beach fishing on Raritan Bay. Some small Bluefish are still around as are some big Cownose Rays so you still have to watch your rod. There are lots of Spots being caught. A few times I saw people filling buckets with these small hand size panfish at Cliffwood Beach. The surf still has Fluke, most are shorts. You have to work hard to find a keeper. The season for them closes on September 25th. Party boats are doing very well with their Fluke fishing, Sea Bass and Ling. Party boats fishing for Bluefish are doing well; most have reached their boat limit of 7 fish per person. Fish range from 2 to 10 pounds with some even larger. Bonito and False Albacore have shown up too. There is also a run of small one pound Binito in the surf at Island Beach and LBI. Small jigs cast into the surf will work as they come in and out.

Fresh Water

Fishing is still slow due to hot weather and rain. Hybrid Stripers are in Lake Hopatcong. Spruce Run and Round Valley Reservoirs are low. Carp, Catfish and various Panfish can be found Statewide and in the Delaware River. Large Mouth Bass are now an early morning or evening catch. Fall Trout stocking takes place in early October with mostly larger fish. The keeper limit is now 2 trout until Spring stocking in April and May 2027.

Catch Any Fish Lately?

Let The SA Times and its readers share in your good day of fishing. Why not show it to everyone? Send a photo of you and your catch with a caption including your name and town, type of fish, when and where you caught it, the length and weight if you wish, or any other pertinent information. Please make sure it's a clear picture and we will be glad to publish it in The SA Times for FREE! Email your photo/caption to: satimes@aol.com.



Someone To Love
By Philip

*When I was young
I prayed to God,
To send me someone to love.
He answered me with
the girl of my dreams
A gift from Heaven above.
We went together for
just a few months,
Then I asked her to marry me.
To my delight she answered "yes,"
And the rest is history.
We were married for 59 years,
And each day was
a blessing for me.
Our love for each other was
special and true,
And we pledged our
love for eternity.
Then God took her home
a few years ago,
And it left me with
a broken heart.
But, I know I'll see her in
Heaven again,
And we'll never have to part.*



The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives-60 Years Ago



1966- Pictured is the Mechanicsville Fire Co. South Amboy, shortly after capturing their unprecedented third consecutive playoff championship series title by defeating Independence Fire Co. Mechanicsville also won the league's regular season pennant (1st place) for the third straight season. Pictured top row (l-r) Assistant Manager Frank Jankowski, Bill Cheeseman, Rich Muchanic, Mike Powers, Jim Tingle, Fran Cigus Vanni, Mark Bratus, Tom Kelly, Joe Jaskowiak, Tom Burkard, Ron Sturgis, Joe DeLucia, Manager Joe McCarthy. Bottom row (l-r) Bill Parsons, Joe Vigilante, Jim Pavlonnis, Joe Wallis, Batboy-Joe McCarthy, Ray Downs, Ken Kokoszka, Ray Leonard, Tom Ruzsala. Missing from photo-Coach Joe Kelly, Gene Chodkiewicz.

60 Years Ago Mechanicsville Won Third Straight Championship

By Tom Burkard

In 1966, after winning two straight pennants (1st place regular season), and South Amboy Babe League playoff championships, Mechanicsville Fire Co. faced a stiff challenge to become the first team in history to capture 3 consecutive titles.

With the loss of ace franchise-pitcher, Curt Wood, and star first baseman, Leo Dohan, all the other teams were shooting to unseat the champs and take the crown.

Back for their final season was team leader, Tom Kelly, Mark Bratus, Joe Jaskowiak, Ray Leonard, Tom Burkard, Mike Powers, Fran "Cigus" Vanni, Jim Tingle and Joe DeLucia.

Many talented rookies were drafted in the off-season by Manager Joe McCarthy, including Joe Wallis, Joe Vigilante, Ray Downs, Bill Cheeseman, Ken Kokoszka, Bill Parsons, Ron Sturgis, Jim Pavlonnis, Rich Muchanic. Young Joe McCarthy was once again the team's energetic batboy.

Mechanicsville after a tough start, with only a (1-2) record, began to jell, and turned it completely around, to capture the pennant with an (11-2) record, while rolling through the playoffs, and finishing the championship series with a sweep over Independence Fire Co., for a (14-2) overall mark on the season. In the final game of the series, Mechanicsville defeated Independence, 5-2, with lefty starter Jim Tingle picking up the victory, 5-2.

I played first base, and will never forget that final exciting inning, as Tingle loaded the bases with 2 outs, and Manager McCarthy brought in Tom Kelly to face Frank Prasnal, who hit a sharp grounder to me at first for the final out of the season, and our third consecutive championship. Sure wish I kept the ball as a souvenir (lol). The year of 1966 was an incredible run for the Mechanicsville Fire Co. Babe Ruth League baseball team, as we won 3 consecutive regular season (1st place pennants), and 3 consecutive playoff championships, a feat that lasted for 40 plus years, and was never topped in South Amboy. All of our teammates were not only fantastic players, but great guys and friends, who always stuck together and supported each other, when we were doing well or having a tough game. According to local newspaper reports, the 3-year dynasty's record was an incredible 50 wins and only 5 losses.

Players Share Memories:

Ray Downs- "Mr. McCarthy was a teacher of the game, and did an outstanding job teaching all of us rookies how to play the game at this level. His assistant Frank Jankowski never missed a practice and their dedication was outstanding. That year, we had a powerhouse and won the South Amboy Babe Ruth League championship. Holy cow, winners as rookies, not too bad!

The '66 championship team was stacked to the hills with Tom Kelly, "Moose Ruzsala," Joe Jaskowiak, Mike Powers, Fran "Cigus" Vanni, Ray Leonard, Tom Burkard, Joe DeLucia, Jim Tingle, and rookies Ray Downs, Joe Vigilante, Joe Wallis, and our Coach Joe McCarthy. It was a memory of a lifetime playing alongside so many talented local

guys, and being on a championship team."

Joe Jaskowiak- "It was great that we won 3 championships in a row, and cool that the Mechanicsville Fire Dept. provided us with jackets for the second time in three years."

Joe Wallis "The '66 team was the best team and players I ever played with."

Al Gomolka, who played on the Oak View Nursing Home team that lost in the playoff championship games to Mechanicsville in 1964 and 1965, recalled his last year in the league, and just how special and talented the great Tom Kelly was. "Mechanicsville was a team loaded with superstars. I knew every player personally, and they could play with the best of them. I'll never forget lining a single to center field, where Kelly was playing, and his arm was so strong that he threw me out at first base. Can you imagine that?" (This was a preview of a future Major League baseball player/coach/manager)

Fred Henry (All-Star pitcher for Independence Fire Co.) said, "It was obvious with outstanding pitchers Curt Wood, Tom Kelly, and Jim Tingle, over 3 years, they won the championship. We had a very competitive team also."

Ray Leonard "I was a lucky guy to be on the Mechanicsville Babe Ruth League team that was winning 3 championships, and playing with All-Stars like Tom Kelly, Curt Wood and Billy Clayton, and my Mechanicsville buddies Tom Burkard and Joe Jaskowiak."

Cigus Vanni "If you have 3 pitchers Tom Kelly, Curt Wood, and Jim Tingle, how can you lose a game? Well, you pitch me, and I lost 3 games, and our team lost 3 games from 1964-65-66. In '64 we were undefeated, '65-one loss, and '66-2 losses. I was embarrassed to lose, but kind of redeemed myself in the playoffs against Komars when I drove in the winning run with a single off of George Beck, who was really a good pitcher."

Notebook: The team actually featured 6 guys who lived in Mechanicsville-Jaskowiak, Leonard, Tingle, Burkard, Kokoszka, and Sturgis...Four players were teammates for 7 consecutive years on Little League and Babe Ruth League-Vanni, Leonard, Jaskowiak, and Burkard...Manager Joe McCarthy grew up in Mechanicsville...Two players from the '66 champs went on to be teammates on the 1969 St. Mary's state championship baseball team, Wallis and Burkard...Players from this team had successful careers in baseball. Tom Kelly (Major League Baseball), and 2 players Kelly and Tingle made All-State, as did batboy, Joe "Moose" McCarthy. Tom Ruzsala was the only player to go on to play college ball, and ironically he and Fred Henry, played for Middlesex CC, and also Trenton State.

**Please take a moment of silence to remember the members of this outstanding team who have passed away through the years, and never forgotten. They are: Manager Joe McCarthy, Assistant Manager Frank Jankowski, Coach Joe Kelly; Players-Mike Powers, Joe Vigilante, Mark Bratus, Jim Tingle, Ron Sturgis, and Batboy-Joe McCarthy.*

Glory Days In Local Sports

2025-Sayreville blasted Linden, 28-14. Shaun Jackson, Dion Osa, Shawn Appiah, and Andrew Provenza scored touchdowns for the Bombers...2017-The Bombers shocked Edison, 28-0, behind quarterback Mark Whitford, who fired 2 TD passes. Connor Holmes notched 2 touchdowns, while Elijah Clark and Jacari Carter scored 1 apiece...2007-In the season opening football game, David Brearley shutout Cardinal McCarrick, 27-0. Sam Wright topped the Eagles with 46 yards rushing in 6 attempts...1998-Sayreville opened their boys cross country season with a 15-50 triumph over Monroe.

James Gilligan took 2nd place, and Robin Mesina 5th...1986-Hoffman girls softball team pounded St. Peter's 12-2 behind winning

T.H.E. Game

By Tom Burkard

Sport-Football Year-1998

Teams-Sayreville vs. Edison (Opening Game)

Recap- The Bombers blasted the Eagles, 49-0 to kickoff the '98 campaign. Yazid Jackson racked up 3 touchdowns, one on a 5-yd. pass from Charlie Bowden, another on a 30-yd. interception return, and also a 70-yarder on a recovered fumble. Bowden connected for 2 TD passes and 1 extra point pass. Farinick hauled in a 22-yard touch-down pass from Bowden. Brandon Hoyte broke loose for a 52-yd. TD run, and Ira Gilmore hit paydirt on a 42 yd. jaunt. Bowden also booted 3 extra points. **Co-MVP's**-Charlie Bowden and Yazid Jackson.

South Amboy Babe Ruth League Draftees-1979

Mario's-Tom Krygier, Brian McCabe, Steve Martin, Jay Kennedy, Ken Huryk; **Trust Co.**-Jim Beshada, Bob Gallery, John McQuade, Kevin Gorczyca, Pat Leonard; **Komars**-Jim Shaw, Joe Pipala, Mark Thompson, Peter Smith, Kevin Marmone; **Mechanicsville**-Jeff Pacansky, Pat Kelly, Joe Lewis, Carson Bloodgood, Jeff Wence; **Boat Club**-Billy Bright, Mike Matarangolo, Tom Hoffman, Bob Pawlik, Mike Levandoski; **Independence**-Tom Szaro, John Skarzynski, Mike Toth, Mike Shannon, John Vona.

1-Year Ago

2025-Sayreville opened their football season with a 26-18 victory over Colonia. Shaun Jackson broke loose for all 4 of the Bombers touchdowns.

20 Years Ago Guvs Snap 17-Year Streak

2006-The SA Guvs' boys cross country squad defeated Cardinal McCarrick, 22-33, marking their first win over city rivals since 1989. The Eagles' Matt Wiater captured 1st place, but Coach Fred Henry's speedsters garnered 2nd through 5th finishes. 2-Kyle Septor 3-Mark Parisen 4-Matt Richmond 5-John Winkler.

65 Years Ago

1961-St. Mary's baseball team trounced St. Rose of Belmar, 7-1. Joe Sulkowski was the winning pitcher, and received plenty of support from Jim Heffernan, who blasted a solo home run, Pat Marotta with 2 hits and 2 RBI, and Tom Fitzmorris was 2-for-2.

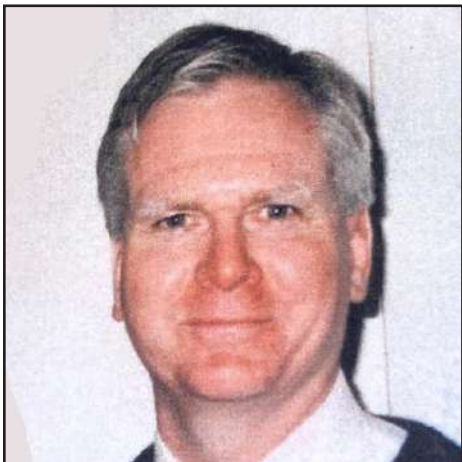
Back In Those College Days

Tracey Thomsen (Sayreville) played for Bloomfield College, and in 1998, was selected to the NAIA Women's Softball All-America Scholar Athletes team.

Quick Baseball Games 100 Years Ago

1926-The New York Yankees lost a doubleheader in 2 of the quickest times in MLB history. The Browns beat New York 6-1 in 72 minutes, and 6-2 in just 55 minutes. At the time, the Yankees had already clinched the American League pennant.

pitcher Kim Schuck. Tricia Popowski and Lynn Ust blasted home runs...1970-St. Mary's boys cross country team defeated Crosstown rival Hoffman, 24-32. Alan Neidermeyer captured 1st place, while teammates followed in 2nd-Rich Therckelsen, 5th-David St. Amour, 7-Don Ebinger, 9-John Avigliano. (The Hoffman finishers were not mentioned in the newspaper from that meet)...1965-In baseball play, Hoffman, behind a stellar pitching/hitting performance by Curt Wood, downed Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 3-1. Wood tossed a 3-hitter, with 16 strikeouts, and also had a perfect 3-for-3 day at the plate. Frank Pauloski blasted a double and triple.



Edward "Ed" Twomey

Remembering Ed Twomey

By Tom Burkard

We just found out the news that Edward "Ed" Twomey, 76, died on May 7, 2025. Ed was a great coach at St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick, and also a fine Guidance Counselor, who worked the local high school for 36 years, and became Director of the Guidance Dept.

Ed was head coach of boys cross country, and also girls cross country teams. In addition, he coached the boys tennis team, which featured the school's greatest boys tennis player Matt Sabo. In '92, Ed was chosen The Home News Coach of the Year. In 2008, he was inducted into Cardinal McCarrick Sports Hall of Fame. His combined victory totals on the varsity level included boys cross country 226; girls cross country 39; boys tennis 21; boys basketball 2 (2-0). Ed's career victories total was 288, 2nd on St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick all-time list behind the great Eagles basketball coach Joe Lewis who had an incredible 300 plus wins in his career. Twomey was a great sports historian on St. Mary's athletes, and on many occasions, we combined our research on different eras and teams. Ed Twomey was a terrific person, dedicated to his career, and helpful to anyone in need. God Bless Ed!

50 Years Ago 1976

South Amboy Little Fellas League

First Aid 6 Parkway Fabricators 5-Winning pitcher Bob Kelly fired a 3-hitter and struck out 12. Tom Lewis struck out 10 for Parkway, and had 2 hits including a homer. Progressive 5 Jo-Tom's 1-Billy Paffrath stroked 2 hits. Modern Trans 5 English Chevron 4-Gary Vona drilled 4 hits for Chevron. Jo-Tom's 9 Lions 5-Mike Carney drilled 4 hits. Lions 3 Parkway Fabricators 2-Tom Kross in his first start was the winning pitcher.

Major League Baseball Report

Riley O'Brien, grandson of the late, great John O'Brien of South Amboy, has been having an outstanding season for the St. Louis Cardinals. The talented closing pitcher has appeared in 60 games, 58 innings, 57 strikeouts, ERA-4.11, leads the National League with 36 saves, and is (3-7).





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In Memoriam
John Winkler Sr., 80, of Morgan died on Sept. 6. He was a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary church, where he also was involved in the Food Pantry and RCIA.

Obituaries
Allen, Annette Puccio, 64, of Morgan died on Sept. 11.
Dietrick, Diane E. Nota, 78, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 25.
Egan, Eleanor "Cookie," 89, of South Amboy died on Aug. 20.
Farrell, Patricia J., 83, of Parlin, died on Sept. 14.
Golio, Ann, 81, of South Amboy died on Aug. 17.
Golliver, Edward L., 80, of South Amboy died on Aug. 31.
Gregoreski, Joseph, 86, of South Amboy died on Sept. 9.
Ivan, Thomas, 74, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 26.
Klimuszko, Mary Ellen, 67, of Parlin died on Aug. 27.
Lombardi, Dominick W. Sr., 80, of Sayreville died on Sept. 3.
Nardone, Lillian, 106, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 6.
Sutter, Keith, 54, of Sayreville died on Aug. 14.
Talavera, Jeanette, 87, of Sayreville died on Sept. 4.
Twomey, Edward, 76, of Laurence Harbor died on May 7, 2025.
Winkler, John M. Sr., 80, of Morgan died on Sept. 6.

Joseph Gregoreski
Joseph Gregoreski, 86, of South Amboy died on Wednesday September 9, 2026 at the Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center, South Amboy. Born in Throop, Pennsylvania he was a veteran of the U.S. Navy with the Tin Cup Sailors. Before retiring he was employed as a diesel mechanic with the Teamsters Local 408, Union. A member of the National Rifle Association he was also a member of Progressive Fire Company, South Amboy. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trips to Atlantic City and sitting on his porch.
He is predeceased by his wife Elizabeth "Betty" Leonardo Gregoreski in 2009 and his son Jacob Gregoreski in 2025. He is survived by his son Clark Gregoreski; his daughter-in-law Christine Pluskota; his daughter Beth Ann DiLeo; his son-in-law John DiLeo and his sister Mary Ann Paulic.
Funeral services were held on September 16, 2026 at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by military honors at Brig. General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown.



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Alice Marie Mullen LoCascio

Alice Marie Mullen LoCascio, 96, of South Amboy, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 14, 2026, at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Old Bridge, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Perth Amboy, Alice made her home in South Amboy in 1975 and remained there ever since. Alice spent twenty-one years serving the South Amboy community through her work as a Letter Carrier with the United States Postal Service before retiring in 1989.

A devoted member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in South Amboy, she was also deeply involved with VFW Post 663 in Perth Amboy.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Margaret Winegar Mullen; her beloved husband of forty-six years, F. Robert (Bob) LoCascio, in 1996; her cherished companion of 15 years, Milan Zavodsky, in 2015; her son, Willard LoCascio, in 2026; her brothers, James and Edward Mullen; her sisters, Ruth Martin, Ellen Bordelon, Clara Ogorek, Margaret Healy, and Mary Kocsis; and her great-grandson, Frank Marciniak.

She is survived by her loving daughters, AnnMarie Hogan; Norine Richardson and her husband, Rick; Kathy Clark and her husband, Dean; Mary Agnes LoCascio and her husband, Don Labdon; and Roberta Ferlita and her husband, Peter. She also leaves behind her thirteen cherished grandchildren: Dawn, Alice, Patrick, Christopher and his wife, April, Liza Marie, Jonathan and his wife, Stacey, Richard, Jackie and his wife, Brandi, Robert and his wife, Robin, Birch and his wife, Carrie, Peter Alex and his wife, Emilee, Michael and his wife, Allie, and Kyle. She was also blessed with twenty-one great-grandchildren: Sean, Charlie, Kaitlin, Devin, Michael, Gracie, Logan, Levi, Jack, Jillian, Jasmyne, Daryl, Alexis, Grady, Emmett, Axle, Remie Jo, Ainslie Mae, Peter R., and Theodore; as well as three great-great-grandchildren, Charlie, Alimarie, and Kai. In addition, she leaves many beloved nieces and nephews, along with extended family and dear friends, including Helen LoCascio, Sue Butler, Peyton, Austin and Lainey Patrick, Lauren, Vito, Geno, and Sophia Inghilleri, and Brunie Rivera.

To know Alice was to know a force of nature. Strong-willed, independent, and full of life, she lived on her own terms and met every challenge with determination and remarkable resilience. She possessed a sharp wit, loved a good joke, and never missed an opportunity to make people laugh. Those who knew her best would undoubtedly describe her as a true character, someone impossible to forget and even harder not to love.

Alice's faith was one of the cornerstones of her life. She firmly believed that God loved her, heard her prayers, and would help her through whatever challenges lay ahead. Whenever life presented difficulties, she would often say that she would pray about it and trust that if it was meant to be, it would be. That simple but profound faith gave her strength, hope, and comfort throughout her life. It carried her through moments of loss and adversity, and in the final days of her life, it continued to provide the peace and reassurance that sustained her.

Family was the center of Alice's world. As the mother of six children, she somehow found enough love for each of them and for everyone who gathered around her table. She loved entertaining and never needed a special occasion to open her home to family and friends. Alice cooked as if expecting an army, because there was always room for one more person, one more plate, and one



more story to share. Nobody ever left her home hungry. Some of her happiest times were spent with her sisters, who gathered each month at one another's homes for lively games of Bingo, laughter, and cherished memories. Together they created a "Secret Pal Club," exchanging thoughtful gifts and acts of kindness that reflected the deep bond they shared. Those gatherings were filled with love, friendship, and the kind of family traditions that became treasured memories for generations.

Alice took great pride in her career with the Postal Service. She often shared stories of being the first female letter carrier in the South Amboy Post Office and proudly recounted driving a two-ton truck to deliver packages. She was never afraid of hard work and built lasting friendships with the residents she served on her route. She was known for helping her patrons by purchasing stamps for them, going grocery shopping, giving rides when needed and going above and beyond.

Her caring nature extended far beyond her job. Alice had a gift for taking care of people. Whether nursing someone back to health or running errands for an elderly neighbor, her kindness knew no limits. She gave freely of herself and expected little in return. Alice was also devoted to her community and to VFW Post 663, where she volunteered countless hours and provided steadfast leadership. She served proudly as president of the women's auxiliary for three terms. Service to others was simply part of who she was.

She and her husband, Bob, shared a love that family and friends admired. After Bob's passing, Alice believed she would never find that kind of happiness again. Yet life had another chapter waiting for her. A longtime friend from the post office, Milan Zavodsky, who had also been friends with Bob, reentered her life. Their friendship blossomed into a loving companionship that lasted fifteen years and brought great joy to them both.

Alice had a lifelong love of travel and adventure. She was fortunate to enjoy several trips of a lifetime, including journeys to Germany, Italy, and Aruba. She and Bob loved exploring the country together, creating cherished memories while camping their way across the United States in their trailer. Even in her nineties, Alice remained curious and eager for new experiences. Four years ago, she traveled by train to North Carolina to visit her son, fulfilling a simple wish she had carried for years, as she had never ridden a train before. Her adventurous spirit, willingness to embrace new experiences, and love of seeing new places remained with her throughout her life.

Alice's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the extraordinary

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caregivers at Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center in Old Bridge, especially the staff of the Telemetry Unit and Hospice Team. Their compassion, professionalism, kindness, and unwavering support provided comfort not only to Alice but also to her family during her final days. The care she received was truly exceptional and will never be forgotten.

Alice leaves behind a legacy of strength, generosity, humor, and fierce love. She loved with her whole heart, stood her ground when necessary, and never hesitated to help someone in need. Surrounded by the family she cherished, she left this world much as she lived in it: with dignity, determination, and love. Her stories will be told for generations, bringing laughter, admiration, and comfort to all who were lucky enough to know her.

Cremation was private under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals," South Amboy. Interment at Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy, will take place on November 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Family and friends are welcome to join in honoring and remembering Alice at the graveside service.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring, where family and friends will gather to share stories, laughter, and memories of a life well lived. Details will be announced at a later date.

Alice's family asks that those wishing to honor her memory consider making a donation to causes and organizations that were meaningful to her, including VFW Post 4699, the American Cancer Society, or St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in South Amboy.

MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA

O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. C.P.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -K.C.

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -M.M..

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Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I import you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. -A.R.S.P.

South Amboy City Wide Yard Sale

(Photos Tom Burkard)



New Book Tells Stories Behind the Famous Milk Mustache Campaign

Bernie Hogya, who grew up in Sayreville and was inducted into the Sayreville War Memorial High School Hall of Fame in 2024, spent nearly two decades helping put milk mustaches on some of the most famous faces in the world. Now he is telling the stories behind those memorable advertisements in a new book, Milk Mustache: The stars. The stories. The staches.

Hogya went on to build a long career as an award-winning advertising art director and creative director. One of the biggest assignments of that career came in the mid-1990s, when he became one of the creators of the celebrity Milk Mustache campaign. For the next two decades, Hogya helped create and art-direct hundreds of the instantly recognizable ads featuring actors, musicians, athletes and other celebrities sporting a white milk mustache.

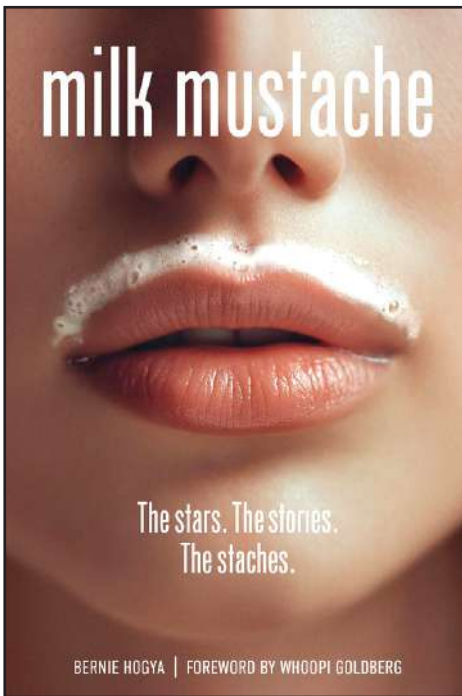
The campaign became one of the best-known advertising efforts of its era, with appearances by everyone from Tom Brady and Tony Bennett to Beyoncé, Steven Tyler, Shaquille O'Neal, Miley Cyrus, Serena and Venus Williams, Jennifer Aniston, David Beckham, and Kermit the Frog.

But Hogya's new book is about much more than the finished advertisements. It tells what happened before the shutter clicked—and sometimes what happened when things did not go according to plan.

Among the stories: Hogya spent a day at the beach with Harrison Ford, played guitar with Eddie Van Halen, watched Muhammad Ali pull a coin from his ear, nearly wound up wearing Gene Simmons' KISS makeup, and talked with a young Taylor Swift about a hit song she had written while sitting in math class. There is also the story of the day Elton John apparently wasn't coming to his own photo shoot. Elaborate sets had been built and the crew was ready, but the star had yet to arrive. Elton eventually did show up—and once he did, decided he didn't want to leave.

Those kinds of memories form the heart of the book.

Along the way, Hogya worked with many of the world's leading photographers, including Annie Leibovitz, David LaChapelle, Mark Seliger and Walter Iooss Jr., creating images that became part of American popular culture. One of the Milk Mustache ads he art-directed, featuring The Simpsons, is currently on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in



Washington, D.C.

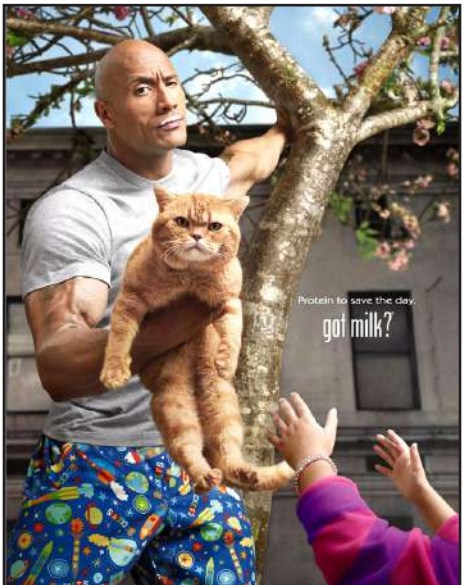
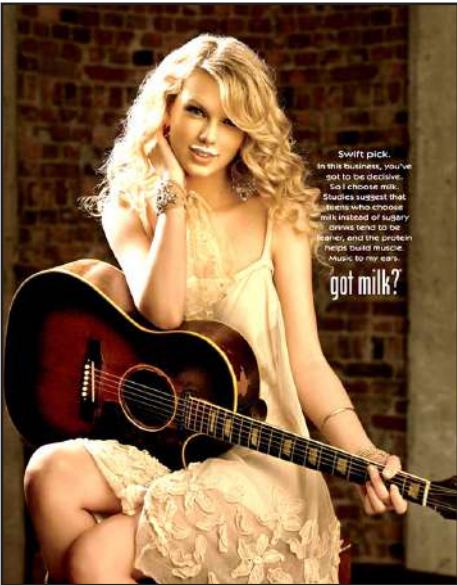
For Hogya, whose interest in drawing and art began while growing up in Sayreville, the journey from his hometown to celebrity photo shoots and the Smithsonian was not something he could have imagined when he was young.

The new hardcover book brings together 125 Milk Mustache advertisements along with Hogya's behind-the-scenes recollections from nearly 20 years working on the campaign. Rather than simply presenting a collection of familiar ads, the book offers a look at the personalities, surprises, mishaps and often funny moments that went into creating them. Whoopi Goldberg, another celebrity who appeared in the campaign, wrote the book's foreword.

The book offers a look back at one of advertising's most memorable campaigns while also capturing a period in pop culture through the actors, musicians, athletes and other celebrities who appeared wearing one of advertising's most famous mustaches.

And for Sayreville readers, there is another connection: one of the people behind it all got his start right here.

Milk Mustache: The stars. The stories. The staches. by Bernie Hogya will be published September 28 by Schiffer Publishing and will be available wherever books are sold.



Annual Hoffman High School Multi-Year Reunion

All alumni of Hoffman High are invited to join us at our multi-year reunion on Sunday, October 11th from 1-5pm! This nostalgic event will take place at the Enterprise Snorkel Fire Co. Station, located at 107 George St, So Amboy. Tickets are \$60 per person, and MUST be purchased in advance. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate walk-ins.

Tickets include a delicious buffet, as well as beer, wine, and sangria. Please send your check payable to Bill Croddick, 130 So. Stevens Ave, So Amboy. The deadline

to purchase tickets is Sept 24th. Don't miss out on the fun! Questions?, contact Helenmae Stader Bilder @ (hbilder1@gmail.com) or stop one of our other committee members, Edward Szatkowski, Grace Hoffman Spencer, Kathy Koerner O'Leary, or Roy Dragotta.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -S.R.

We would love to hear from you!



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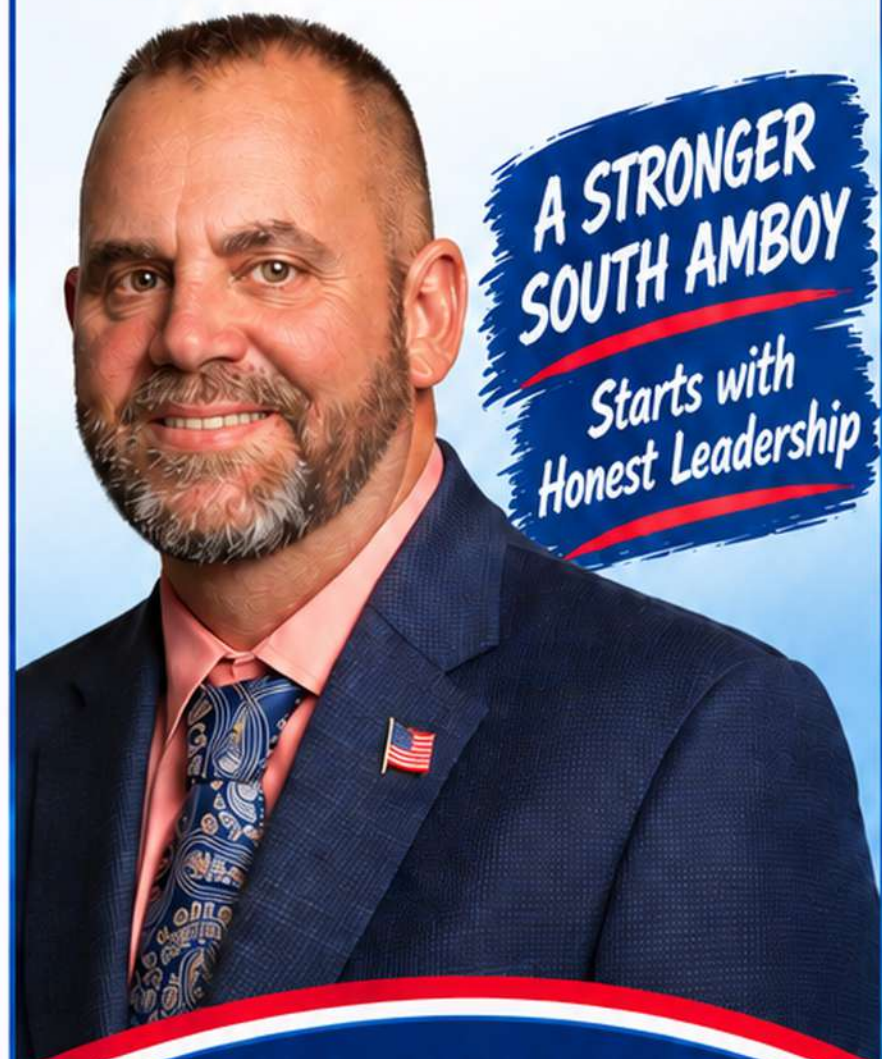


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LIFELONG RESIDENT

- ★ Lifelong resident of South Amboy
- ★ Attended South Amboy Public Schools
- ★ Attended St. Mary's Regional High School
- ★ Married to Amy McLaughlin

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

- ★ Three children attended South Amboy Public School system
- ★ Stephen serves in the US Navy
- ★ Alison is a radiography tech in the Hackensack Meridian hospital system
- ★ Sarah attends Middlesex County College

COMMUNITY & UNION SERVICE

- ★ Life Member, South Amboy Fire Department
- ★ Former member, South Amboy First Aid Squad
- ★ 30-year member, Dockbuilders Pile Drivers Local 1456/1556
- ★ Union Representative / Recording Secretary, Local 1556
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- ★ Recipient of Middlesex County Central Labor Council "Labor Leader of the Year" award

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City Of South Amboy's 25th Anniversary Tribute Of 9/11

(Photos by Jamie Norek)



Sayreville's Tribute on 9/11

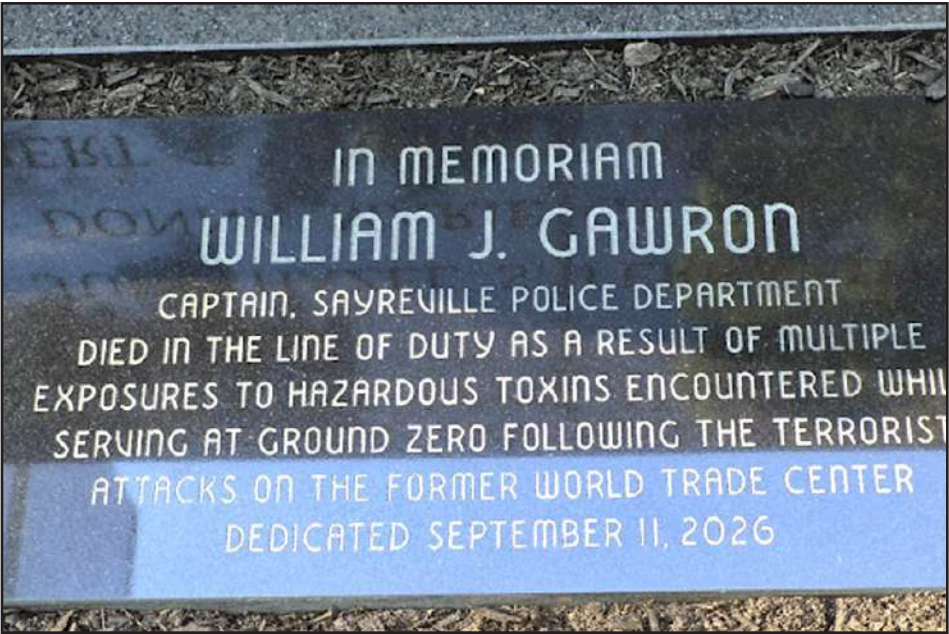
Article and Photos by Rich Kosmoski

On the evening of Friday, September 11, 2026, the Borough of Sayreville held a ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our nation. Participants included the Sayreville Fire Department, Sayreville Police Department, Sayreville EMS units, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, residents, and family members of local community members lost in the tragedy. The strong turnout was heartening and reflected the community's continued commitment to remembering this event as part of our nation's history. First responders and other groups placed memorial wreaths at the monument in honor of all who were lost that fateful day.

During the ceremony, officials dedicated a memorial marker to Captain William J. Gawron of the Sayreville Police Department. The marker reads: "IN MEMORIAM WILLIAM J. GAWRON CAPTAIN, SAYREVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY AS A RESULT OF MULTIPLE EXPOSURES TO HAZARDOUS TOXINS ENCOUNTERED WHILE SERVING AT GROUND ZERO FOLLOWING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE FORMER WORLD CENTER DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2026"



The USPS issued this stamp in honor of those who died on September 11, 2001.



Memorial Plaque in memory of Captain William J. Gawron Sayreville Police Department



Borough of Sayreville 911 Memorial which includes the names of the local residents that were lost at that tragic terrorist incident. Also below the plaque is a piece of steel from the World Trade Centers and the memorial; marker for Captain William J. Gawron.



Memorial wreaths placed in honor of those lost on 9/11.

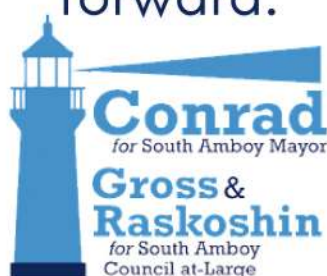
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The hardworking men and women of the building trades help build our communities, strengthen our local economy, and fight every day for fair wages, good benefits, and opportunities for working families. Team South Amboy is proud to stand with organized labor and support the union men and women who work hard to provide for their families and strengthen communities like South Amboy. Team South Amboy has worked with our labor partners to put a Project Labor Agreement in place for the construction of the new ferry terminal and the warehouse projects on Main Street, helping ensure these major investments create good-paying union jobs and opportunities for hardworking men and women while continuing to move South Amboy forward.



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- ✓ **Keeping Taxes Stable**
We’re committed to responsible budgeting that protects South Amboy taxpayers while maintaining and expanding the services our residents rely on.
- ✓ **Investing in Community Services & Amenities**
We believe South Amboy deserves strong public services, a well-maintained city, and vibrant community spaces. Team South Amboy will continue investing in our neighborhoods, supporting local organizations, and making South Amboy a great place to live.

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