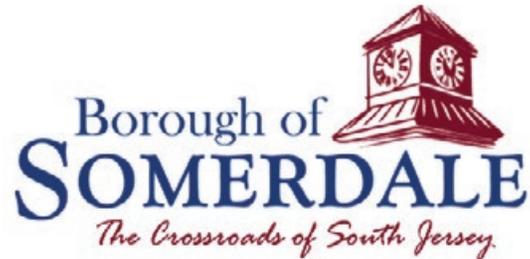


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MULTI CULTURAL DAY AT FLYING FISH



Left to Right: Councilman Larry Sefchick, Mayor Gary Passanante, Councilman James Perry, Councilman Ed Kain, Lucia Brooks, and Nancy Perry.

On May 14th, the Somerdale Human Relations Commission celebrated their second annual Multi Cultural event at the Flying Fish Brewery. Residents who came out were treated to foods from many different countries, games that involved many different languages, and helped to add more patches for our community quilt.

The purpose of the event was to strengthen relationships within our community, and help understand the different cultures that exist in Somerdale. While many stories were told and ideas were shared at this free event, the Somerdale Human Relations Commission was able to collect a large amount of can goods for our local Food Pantry.

**A special thank you to Flying Fish for supporting
our community and helping to make Somerdale a great place to live.**

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Block Party Procedures

Block parties can range from simple gatherings in a neighbor's back yard to neighborhood events including food and entertainment that occupy the entire street.

Block parties allow you the opportunity to get to know your neighbors, which will facilitate looking out for each other when suspicious circumstances may occur in your neighborhood.

Block parties are allowed up until 10:00 pm only. Please remember that noise travels and some residents in surrounding areas may wish to retire at that hour.

What to do

First priority is for one neighbor to act as an organizer and complete the necessary paperwork (Block Party Request Form, Barricade & Cone Request Form and Request Signatures Form), which can be obtained from the Borough Clerk.

The organizer needs to gather neighbor signatures and contact any non-residential establishments in the immediate vicinity that may be affected by the closing of the street. The organizer must return the completed petition for a permit a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the block party.

The Barricade & Cone Request Form (if needed), facilitates acquiring barricades and/or cones for the street closure. The Public Works Department will deliver four (4) barricades and eight (8) cones to the designated location for delivery. The organizer is responsible for assuring that the barricades/cones are returned to the location of delivery for pick-up. The Public Works Department will pick the barricades/cones up the following day – unless prior arrangements have been made with Public Works.

Prohibited Activities

- Staking tents in the blacktop or in any way obstructing views at intersections.
- Tents shall not be left up after the event, they must be taken down immediately afterward.
- Serving/possessing alcohol on public streets/sidewalks. (Private property is acceptable)

The necessary forms can be obtained at the Somerdale Borough Hall - Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:15 pm.

A copy of the Approval/Denial will be emailed to the organizer

The Mayor's Corner

As we welcome in the summer weather and prepare for vacations and the occasional trip to the shore, please remember to contact our police department with the dates you will be away so that we can keep a close eye on your property. Also, don't forget to suspend mail and paper deliveries and if possible, utilize light timers to simulate occupancy.

This issue is packed with a host of important announcements, summer entertainment/recreation events in town, updates on our extensive economic redevelopment initiatives throughout the community, information on our 2016 sewer, streets and facilities projects, and detailed information about our transition to automated trash pickup this summer. I would strongly recommend that you read this issue from cover to cover so you are well aware of the many positive changes in our community as well as procedural changes that are forthcoming in our services and programs.

June marks a significant milestone in our battle to fight abandoned properties in our community! The borough will be auctioning our very first rehabilitated abandoned property in town. We are the first in this county, and possibly the entire state, to successfully take control (without taking ownership) of a bank owned abandoned property and force the rehabilitation and eventual sale by auction to the public. This property will now become a viable occupied, tax paying household and will no longer detract from the neighboring community and our town.

We began this aggressive program over a year ago and have proven it can work and become an effective tool to reduce the number of abandoned properties in Somerdale. We have another 9 properties awaiting court dates that will follow the same course of action unless the banks currently controlling the properties comply with our rehabilitation plans.

Somerdale has become a leader in formulating an effective process using existing state laws to finally move abandoned properties from eyesores to fully rehabilitated homes. We are now providing the same service to the Borough of Stratford as a shared service cooperative and have shared our program concept with Cherry Hill, Lawnside, Brooklawn, Pennsauken, Barrington and several other municipalities. Our goal is to significantly reduce or eliminate all abandoned properties in our community.

Finally, we are continuing our successful "Summer Concert Series" that will run for the entire month of August featuring a different live entertainment program every Wednesday evening at CooperTowne Center. We have some new performers as well as the best of prior years on the schedule. Just bring your lawn chair and settle in for some great Rock, Jazz, Acoustic, Country Western, and a new "British Invasion" night!

You'll find more details on this and all of our upcoming events in this issue of the Somerdale Voice. As always, thank you for your continued support and have a safe and enjoyable summer!



Gary J. Passanante

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4TH OF JULY
CELEBRATION
LASER LIGHT SHOW

Friday July 1, 2016 • Starts at dusk
Samuel S. Yellin Elementary School Grounds
(Warwick Road in Stratford)
(Rain Date: Friday July 8th)



SPECIAL EVENTS 2016 CALENDAR

June

Somerdale Tour de Fish Bike Race

Saturday, June 25th 8:30 am to 4 pm along Kennedy Boulevard
(start and finish lines are in front of Flying Fish)

August

National Night Out –August 2nd

More information and details to follow!

Concert Series at CooperTowne Center

Every Wednesday in August

3rd, 10, 17th, 24th, 31st at 6:30 pm *(no rain dates)*

September

Somerdale Day on Kennedy Boulevard –Saturday, September 10th

10 am – 4 pm *(rain date is Sunday, September 11th)*
Flying Fish 5K Race beginning at 10 am

October

Town Wide Yard Sale – Saturday, October 1st

Rain date is Sunday, October 5th • Call ext. 1300 or 3300 to register

November

Miss Somerdale Pageant at Sterling High School –

Saturday, November 19th at 7 pm

December

Christmas Tree Lighting at Borough Hall – Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 7 pm

(rain date Monday, December 12th at 7 pm)

Borough Contacts

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
2nd Thursday of the Month 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Construction Office – Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
2nd Thursday of the Month 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Court Sessions – Tuesday 5:30 pm – please call for exact date & time

Municipal Clerk	856 783-6320 x 3300
Council	856 783-6320 x 3300
Construction Office	856 783-4629 x 1500
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Mayor’s Office	856 783-6320 x 1700
Municipal Court	856 783 0958 x 2200
Nuisance Officer	856 783-6320 x 2100
Police Department	856 783-4900
Police Department Records	856 428-6320 x 2500
Public Works	856 783-4648
Tax Assessor	856 783-6320 x 1400
Tax Collector	856 783-6320 x 1200
Vital Statistics	856 783-6320 x 1300 or x 3300
Zoning Officer	856 783-6320 x 1100

Regular Meetings:

Council Work Session - Every Monday 6PM (if needed)

Caucus - 2nd Thursday of the month, 6PM

Council - 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30PM

Planning/Zoning Board - Last Wednesday of the month, 7PM

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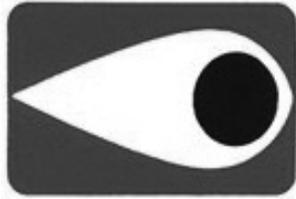
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Recreation Facility Enhancement Projects

We are happy to inform you that we have several major improvement programs underway to improve our some of our recreation facilities.

- The playground on Kennedy Boulevard is currently under construction with the addition of a new playground apparatus as well as the excavation and replacement of the base material throughout the playground area. This new base will consist of a drainage system, foam padding and over 12" of engineered wood fiber for significantly greater fall protection and durability. This new base & surface system will greatly improve the overall safety and enjoyment of this playground for all our children. The borough received a \$25,000 County Recreation Grant that will offset all but around \$2,000 of this project.

- Work has begun on the complete rehabilitation of our Senior & Community Center. For those familiar with the center, you know that it has served the community for decades but is surely showing its age! Recently, the Governing Body took steps to secure funding through the Community Development Block Grant program that will fully fund the major renovations underway without any impact to our budget or the tax rate. The following list of improvements are planned:

- o New Roof Installation including all new gutters and down spouts
- o Relocation of the kitchen and storage closets to the old library side of the building (greatly expanding the useable space in the banquet/meeting area)
- o Relocation of the bathroom entrances to a new hallway to open useable wall space in the banquet/meeting area
- o All new kitchen appliances
- o New carpeted flooring with a wood laminate dance floor
- o All new energy efficient LED lighting
- o New and enlarged windows and doors
- o Completely renovated bathrooms with new flooring, wall coverings and fixtures
- o New insulated wall coverings in the banquet/meeting room area
- o New energy efficient outdoor exterior lighting
- o Exterior building painting, siding and treatments

We expect work to be completed sometime in early to mid-July and will post the re-opening date of the facility on our website. Thank you for your understanding while we make these needed repairs and improvements!



Somerdale Democrat Committee

The Somerdale Democrat Committee is seeking new members

We are a nonprofit organization founded in 2003.

As an organization we foster good government through open communications, participating in numerous community celebrations and events.

We support our Democrat candidates for local, County and State offices.

Meetings are held monthly to share ideas, information and friendships.

We have a scholarship, donate to the VFW Memorial Day event, St. Baldrick's foundation and provide awards for outstanding Somerdale students.

We meet every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Warwick Tavern.
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Gary J. Passanante, Mayor

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

In accordance with our NJDEP Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit, the Borough has adopted various Ordinances to regulate the impact of stormwater runoff and pollutants on the environment. As part of our Local Public Education Program, the purpose of this letter is to highlight the requirements and environmental benefits of these Ordinances.

1. Pet Waste: This Ordinance requires pet owners to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property. It prevents fecal contamination from impacting the local waterways.

2. Litter: This Ordinance states that it is unlawful to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place litter of any nature upon any public or private property, other than in a litter receptacle. The purpose of the Ordinance is to prevent unsightly and unsanitary conditions and prevent litter from impacting waterways.

3. Improper Disposal of Waste: This Ordinance states that it is illegal to dispose of waste in any place not specifically designated for the purpose of solid waste storage or disposal. The purpose of the Ordinance is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution.

4. Wildlife Feeding: Feeding of water fowl on municipal park property is prohibited by Ordinance. The Borough enacted the Ordinance as a method to reduce water fowl population in response to health concerns regarding bacteria which is harmful to human and fish populations.

5. Yard Waste: Yard waste is regulated via Ordinances which establish the current zone collection system and the methods of collecting leaves, brush and other yard waste. The purpose of the Ordinance is to keep grass and leaves out of the storm sewer system.

6. Illicit Connections: This Ordinance makes it unlawful to connect any pipe or device to the municipal storm sewer system that is intended to discard, spill or dump any material other than stormwater runoff or groundwater (sum pumps) into the system. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent pollution and contamination of waterways which receive discharge from our storm sewers.

7. Refuse Containers/Dumpster: This Ordinance requires dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outdoors or exposed to stormwater to be covered at all times and prohibits the spilling, leaking, or otherwise discharge of liquids, semi-liquids or solids from the containers to the storm collection system. The purpose of the Ordinance is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution.

8. Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting: This Ordinance requires the retrofitting of existing storm drain inlets which are in direct contact with repaving, repairing, reconstruction, or resurfacing or alterations of facilities on private property. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent the discharge of solids and floatables to prevent litter from impacting waterways.

The transport of pollutants into local water bodies can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife and habitats; threats to public health and the loss of recreational and aesthetic value.

The Borough has enacted the above Ordinances to protect our environment, and to keep pollutants that are commonly conveyed by stormwater from adversely impacting our waterways and groundwater supplies. These Ordinances may be found on the official Borough of Somerdale website at www.somerdale-nj.com in the section "Residential Resources" under Public Works.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with our environment protection efforts.

Sincerely,

Gary J. Passanante, Mayor

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Economic Redevelopment Update

The Super Wawa

I wish I had a dollar for every time I was asked when and if the Wawa project was starting back up! The rumor mill has been flooded with all kinds of incorrect information from environmental problems to Wawa has abandoned the site permanently. I'm happy to inform you that none of this is true!

The reason for the 6+ month delay was due to continued sparring with the Department of Transportation as the project is situated on a state highway. The state continued to press our developer for roadway modifications and restricted egress from the site. It took more than six months for our developer to find a happy median and obtain final state approval to proceed with the construction.

As you have probably seen, work commenced in early June with the installation of the fuel tanks. We expect that workers will now be on site until the completion of the project (slated for later this year).

Believe it or not, this DOT approval is considered "fast" compared to the delays we experienced with CooperTowne Center (4+ years) and Barrington experienced with their Wawa (5 years or more)!

Doctor's Express

This project has undergone some reconfigurations to the original plan which has extended the original construction date. We continue to work closely with the developer on the revised plans and expect some visible progress at the site before year end.

Lion of Judah (Old Evergreen Irish Pub location)

The borough has been working with the church on the acquisition of several properties along the White Horse Pike for the past 2-3 years. The last property acquisition (the Irish Pub on the corner of Evergreen and the Pike) occurred late last year.

Our engineer has been working on preliminary plans with the church for the expansion of the building and the addition of vehicle parking on the acquired properties. We anticipate that the church will be prepared to present their plan to the Land Use Board before the end of the summer with construction beginning in 2017.

As part of the church's expansion, the White Horse Pike and Evergreen Corridors will see some major beautification and landscaping improvements.

New Dunkin Donuts (former Shell Gas Station on Warwick Road)

The borough foreclosed on this location as we were owed nearly \$150,000 in back taxes from the owner of the property. We immediately signed an agreement with a new developer who plans to build a new "Drive Through" Dunkin Donuts at the site. This location had previous Land Use approvals to build the "DD" and the new owner will use those plans in order to speed up the construction process.

The borough is selling the property to the developer for the value of all outstanding taxes owed. Settlement is scheduled for July with demolition and construction to commence immediately thereafter.

Stay tuned for some additional redevelopment announcements in our fall newsletter. Yep, there's more to come!!!

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As you may recall, Somerdale was the first community in Camden County to adopt and implement a new state law that allowed us to aggregate the electric energy usage of all of our residents in order to bid the cumulative volume and obtain savings for residents.

In 2014, we initially sent a mailing to all of our residents, produced a video that aired on our local access channel as well as resides on our website and held a town hall meeting to explain the program and answer any questions residents may have about the program details. Overwhelmingly, the residents that attended the meeting or called the borough were very receptive and supportive of our actions.

In early spring of 2014, we went out to bid as promised. Unfortunately, the potential savings in the bid prices were not sufficient to justify an award. Our consultants, Good Energy LLC, suggested we wait until the market would yield better savings while they attempted to attract additional municipalities to join Somerdale and increase our purchasing power.

The Mayor and our consultants touted the program to many of our neighboring municipalities and we were successful in having Gloucester Township and Winslow Township join us in a cooperative bidding scenario.

In late May, we were advised by our consultant that the time was ideal to once again bid the aggregated energy consumption of our residents. This time however, we were bidding for the combined purchasing of three municipalities (a total of 35,000 households) and the results were tremendous!

As a result, the winning bids will yield a combined savings over the next 14 months (term of the contracts) of approximately \$3 million dollars for the 35,000 households in our three municipalities. On average, both PSE&G and Atlantic City Electric customers in our three communities will save approximately \$100 on each household's total electric cost over the 14 month contract period. There will be no change in your service (PSE&G or Atlantic City Electric) just the supplier of the actual electricity. You will continue to receive your electric bills from your current supplier and there will be no interruption in your service. You will continue to call your current electric company in the case of any problems, changes or trouble shooting. The only thing that will change is your electric cost will go down and remain at a locked in rate from August 2016 through October 2017!

By now, you should have received or will be receiving a mailing from our consultant that once again explains the program and provides an "opt out" form should you not wish to participate. You are automatically in the program (provided you are not currently under contract with another energy supplier) but you can opt out at any time without penalty or impact to any of our other residents in the program.

The new rates which will begin in August are as follows:

PSE&G Customers - \$.11897 per kWh (winning bidder was Con Ed Solutions)

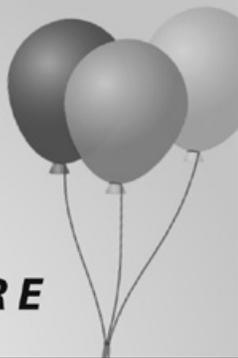
Atlantic City Electric Customers - \$.09782 per kWh (winning bidder was Tri-Eagle)

Each of this winning bids represent anywhere from 7.5% to 9.5% savings over your current energy supplier rates. These prices will remain in place for 14 months (the contract period).

For more information, please see our website as well as a new video now playing on our local access channel 19. We are very pleased to have achieved these long-term savings for our residents and please know that the borough receives no compensation or direct benefit from the program as we are acting as the "aggregator" on behalf of our residents. Our sincere thanks go out to both the Gloucester and Winslow Township Mayors and Councils for their participation and willingness to work together to collectively save our residents millions of dollars in energy cost!

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Dear Neighbors:

During this last semester at Somerdale Park School, we proudly graduated 56 students from our Dare Program.

Patrolman Alex Keister volunteered to take over the program and he was fondly accepted by the 5th graders. He fit in very well with the kids and seeing the mutual fondness on graduation night was a proud moment to say the least.

Alex received 80 hrs of training prior to teaching his first class and he was mentored by Deputy Chief Walsh during this time.

Earlier training in Dare focused heavily on the dangers of Drugs and Alcohol but today's training focuses on topics such as:

- Effective Communication and Listening • Dealing with Stress
- Bullying • Risks and Consequences
- Peer Pressure • Responsible decision making
- Drug and alcohol dangers

After this 10 week course (1 hour, one day a week), it is with great hope that the students are able to deal with all of the above or whenever they confront everyday difficult situations.

We are very thankful for the cooperation and assistance of Principal Jarrod Clayborn and 5th grade teachers Ms. Dawson, Mrs. Butler and Mr. Francis, for without their assistance this would not be possible.

As always, if not for the dedication of the officers of the Somerdale Police Department and the overwhelming support of Mayor and Council, we as a department could not provide the community support and cooperation that we enjoy today.

Congratulations to all of this year's graduates and we wish you the best.

It is our great pleasure to serve such a wonderful community.

As always, we are here to serve you so please call in anything suspicious so that we can check it out.

If you are not comfortable calling 911 in non emergency issues, you may call the non emergency number 856-783-4900.

If you have any questions concerning this article or any other matter, please don't hesitate to contact me at somerdalepd@somerdale-nj.com.



Yours truly,
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Wednesday - August 24th (6:30 PM to 9:00 PM)

British Invasion Night

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Masters 55+	45 Minutes	10:20 am	\$30	\$250 / Beer!	7	100
Cat 3/4	45 Minutes	11:15 am	\$35	\$500 / Beer!	10	100
Masters 45+	45 Minutes	12:10 pm	\$35	\$500 / Beer!	10	100
Kids / Citizens	100 meters to 1 lap (varies)	12:55 pm	Free	Medals		
Masters 35+	45 Minutes	1:25 pm	\$35	\$500 / Beer!	10	100
Pro 1/2/3	60 Minutes	2:20 pm	\$40	\$1,000 / Beer!	15	100

COURSE: 1 mile, 8 turn, technical relatively flat and fast course in Somerdale. Good roads, spectator friendly.

START TIMES: Racing begins at 8:30 AM. Kids Races range from 100 meters to 1 lap depending on who's present on race day. Please stay off the course during these races! Helmets are required for ALL races.

REGISTRATION: Closes 15 minutes before each race. Day of registration is an additional \$10.00. One day licenses are \$10. Additional Races subtract \$10. Located at Flying Fish Brewing Company, corner of Ashland Avenue & Kennedy Boulevard. Additional online fees apply. Pre-registration on www.bikereg.com is strongly encouraged! Online registration will close at 11:45pm on June 23rd!

AMENITIES: Flying Fish will be hosting a beer garden at the event along with numerous food vendors so bring the family and enjoy the day!

DIRECTIONS: GPS address: 900 Kennedy Blvd., Somerdale, NJ 08083 Exit 29 off Route 295 for Route 30 South (White Horse Pike) approximately 2 miles to left on Cooper Towne Boulevard (look for Walmart), turn left at intersection with Kennedy Boulevard and park at the rear of the Walmart parking lot. Only 1 mile from the PATCO station at Ashland.

PARKING: Park at the rear of the Walmart parking lot near the intersection of Kennedy Boulevard & Cooper Towne Boulevard. Please park your cars in parking lots before making your way to the registration area. NO parking at start/finish or inside course closure.

NOTES: Entry fee includes \$3.75 USAC and \$2 NJBA surcharges. Online registration may incur additional fees. **No Cat 5 Men or Cat 4 Women in Masters races. Please abide by all USA Cycling rules and regulations.

PROMOTER CONTACT: Lee Mestres, (e) lgmestres@verizon.net, (m) 609.413.2566 (No calls after 9 PM, please)

Please respect the community and keep off residential property. Use discretion when changing, use porta potties, and discard all trash. Help make the Somerdale Tour de Fish a success!

COURSE MAP: Race route runs counter-clockwise, Start/Finish at Evergreen & Kennedy.



SPONSORS: Mambo Kings Racing gratefully thanks the following sponsors for this event.



Somerdale to Transition to Automated Trash Pickup

We have received bids for our trash hauling services and awarded a new four year contract to Republic Services (Our current trash hauler). As anticipated, there were significant savings to implement an "automated" trash pickup process utilizing trash containers similar to the ones highlighted in our last newsletter. There are several advantages to an automated process including; a consistent and neat street appearance during "trash day", the attached lids prevent rainwater from entering the trash which can dramatically increase the weight of the trash and our cost of disposal, and for most families, the single large container (initially provided at no cost from the borough) will provide sufficient volume to handle their weekly trash disposal.

The transition to the new trash containers and automated service will take place during the summer months. Every household will receive one 96 gallon container that will be serialized and inventoried to your address. A sub-contractor will deliver the containers directly to each of your homes and provide the borough with a complete list of all containers and their associated household address.

An instruction guide will accompany the trash container providing directions on container placement during trash day and other important information. If the 96 gallon container is too large for your weekly trash needs, we can exchange it for a smaller 64 gallon container that is smaller and lighter to handle but has less capacity. To request an exchange, please follow the instructions provided with your initial container. While the large container is designed to accommodate weekly waste for a family of five, if you do require an additional trash container, they will be made available for purchase at our cost (\$52 per container for either size).

Please note that once you receive your new trash container this summer, you must only use it for trash. Bulk waste (any non-recyclable trash that is too large to fit in your container) can be placed outside your container for separate pickup on our normal trash day. However, all trash bags or single trash items small enough to fit in your container MUST be placed inside the container for pickup. Items left outside your container that are NOT bulk items will not be picked up.

You may continue to use your old trash containers for "Vegetative Waste" only. We will be providing self-sticking labels that you are asked to place on the containers you plan to use for vegetative waste.

Finally, we understand that there will be a period of adjustment as we transition from manual trash pickup to an automated process. We ask for your understanding and patience as we "get the bugs out" and we too will exercise flexibility and patience allowing a reasonable period for your adjustment to this new process.

Automated Trash Pickup

"Do's & Dont's"

- ✓ Do place all trash in your new container
- ✓ Don't mix recycling with your trash
- ✓ Do place your container at curbside with the lid hinges facing the curbline
- ✓ Do place bulk items (too large to fit in container) at curbside
- ✓ Don't place trash bags outside of container (they will not be picked up)
- ✓ Don't put Vegetative Waste in the trash containers

Questions?
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VEGETATIVE WASTE COLLECTION

Vegetative waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, tree parts too small to be chipped, shrubbery, and garden wastes.

Vegetative waste will be collected weekly for recycling from the first Tuesday in May through the last Tuesday in September. October through April collection will be once per month on the last Tuesday of the month.

Please note; weeks with a Monday holiday, vegetative waste will NOT be collected until the following week.

DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS FOR YOUR WASTE
USE PAPER BIODEGRADABLE BAGS ONLY

We recommend placing vegetative waste in open containers with handles and drain holes, each container must not exceed 30 gallons in size or weigh over 40 lbs.

DO NOT INCLUDE

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If you must bag the vegetative waste you **must** use the paper biodegradable bags - **NO PLASTIC BAGS**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: August 2nd, 2016 7pm-10pm

SOMERDALE TO JOINTOWNS NATIONWIDE FOR

“AMERICA’S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME”

On Tuesday, August 2nd, neighborhoods throughout Somerdale are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “33rd Annual National Night Out” (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out will involve over 16,728 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 3.8 million people are expected to participate in “America’s Night Out Against Crime”. NNO 2016 corporate sponsors are: ADT, Nextdoor.com and Associa.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

• From 6 pm to 7 pm – the Police Department will host an open-house for all residents.

• **From 7 pm to 10 pm - residents in neighborhoods throughout Somerdale and across the nations, are asked to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend an evening outside with neighbors and police. We invite neighborhoods nationwide to join us in Giving Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party” by focusing on neighborhood block parties.**

National Night Out is only one night, what about the other 364 days in a year?

Somerdale Police Department plans to do something different this year and want to make this year’s NNO focus “Project 365”.

The program utilizes the goals of National Night Out to encourage local communities to work together towards a common goal over the next 365 days.

Here’s how it works: Designate a particular problem in your registered community and work towards a solution within an estimated 365 days between your annual National Night Out events. Document your efforts in the post-project report. Examples include: a park plagued by crime, drug dealers, underage drinking, etc., a poorly lit corner with prevalent crime activity, launch a dog walker watch program, Neighborhood Watch group expansion in your community, robbery or burglary reduction plan in high crimes areas, clean up plan for a particular area that consists of various issues such as illegal trash piles, broken bottles, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, etc.



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Little Known Facts about Somerdale

EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK - Taverns, Farms & Hamlets of Somerdale • By Martin C. Hansen • CHAPTER 4: SHEGANEES' FIELD

The earliest name for our area derives from a tract of ground, which is divided by what we in the vicinity refer to as Somerdale Road. This site lies between two streams presently now called Signey Run and Gravelly Run.

Signey Run, until very recent times, originated from a spring slightly east of the Philadelphia & Atlantic City Railroad at the Stratford and Hi-Nella boundary. This spring is now dried up and apartments stand on the site.

Gravelly Run had one of its sources in a spring at the Somerdale-Stratford boundary, approx 700 feet southeast of the Dartmouth-Hilltop Avenue intersection, where it flowed generally north to form the easterly boundary of Hi-Nella and Somerdale, crossing Ogg Avenue and Somerdale Road through Warwick Gardens and flowing westward beneath the Philadelphia & Atlantic City Railroad and beneath Warwick Road.

A second tributary of Gravelly Run was a spring, which surfaced approximately 75 feet west of White Horse Pike and 200 feet north of Fairview Avenue. Although this spring dried up during the early 1950's an account from the West Jersey Press dated May 8, 1899 relates, "that Jacob Harley is stocking his pond with carp from Albertson's Pond." The pond mentioned was fed by the spring mentioned. Jacob Harley's farm is now the Magnolia Heights section of Somerdale.

The overflow from this ancient spring flowed through a low defile between what is now Fairview Avenue, and Park Avenue westward under the Philadelphia & Atlantic City Railroad, where it junctured with the other branch of Gravelly Run between the Railroad and Warwick Road.

The steep profiles of Signey and Gravelly Run would appear to be the natural boundary lines for the Tract described. North Branch of Big Timber Creek would form the western boundary from floodgates south to Signey Run comprising what is now Broadmoor-Timberline, a portion of West Somerdale and Hi-Nella.

A document described on page 678 in the New Jersey Archives of Colonial Documents is herein recited to establish the area previously mentioned and reads as follows:

"1701 April 28. Do. Henry Ffean of Gloucester Co. husbandman, to Mordecai Howell of Christianity, same Co., husbandman, for 240 acres in said Co., on a small run emptying into North branch of Timber Creek, alias Gloucester River, opposite to the Indian or Sheganees' field between Anthony Sharp and James Atkinson; bought of Stephen Newby, September 21, 1700."

The small run mentioned is familiarly called Gravelly Run and is so named in a Somerdale Drainage Ordinance dated 1971.

Sheganees' Field is located on its south border by Signey Run formerly called Seganyo Run in the document establishing the original dedication of Anthony Warricks Road dated 1797 which read:

"A private road from 1. Road that leads from Egg road to Bortons Mill to the Egg road near Tho. Barrington..."

Whereas the Judges of the Superior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Gloucester in the term of October last agreeable to an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey did appoint the surveyors of the Township of Waterford, Gloucester Town and

Gloucester Township to meet at the dwelling house of Anthony Warrick in the Township of Gloucester on the twenty fourth day of October to lay out a private road from the road that leads from the Egg Harbor Road to Joseph Burton's Mills along the line between Joseph Borton and Henry Crawford's land to Isaiah Hunts' land then through Isaiah Hunts' land to the lane that leads to Anthony Warricks' house, then along said lane out to the road that leads to the landing in Timber Creek from thence through part of Anthony Warricks' land to the line between said Warrick and Samuel Clement; then along said line to the line between said Clement and Joseph Jones; then along said line through other land to the Egg Harbor Road near Thomas Barrington. And we, the subscribers surveyors of the Highways of the said Townships of Waterford, Gloucester Town and Gloucester Township having met agreeable to said order and appointment on the said twenty fourth day of October and viewed the premises and duly considered the business or our appointment unto this day do agree to lay out a private road thirty feet wide from the said road that leads from the Egg Harbor to S. Bortons' Mills to the Egg Harbor Road near Thomas Barrington's as follows, beginning at a post in the road that leads from the Egg Harbor Road to Bortons' Mills; then along the line between S. Bortons' & Henry Crawford north sixty tow degrees, west thirty eight chains and seventy three links to the land of Isaiah Hunts' land; then along ye line between said Hunt & said Crawford north ten degrees, east five chains and twenty two links; then through said Hunts' land north sixty degrees, west twenty four chains and eighteen links crossing Seganyo Run; then north thirty degrees & thirty minutes, west eleven chains and twenty one links; then north twenty four degrees and thirty minutes, west twenty one chains and ten links; then north five degrees, west fifty one chains and twenty six links; then north three degrees and twenty minutes, west thirty chains and fifty links to Egg Harbor Road near Thomas Barrington, which lines or course to be the center of said road of thirty feet wide as aforesaid and to be chained as soon as possible. In witness, whereof we have hereunto set our hands this thirty first day of October Anno Dom; One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Six, 1796/7;

John Kay
Jeremiah Woods
Jn. Blackwood
Ephraim Tomlinson

The lack of a recorded alphabet or history of the Indians upon the arrival of the Europeans in the 16th and 17th Century coupled with the inability of most of the early backwoods Colonists to either read or write led to much confusion when spelling an Indian expression or name.

Picture if you will a frontier colonist, who could neither read nor write, returning from a mouth long trip into the wilderness where he traded with the Aborigines. He arrives in the town of Arwames, now called Gloucester City. The first stop of this handy individual is at the local tavern where he seeks the name of prospective buyers and the latest prices for his pelts.

Through the urging brought about by his long abstinence, he yearns for roast goose, plum pudding and an abundance of ale, rum or port. Those immediate matters now cared for; the traveler's tongue loosened by the inner satisfaction of his various accomplishments and the warmth of the spirits. Which he continues to enjoy. His narratives, through his mind's eye, reveal the vast varieties of nature, the inhabitants and their small villages.

As he recounts his travels he remembers a large village at the head of the north branch of Gloucester River

(Big Timber Creek) about ten (10) miles from Arwames (Gloucester City). The Indian settlement has prominence guaranteed by plentiful fish, good navigation for canoe and dugout, deer, elk, bear, beaver and other animals, in addition to a broad river valley well stocked with ducks, geese, turkeys, and a land prominence of well over 2,000 acres.

When asked the name he mutters, "She ... She," the Indian name for fine, pretty. When asked to repeat, he takes a great draft of his rum and says "Sheganees!" One of his listeners ever alert to profitable news takes a quill and in rough longhand writes the name on one of the newly purchased skins and in so doing fails to close the letter "G." Not being presently in the best physical condition he, due to the arduousness of the conversation and the lateness of the hour, the "scrivener" retires for the night.

A few days later while counting out the skins during the course of a sale to a merchant, his attention is drawn to the name with the carelessly written "g" and he recites the trader's story and the name is changed to Sheyanees' Field.

A short time passes and due to the chain of events started with the frontiersman's story, a grantee seeks out the area and records his claim for the 240 acres recited earlier.

Some years later, a King's Agent, Major Abraham Porter, having collected together three thousand (3,000) acres, is engaged in the Mill Operating and Farming Business, the surplus of which he wishes to ship to Gloucester Town. Inasmuch as shipping via water must be accomplished by the winding course of Big Timber Creek, the journey of which is impeded by the tides, he determines to establish a road by which he may ship by wagon. Through the power and prestige afforded by his office as King's Agent, he is successful in obtaining one of the first official road dedications.

STREAMS AS BOUNDARIES AND EARLY HIGHWAYS

The streams which provided arteries of travel for the familiarly called "Indians" provided the boundaries for the early Quaker settlers, who established Salem in 1676 and Burlington in 1678 as the government centers.

As the result of much inconvenience in the transaction of business of the proprietors, freeholders and inhabitants of the third tenth and fourth tenth by reason of the distance from the county seat of Burlington and Salem, met at Arwames (Gloucester Point) pursuant to a public notice on 26th of May, 1686; and adopted a constitution for the government of the third on Irish tenth to which they gave the name of Gloucester County.

Its' bounds were given as follows: Gloucester County begins at the mouth of Pennsauken Creek; thence along the bounds of Burlington County to the sea; thence to Great Egg River; thence up said Egg Harbor River to the fork thereof; thence up the southernmost and greatest branch of the same to the head thereof; thence in a direct line of the head of Oldmans Creek;

thence down the same to the Delaware River to the place of beginning.

In 1873, Atlantic County was erected as contemplated in 1794, which was conditioned upon sufficient number of residents to constitute a county out of the seacoast townships.

In 1844, the townships of Camden, Waterford, Newton, Delaware, Gloucester and Washington, then constituting a part of Gloucester County, were erected onto the new county of Camden. Note: Washington Township later withdrew.

The well springs of the streams which project 10 to 15 miles inland from the Delaware River predicated the colonial roadways from Burlington, Gloucester and Salem the seats of justice. These early roads juncture at the head of the streams where it was possible to cross at all times in any season.

The central hub of the lower road from Burlington to Gloucester was used from 1686 until 1786 when the county seat for old Gloucester was moved to the new courthouse in Woodbury. A change necessitated when the one at Gloucester was destroyed by fire at great loss of records.

The extent of trade through White Horse Tavern is evidenced in an interesting account of Elizabeth Bates, which includes four-two prominent residents.

A 1755 account of Elizabeth Bates, executor who conducted the White Horse Tavern, shows payment to:

- Hannah Lippincott - Jonathon Ellis - Wm. Clark - Francis McMurray - Mary Morgan - John Matlach, - Anthony Nichols - Samuel Somers - Robert Worrell - Eliza Roberts - Thomas Redman - Wm. Griscombe - John Dilks - Jacob Clement - Abraham Inheap (Inskeep) - Thos. Mewell - Wm. Albertson - John Maxwell - John Hinchmann - Ladd and Scattergood - James Henchman - Wm. Cooper - John Hewston - Susannah Williams - John Inheap - Benjamin Collins - Tho. Webster - John Collins, Sr. - John Thorne - Amy Collins - Ruth Adams - Geo. Wilson - Wm Hillman - Wm Cheesman - Eliz. Hammett - John Gile - James Tow - Robt. Rollinson - Issac Hammett - Elizabeth Bates, amounting to \$1224.10 ____ June 6, 1755

The importance of this trade hub is further supported by an early highway dedication recorded 29, December 1807. Entitled road from White Horse to the Ferry Road (later named Camden).

The continued importance is indicated by efforts being made to select a county seat for Camden County. This determination was to be made for an election to be held August 12, 1845.

A countywide meeting was held at the White Horse Tavern in Gloucester Township. The second election for the site revealed votes as follows: Camden (963), Mt. Ephraim (427), Chews Landing (93), and Haddonfield (460). A subsequent vote resulted in the selection of Camden to be the county seat, which is unchanged today.

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Time: 6:00pm & 7:00pm
Where: Sports Complex: Corner of Hilltop and Dartmouth Ave.
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Highlight:

Sybbl League

Founder Donnie Robinson needed a place for his son and friends to play basketball during the summer. With the help of local council members, that wish was realized in 2002, and the Somerdale Youth Basketball League (SYBBL) was born.

The organization consistently develops players who have played varsity at Sterling High School and college basketball, which includes Bloomfield College and Rutgers Camden.

Whether there's 15, 40 or 80 kids, who sign up, Robinson hopes to provide a positive experience for your child. Kids may sign up if they are in grades four-twelve and live within the Somerdale school district.

The SYBBL looks forward to another successful year of basketball!

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

Registration	Coach Assignments
Draft	Game Schedules
	Open Season Meet and Treat
All Star Friday	3 Point Shooting Competition
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FMI: Donnie Robinson, Coordinator



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- Vacation Bible School: **CAVE QUEST. 7/18 - 7/22/16, 9a - 12N**
- Visit our informational booth on **Somerdale Day in September!**

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON:

- Vacation Bible School registration
- Cornerstone Nursery School: **registration for fall**
- Alpha Program: **to resume in January**

Atlantic City Electric Reminds Customers of Available Energy Assistance Programs

LIHEAP Registration Expires April 30

MAYS LANDING, N.J. (April 8, 2016) – Atlantic City Electric reminds customers they have numerous options to apply for energy assistance if they are having difficulty paying their energy bills. Registration for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) expires on April 30.

“In New Jersey, we are fortunate to have a wide range of programs that offer our customers financial assistance with their energy bills,” said Alita Corbett, customer and community relations manager, Atlantic City Electric. “Through continued community outreach, we encourage residents to take advantage of the available programs offered through the state.”

Low income energy assistance programs include:

- LIHEAP, administered by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, provides critical home heating and cooling assistance to those who qualify. For more information or to apply for LIHEAP assistance, call 1-800-510-3102 or visit energyassistance.nj.gov.

- The Universal Service Fund (USF) helps ensure energy bills are more affordable for eligible customers. Call 1-800-510-3102 or visit energyassistance.nj.gov for details.

Moderate income energy assistance programs include:

- The Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric (PAGE) program provides relief on natural gas and electric bills for low to moderate-income New Jersey households that are experiencing a temporary financial crisis. For more information, call 1-855-465-8783 or visit njpowerson.org.

- The TRUE Grant program assists customers who are ineligible for low-income programs by providing up to \$750 toward their Atlantic City Electric bill. Visit njpowerson.org or call 1-855-465-8783 for more information.

- New Jersey SHARES is a nonprofit corporation that provides assistance to income eligible New Jersey households with energy,

telephone and water bills. Visit njshares.org or call 1-866-657-4273 for details.

In addition, senior citizens and disabled adults can take advantage of Lifeline, a utility assistance program that offers \$225 to persons who meet certain income guidelines. This benefit includes utility customers as well as tenants whose utility bills are included in their rent. For more information about Lifeline, call 1-800-792-9745.

Atlantic City Electric partners with community-based organizations and social service agencies throughout New Jersey to ensure that low-income and at-risk customers know about the federal dollars available to help them with their utility bills.

For more information about energy assistance programs, visit www.nj211.org or call 211, New Jersey's non-emergency helpline, available 24/7 throughout the state.

Customers can also contact Atlantic City Electric's Customer Care Center at 1-800-642-3780 and ask about Budget Billing or register for My Account, a web-based interactive tool that provides customers with a detailed analysis of their specific electric use and offers ways to save energy and save money on their monthly energy bill.

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