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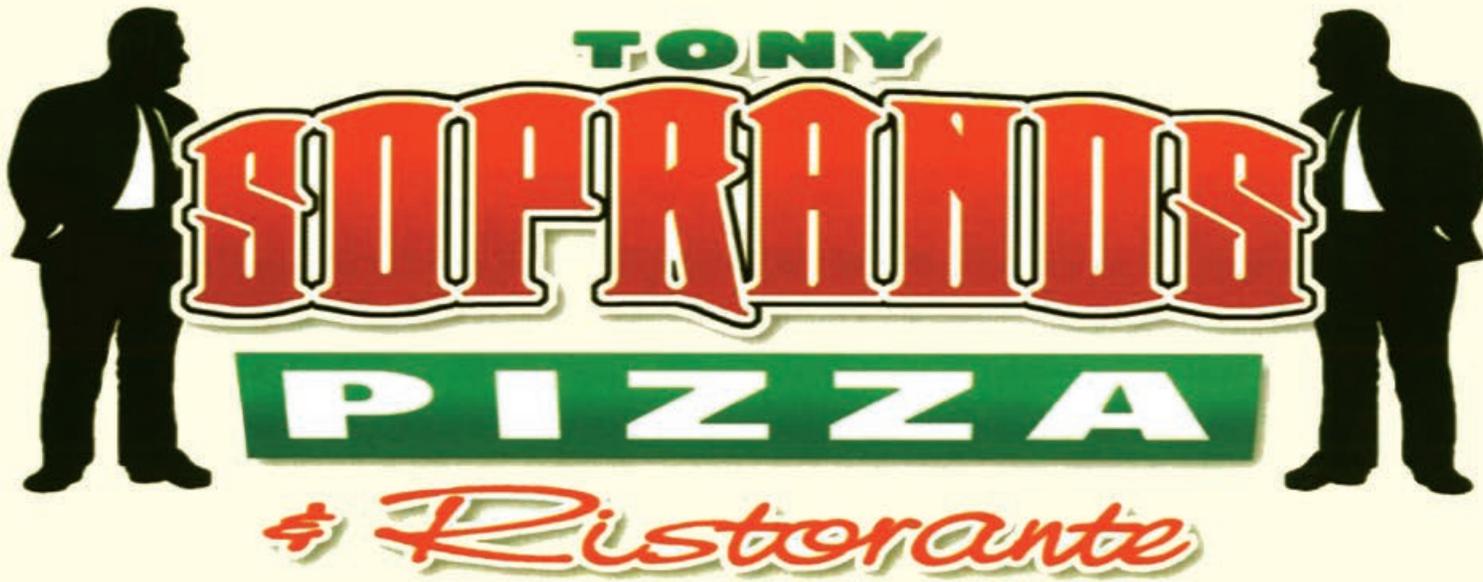
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Pre Order for Game Day



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**2015 SPECIAL EVENTS
CALENDAR**

OCTOBER

**Town Wide Yard Sale – Saturday the 3rd
Rain date is Sunday the 4th**

NOVEMBER

**Miss Somerdale Pageant at
Sterling High School – Saturday the 21st at 7 pm**

DECEMBER

**Christmas Tree Lighting at
Borough Hall –2nd at 7 pm
Rain date is December 3rd 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

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Construction Office	856 783-4629 x 1500
Finance Officer	856 783-6320 x 1600
Fire Prevention Bureau	856 783-6320 x 2100
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, 7PM

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

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Councilman Edward Kain
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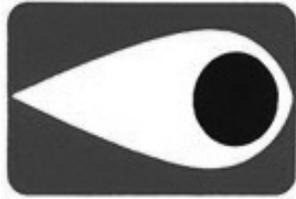
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Somerdale Democrat Committee

The Somerdale Democrat Committee is seeking new members

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

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We meet every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
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The Mayor's Corner



Well another summer comes to a close as we greet Fall with expectations of cooler weather, the children back to school and the holidays with friends and family. I hope that your summer was all that you envisioned and that the upcoming season is filled with good times and prosperity.

We had a very busy summer this year as our DPW concrete workforce was busy working on various streets as well as our new walking/bike trails at Red Fox Run. Work will continue as long as the weather holds out and we hope to begin paving sometime in the fall or early winter months. Our courtroom was finally renovated as well as a new roof installed on the borough hall. We received two county recreation grants to upgrade the Kennedy Boulevard playground and baseball field. New bleachers and backstop were added to the field and we will be installing rubber mulch in the playground making it safer and longer lasting than the mulch used in prior years.

We also initiated an aggressive program to cleanup properties in disrepair as a result of abandonment and/or foreclosures. Our unique approach has been recognized statewide and many other municipalities are now looking at our efforts as a model to follow. In that light, we have identified most every abandoned property in town and are implementing our new local laws to encourage the financial institutes or individual lienholders to clean up the properties and make the required investment in them so that they can

be sold to responsible homeowners. An abandoned property fee is being collected for each property and that money is being used to cut lawns or address public safety concerns with these abandoned properties. Ten properties (commercial and residential) that the borough has held tax liens on for years have been foreclosed with the borough taking ownership and temporarily removing them from the tax roles. Some of these properties will be sold so that the borough can recoup the back taxes owed to us.

This Fall, we will be mailing to each household our new "Services Guide" which is currently in development and going to print shortly. This comprehensive guide will provide a detailed listing of all DPW services such as trash and recycling schedules and materials, leaf collection, snow removal, etc. This guide will provide answers to many of your questions and hopefully will continue to be a great reference resource in the future.

Finally, our Bike Race (Tour de Fish) and Somerdale Day were again great successes. We drew over 250 racers from a multitude of states and 1000 runners for our 5K held during Somerdale Day. My thanks to our generous sponsors; Flying Fish Brew Company, Pepco, Walmart, PSE&G, National Realty and Wayne's Automotive for making these events a reality in our community. I would also like to extend my personal thanks to my administrative staff, especially the borough clerk, the Department of Public Works, the Police, Fire and Ambulance and our many volunteers for their time and effort as they do an outstanding job dealing with the preparation and huge crowd of visitors these event bring to our community.

I hope you have a wonderful Fall and be sure to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather ahead. As always, thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you soon!

Gary J. Passanante

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE SATURDAY OCTOBER 3rd

(RAIN DATE OCTOBER 4TH)

The time that you would like to start selling is entirely up to you, it is at your house! Maps are available for pick up at Borough Hall on Friday, October 2nd

You can register by calling 783.6320 ext 1300 or 3300 or emailing mmiller@somerdale-nj.com

Miss Somerdale Pageant November 21, 2015

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION (Must be returned to Borough Hall no later than October 30, 2015)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a single, female resident of Somerdale, NJ.
- Must be not greater than 19 years old on November 21, 2015.
- If under 18 years old, a parent/guardian must be present when submitting application.

Full Name (As you wish your name to be listed in the Program Book):

School:

Class of:

Age on November 21, 2015:

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone:

Personal Bio (list a few school activities, community service, interests, hobbies etc.):

The signature of the contestant and one of her parents or guardian (if needed) on the spaces below indicate their understanding and agreement that the decision of the judges shall be final and that the Borough of Somerdale and the Miss Somerdale Pageant Committee do not accept responsibility for anything not specifically stated on this application. The signature of the contestant, parent or guardian shall also indicate his or her permission for the contestant to participate in the pageant and for the pageant to use her image in all forms, in all media, in all manners, and agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Borough of Somerdale against any and all liability claims for participation in pageant. The signatures below certify that all the information on this form is true and correct to the best of applicant's knowledge. Incorrect data is cause for disqualification.

Contestant Signature:

Parent or Guardian Signature (if under 18):

Date:



Somerdale to Join Camden County in the Fight Against Puppy Mills

Recently, the Camden County Freeholders announced the adoption of a Resolution to only allow the retail sale of puppies and kittens from shelters or rescue organizations. "Norman's Law," named after a shelter dog saved by Freeholder Jeffrey Nash will likely increase demand for animals from shelters and rescue organizations and save tax dollars, they said. The resolution says state and federal regulations do not adequately address the sale of pets from puppy and kitten mills in pet shops. The Freeholders, through this action, are telling pet stores that they are not selling these dogs or cats in Camden County.

As part of their announcement, the Freeholders are encouraging all municipalities in our county to adopt ordinances to restrict the sale of puppy mill pets. Somerdale Mayor and Council are proud to be one of the first municipalities to take action in joining this effort as we fully support the work of our shelters and rescue organizations in saving and finding homes for stray dogs and cats. "Puppy and kitten mills are cruel and inhumane. Anything that we can do to discourage them while encouraging the adoption of pets at our shelters we should do" said Mayor Gary Passanante.

The governing body will be following an ordinance supplied by the Freeholders who worked closely with the Humane Society to craft the new legislation. It is slated for introduction at the October Council Meeting.

FROM THE DESK OF POLICE CHIEF ANTHONY CAMBELL



Dear Neighbors:

Fall is here and as you're reading this newsletter, the kids are back in school enjoying tests, studying and homework.

Please be careful and watch for children walking to and from school.

Speaking of child safety, I wanted to make sure everyone is aware of the law change that went into effect on September 1, 2015 dealing with New Jersey's Child Restraint Law.

The law changes are as follows:

Children under age 2 AND weighing less than 30 pounds must be secured in a rear-facing child safety seat that is equipped with a five-point harness.

Children between ages 2-4 AND weighing up to 40 pounds must be secured in a child safety seat equipped with a five-point harness, either rear-facing (up to the height and weight limits of the seat) or forward facing.

Children between ages 4-8 AND less than 57 inches tall must be secured in a forward-facing seat equipped with a five-point harness (up to the height and weight limits of the seat) or in a booster seat.

Children ages 8-17 must use the vehicle seat belt. The safest place for children under 13 is in the back seat.

Remember, these laws are written by state legislatures and signed into law by the governor. The police are expected to enforce them.

If any of our residents have difficulty installing their child safety seats or want to make sure it is installed correctly our department has a certified child safety seat technician. We would be happy to help anyone who needs assistance. For help just call our station at 856-428-6324 x2500 to set up an appointment.

As always, we are here to serve you so always call in anything suspicious. If you find yourself saying "it's probably nothing" that should be the trigger for you to call us. Please!

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

Yours truly,
Chief Anthony R. Campbell

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All students at Sterling High School will learn and achieve a high level of academic achievement exceeding the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels and national standards. We commit to a comprehensive system of support to assure this outcome.

September 16, 2015

Dear Somerdale Residents:

I would like to thank the Somerdale residents for their support of the January 27, 2015 Bond Referendum. As you know, this bond was defeated by 60 votes but the residents of Somerdale approved the bond within their town. We will again go out for a bond referendum on September 29, 2015 to address many interior and exterior renovations for Sterling High School. The State of New Jersey will pay up to 61% of many of the projects in ROD Grant and Debt Service Aid. The referendum vote is split into two questions. Please visit our website by going to www.sterling.k12.nj.us and click on September 29, 2015 Bond Referendum for more information. Sterling High School will offer its last September 29, 2015 Bond Referendum Information Night on September 22, 2015 at 6pm in the High School Auditorium.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mark Napoleon
Superintendent

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Myron "Bucky" Buchman presents Chief Campbell with a check for \$1000

Myron "Bucky" Buchman presents Chief Campbell with a check for \$1000. With all the negativity towards police and the assaults that they endure, sometime deadly, where criminals are glorified and police are vilified, Bucky wanted it known that he supports his police and police across this country. He also was emphatic that he was not alone with his support, that he was part of the strong silent majority of decent Americans that genuinely support and appreciate the police.

Bucky is a 45 year businessman here in Somerdale who owns and operates Hamilton Court Apartments, which for decades is one of the best run complexes in town.

Chief Campbell intends to use the donation for community policing initiatives.



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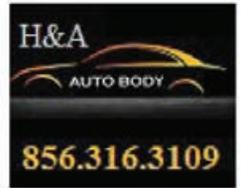
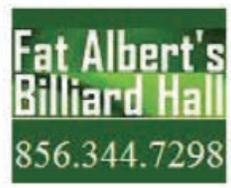
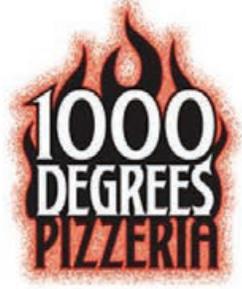
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**Another Economic Redevelopment Project
Now Underway!**

Mayor Gary J. Passanante
Borough Council

Coming Soon - "The Sign" of Progress

Residents continue to ask me about the economic redevelopment throughout our community as most know that I am intimately involved in those efforts. We have so many projects in the cue and are constantly working on more and more. Many of these take years to develop but are still very viable and will be beneficial for our community once complete. So that you may have a better "feel" for the economic redevelopment work being done "behind the scenes", we are developing new signage that will identify those properties that are nearing change.

While these redevelopment projects may still be in the formative stages, they are far enough along that we anticipate visible improvements to the location in a reasonable period of time. These improvements can be anything from a facelift to complete demolition and reconstruction. We hope that by visibly identifying the many properties throughout the community that are destined for improvement, it will encourage you and others to remain committed to our community while demonstrating Somerdale's potential to other would be developers that may be considering a new venture and a viable location.



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SOMERDALE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION



In June, three of our Somerdale softball players advanced to the Mid-Atlantic Pitch Hit and Run Championships at Citizens Bank Park. Rebecca Reitano, Alicia Gotts and Mikayla Corsey.



For the third year in a row, the Somerdale Baseball & Softball Association, has been asked to be the host organization for the Mid-Atlantic Pitch Hit and Run Championships at Citizens Bank Park.



In July, for the first time ever. The Somerdale Bulldogs 12U boys baseball team competed in the Blue Crab Classic, held in Aberdeen, Maryland at the Cal Ripken Baseball Complex.

The SBSA would like to thank Mayor Passanante and the Somerdale Borough for all of their support, the parents for allowing their children to be part of our organization, the coaches for their time and effort that they give to the boys and girls, and especially to the kids, the boys and girls are the ones that make the SBSA the best organization in South Jersey.

SOMERDALE PUBLIC WORKS 2015 FALL & WINTER RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Electronic Recycling – No television sets or any e-waste material we be picked up if it has been taken apart. Once a television set has the tube broken it is considered hazardous waste and becomes the homeowners responsibility for disposal. The public works cannot handle these hazardous items and they will not be picked up.

Please call the DPW at 783-4648 to schedule a pickup for ALL electronics and for any questions concerning this program.

Vegetative Recycling – The last weekly collection will be Tuesday September 29th. Starting in October collection of vegetative waste will be done once per month, October through April on the last Tuesday of the month.

Leaf Collection – Leaf collection will start on or about October 18th and will continue thru December 20th. Leaves must be raked between the sidewalk and curb. Leaves must be free of all other debris (branches, trash, animal waste, etc.) Due to the storm water regulations leaves or any other debris may not be placed within 10 feet of a storm water inlet. Collection will be approximately every 7 to 10 days (weather permitting) once the leaf-vac passes your residence the entire town will be done before returning to your street. If you wish to bag the leaves you must call the public works department to schedule a separate pick-up. Do not park vehicles on or near leaf piles, this will result in the pile being missed to the next collection.

Tree Branches/Brush – During leaf collection season brush will only be picked-up when time and manpower permits. Call the public works department to schedule a pick-up.

Snow Removal – Borough ordinance states that sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours immediately after the end of the storm. When shoveling or using a snow blower to remove snow from your property, do not put the snow back into the street. The public works department asks that you wait until the roadway is cleared from curb to curb before clearing the edge of your driveway and when plowing is imminent that all vehicles be removed from the roadway when possible.

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

Vegetative waste will be collected 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
PET WASTE, TRASH, STONES, BRICK, BLOCKS, OR ANY
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**PLEASE CONSIDER COMPOSTING AS AN ALTERNATIVE
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Dr. Dennis Vespe - Superintendent/Principal

Mr. Jarod Claybourn - Vice Principal

Ms. Melissa Engelhardt - Business Administrator / Board Secretary

July 2, 2015

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As we prepare for the new 2015-2016 school year, we want to remind parents and/or guardians of our technology and paperless initiative. The Somerdale Park School website (Somerdale-park.org) will be the main source for school information and will be updated throughout the school year for you to reference. Our Teachers will continue to use less paper in the classroom and will be setting up their own websites for students and parents to access. These sites will contain homework assignments, information for upcoming events and/or forms that will be filled out electronically. As you know the students are now doing school work on tablets in the classroom and will be required to continue this at home. Somerdale Park School is offering parent classes for One-Note, MAP, Website Navigation, and Classworks during the Summer and throughout the 2015-2016 school year. These classes will help parents with the changes in technology and what students are learning in the classroom. Dates, times and sign-up information for these classes is posted on the website. The school will provide you with a laptop or you may use your own while attending these classes.

As we approach the 2015-2016 School Year, we would like you to check to make sure you are able to access our website and that your internet capability is up to date. Internet capability is an important part of your child's education and a necessary component for your child to conduct their assigned school work. If you do not have internet service there is a program through Comcast that allows you to receive internet service at a low cost. If you do not have a computer, please notify the school as we may be able to assist you in obtaining one for your home. Below are details of the Comcast Internet Essentials Program for you to review.

The new program provided by Comcast called Internet Essentials is available if you have at least one child eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program, your family may qualify for fast, affordable home Internet service. Internet Essentials costs just \$9.95 per month (plus tax). For participating families, there are no price increases, no activation fees or equipment rental fees. If you think this might be right for your family, it's easy to get started. Visit InternetEssentials.com to learn more and see if you qualify, or call 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) to enroll and get connected.

Again, we want to make sure that our students have access to online learning as well as parents being able to stay informed with all the school information needed to have a successful year. We hope you have a relaxing and safe Summer and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Faithfully In Education,

Dr. Dennis M. Vespe
 Superintendent/Principal

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

The Somerdale Community Center,
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FRI. 9/18 - HADDONFIELD 7PM	FRI. 10/23 - OVERBROOK 7PM
FRI. 9/25 @ GATEWAY 7PM	SAT. 10/31 @ PAULSBORO 1PM
FRI. 10/2 - AUDOBON 7PM	WED. 11/25 - COLLINGSWOOD 7PM
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CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON:

- Alpha Program: to resume in the fall
- Cornerstone Nursery School: registration for fall

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1st Presbyterian welcomes its new minister, Rev. Paul Seefeldt.

First Presbyterian Church of Somerdale welcomes its new pastor, Rev. Paul Seefeldt. Rev. Seefeldt spent his childhood in Florida as the son of graduate students and professors. As a youth, he showed horses (hunters and jumpers) in Maryland. This led to a career in training thoroughbred racehorses on the east coast. In 1987, Paul raced a horse in the Kentucky Derby, and in the Jersey Derby at Garden State Racetrack (finishing third).

A chance encounter with a church picnic and the Holy Spirit started and renewed a faith journey that led to a call to ordained ministry. His education includes a Bachelor degree in Organization Management from Eastern University in St. David's PA and a Masters of Divinity degree from Palmer Theological Seminary in Wynnewood PA. At Palmer, Paul met his wife, Danica Roki, a foreign student from Chile. Following his graduation in 2010, Paul was called to a church in northwestern Iowa, serving as solo pastor. Paul and Danica have three children.

Pastor Paul is thankful for his new opportunity to serve God in the Somerdale community. He eagerly looks forward to seeing what wonderful works God has in store for us. We encourage you to meet Pastor Paul at a worship service or at the Church Office.

Park Avenue Church's Food Pantry Wins Best of Somerdale Award

What a pleasant surprise! Just this past month, Park Avenue Community Church's Food Pantry was awarded the Best of Somerdale Award for Houses of Worship. We are so thankful for the recognition. But we are even more thankful to be able to serve this community and fill this need for people.

Our food pantry is now feeding over one thousand people a month. We are located at 431 North Hilltop Avenue - right next to the fire hall. We are open on Tuesdays from 11 AM to 12:30 PM and again on Thursdays from 2 PM to 3:30 PM.

Of course, to be able to continue this ministry, we need a lot of help. We are thankful for the food donations we have received from the Human Relations Commission of Somerdale in collecting food for in conjunction with Martin Luther King Service Day. And we are grateful to the Boy Scouts for their food donations around Thanksgiving Day.

And, of course we want to thank all those who have sent us financial help over the past year. Your help keeps this ministry going.

If you would like to help continue this ministry and help your neighbors in need, checks can be made out to Park Avenue Community Church, and sent to 107 Park Avenue in Somerdale, NJ, 08083.

Another way you can help us is through our upcoming fundraiser in cooperation with Boscov's Friends Helping Friends. For the cost of five dollars, you will receive a shopping pass to be used on October 20th, all day from 9 AM to 11 PM. This pass will give you discounts up to 25 percent on your shopping that day. You can pick up one of these passes during our normal food pantry hours. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help support our food pantry ministry. For any further information please contact the church office at 856-435-0309.

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Board of Freeholders Announces 2015 Influenza Immunization Schedule

DATE	DAY	LOCATION	TOWN / ZIP	TIME
Sept. 30	Wednesday	Senior Health Fair, Cooper River Park North Park Drive (Rain or Shine)	Pennsauken 08109	10:00 am 2:00 pm
Oct. 5	Monday	Eastern High School Cafeteria 1401 Laurel Oak Road	Voorhees 08043	4:00 pm 7:00 pm
Oct. 7	Wednesday	Bellmawr Fire Hall 29 Lewis Avenue	Bellmawr 08031	3:30 pm 6:30 pm
Oct. 8	Thursday	Camden County College - Camden 200 N. Broadway - College Hall Com. Rm.	Camden 08102	10:00 am 1:00 pm
Oct. 9	Friday	Cherry Hill Township Municipal Building 820 Mercer Street	Cherry Hill 08002	9:00 am 12:00 noon
Oct. 13	Tuesday	Cold Springs School Gymnasium 1194 Market Street	Gloucester City 08030	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Oct. 16	Friday	Collingswood Senior Center 30 West Collings Avenue	Collingswood 08108	11:00 am 1:00 pm
Oct. 20	Tuesday	Katz Jewish Community Center 1301 Springdale Road	Cherry Hill 08003	9:30 am 11:30 am
Oct. 21	Wednesday	Bud Duble Senior Center 33 Cooper Folly Road (off RT 73)	Winslow Twp. 08004	2:00 pm 4:00 pm
Oct. 23	Friday	Gloucester Township Municipal Building 1261 Chews Landing Road	Blackwood 08012	9:30 am 12:00 noon
Oct. 26	Monday	Magnolia Community Center 425 Brook Avenue	Magnolia 08049	4:00 pm 7:00 pm
Oct. 27	Tuesday	Harry Williams Community Center Broadway & Black Horse Pike	Runnemede 08078	11:00 am 1:00 pm
Oct. 28	Wednesday	City Hall - Council Chambers, 2 nd Floor 520 Market Street	Camden 08101	9:30 am 11:30 am
Oct. 29	Thursday	Camden County College - Blackwood Connector Atrium	Blackwood 08012	10:00 am 1:00 pm
Nov. 2	Monday	Voorhees Town Center 2400 Voorhees Town Center	Voorhees 08043	3:30 pm 6:30 pm

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Little Known Facts about Somerdale

EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK – Taverns, Farms & Hamlets of Somerdale

By Martin C. Hansen

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am pleased to acknowledge the help of my son, Martin R. Hansen Sr., and my granddaughter, Melissa A. Palombo, who have chaptered and correlated my noted and arranged the format of this final first history of our beloved town. Our town had a laborious beginning, being incorporated in 1929 at the start of the Great Depression, and yet we have developed into a fine community, the equal to any of our neighbors. We can thank the many hard working residents, young, old and deceased for our success.

FOREWORD

The writer has attempted to blend the past into the present. Many of the towns in our area share the early history described in this book. Each town has its own unique story. I hope those that read this book will come away entertained and appreciative of all those people that have made Somerdale a great little town. At 87 years of age, I've had great pleasure from public service. I hope those who come after me will get involved in our community and make their own contribution.

CHAPTER 1 OF 11

Collateral Developers, Indian Paths, and Water Highways

In the early days of the formation of our society, the English nobility granted powers of propriety upon their most favored subjects who there upon established themselves in this new land. Various other persons of importance joined the prime landowners for religious or other promises of a better life, many of these signed papers of indenture to pay for passage to America, after which they were free. To further populate the colonies the English courts provided amnesty to jailed debtors and lesser criminals, if they would also go to America. They were, of course, indentured for a specified time to pay for the cost of their travel.

The system of indenturing was widely used by the early proprietors and an improvement to include an interval of schooling continued well into the nineteenth century.

Charles W. Shaylor's History of Lindenwold provides an interesting note P-91 excerpt "In 1824, Benjamin (Tomlinson), made application to New Jersey Legislature for permission to make North Branch of Timber Creek navigable from his mill to Chews Landing, to erect a lock at or near the forks and to remove the floodgates at Chews Landing.

The widow of John Green related that in 1890, her grandfather, Elias Rosell, regularly drove a team of horses from Lucas Paint Works to Chews Landing where the product was transported by barge to Philadelphia.

Powells History, p. 386, relates that Anthony Warwick, a farmer who lived near Chews Landing, sent cord wood and lumber to the Philadelphia market from his landing at the head of navigation on the North Branch of Timber Creek. Anthony Warwick, who married Elizabeth Crawford on October 5, 1775, built a house in 1794 on the road, which was dedicated in 1797. This house formerly stood in front of the main entrance to Sterling High School. This brick building later moved near the north brow of Signey, alias Sheyanees' Run but was destroyed during a fire and was subsequently pushed over the ravine to vacate the site for a tavern around 1964.

CHEWS LANDING – THE END OF WATER COMMERCE

In 1917 the first bridge from the Mt. Ephraim Road was erected across Timber Creek to Chews Landing and preceded along what is familiarly called Old Black House Pike. This new juncture eliminated the need for the Old Irish Road at Flood Gates, which led to the ultimate retirement of the road started by Major Abraham Porter.

THE NEW BLACK HOUSE PIKE

In 1929 the second bridge was built across Timber Creek just west of Old Chews Landing. This action and the subsequent paving of the new pike from Chews Landing to Gloucester County in 1930 provided a straight route from Camden City to the ocean.

These bridges at Chews Landing virtually eliminated all but local trade at Chews Landing.

INDIAN PATHS and WATER HIGHWAYS II

In a five-mile radius centered in Berlin, formerly called Long A Coming, fresh water from the Raritan Deposit is pressured to the surface by numerous springs, thereby four considerable streams.

The Mullica River runs E. S. E. to Great Bay.
The Egg Harbor River runs S. S. E. to Somers Point.
The Timber Creek, alias Gloucester River, runs W. N. W. to the Delaware River at Brooklawn.
The Cooper River runs N. W. to the Delaware River at North Camden.

This geological feature, which created travel arteries for the Aborigines, held further importance due to the ready passage across these streams in any direction and during any season in the lower county area. Later, the colonists would impound these many tributaries to power there their various mills, inns, taverns, blacksmiths, and other stores, to service this commerce.

Three centuries ago three major streams, Cooper, Newton and Timber Creek, were of sufficient width and depth during the tides to permit the passage of the small sailing ships which brought the earliest settlers to our area.

THE IRISH ROAD 1712

Notes on Old Gloucester County Volume 1, compiled by Frank H. Stewart, details the following, "Where as there was a complaint made unto us, the under written commissioners, that there was need of a road from the head of Timber Creek, where the old road to Salem formerly went down to Gloucester. Pursuant to an act of assembly that empowers us in these cases, we have layed out a road commonly called the Irish Road as followed. Beginning at Porter's Mill and from thence falling into the old road that went to Burlington and along the some over Sheyanees Run from thence to Other Branch and thence over the hills to Beaver Branch by John Hugg's plantation, thence to the brick kilns upon Elias Hugg's land and from thence upon a straight course to the little bridge and from thence along the Kings Road to Gloucester layed out by us, this third of December 1712." Rich. Bull

Commis's"

Tho. Sharp

"Porter's Mill", The beginning point of this road once stood behind the large brick farm house, which still stands on Carver Ave., just east of West Park Ave., in the Borough of Lindenwold.

Major Abraham Porter, a provincial military agent who also served as a freeholder in 1721-1722, owned three thousand acres of ground. Having sole ownership of this vast plot of ground which now includes portions of Lindenwold, Gloucester Township and the boroughs of Laurel Springs, Stratford, Hi-Nella and Somerdale, permitted Porter to utilize the best to avoid unnecessary stream crossings. Leaving Porter's Mill, the road passed over the mill pond outfall following Park Ave. eastward through Laurel Springs to a point east of Kennedy Hospital in Stratford, picking up the course of Old Warwick Road which follows the direction of the short leg of Grand Ave., whose line is the boundary of St. Luke's Church to Vasser Ave. changing direction behind Samuel Yellin School to a point at Hi-Nella thence changing westerly it crossed Signey Run (alias Sheyanees, Sheganees, Saganyo), Thence running along the northern side of the Run into Gloucester Twp., which becomes Bee Lane crossing Somerdale-Chews Landing Road, thence over the Otter Branch Bridge continuing north over Irish Hill (in Runnemede) into Bellmawr's Kings Highway, thence into East Browning Ave., thence in West Browning past New St. Mary's Cemetery (John Hugg's Plantation), to Brooklawn, which is between Beaver Branch and Little Timber, thence northward across the Little Timber Creek Bridge to Gloucester Towne. Whosoever has Mind to Purchase the same, may apply themselves to Andrew Bradford, or to James Parrot Shipwright in Philadelphia, or come to the said Plantation, where they may be formed of the price, and time of payment. The American Weekly Mercury, November 27 December 4, 1729.

Nothing further is heard of the name Portersfield after his death. Thus Porter's plantations, mills, and roads have lost his name. A few of his successors are listed 120 years later in P. Nonans map of Gloucester Township 1850 as follows:

J. Tomlinson	950 Acres	Gloucester Township
J. Tomlinson	400 Acres	Garden Lake / Laurel Springs
W. B. Earle	438 Acres	Laurel Springs
E. F. Hunt	450 Acres	Stratford
A. Hillman	38 Acres	Somerdale
A. Hillman	103 Acres	Hi-Nella
J. Jenkins	83 Acres	Somerdale
J. Jessup	250 Acres	Somerdale
J. Handsell	40 Acres	Somerdale
S. Hillman	97 Acres	Somerdale
M. Rulon	28 Acres	Somerdale

Porter's death ended the autocratic control of the Timber Creek watershed and with the advent of a more diverse ownership; a floodgate was erected at Chews Landing, where the mouth of the stream enabled the erection of a larger system of docks for the loading and unloading of an expanded number of commercial barges.

A view of this area, which lies behind Chews Landing Fire Co., although now locked by bridges, provides a somewhat limited indication of the activity of this water terminus.
"A bridge to be built at County expense"

Francis Collins engaged to ye Grand Jury to make a sufficient bridge over ye upper branch of Gloucester River and also to mark out ye way plainly and sufficiently fro from ye bridge to and through the Indian Field in ye upper side of the bridge. The County paying him for his labor in doing the same.

An observation of the absence of the Oak trees along Somerdale Road from Floodgates to the Philadelphia and Atlantic City Railroad gives strong evidence that this is Francis Collins Road through the Indian on Sheganees' Field mentioned in the Deed of 240 acres purchased by Mordecai Howell, 1701 April 28.

A copy of a map by P. Nunan dated 1850, given to this writer by Harry Marvin lists the following properties on the north side of Somerdale Road beginning at the Flood Gates (Big Timber Creek) at Chews Landing.

W. Aubel	76 acres
J. Ballinger	149 acres
J. Harsell	10 acres
Total	235 acres

The adjoining farm owner immediately east of this tract is recorded as J. Sharp.

The initial motivation fro this article on Sheganees' Field was to establish the origin of what we now refer to as Somerdale Road. This road is referred to on one old map as the Cheeseman Road, obviously using an east to west direction. On another map, it is referred to as the road to Whitehorse, thus using a west to east direction.

Having located the dedications of the "White Horse to the Ferry Road" (White Horse Pike) 1807 and the so called "Private Road of Anthony Warrick 1796" some years ago in the Old County Road Books. I now set upon the task of searching out Somerdale Road in the Old Records.

After two weeks of fruitless searching, I decided to try a different approach.

Consulting miscellaneous notes which I had taken from the New Jersey Archives of Colonial Documents some years ago, I decided, upon the discovery of several items related to an Indian Field, that I would do a narrative on it.

While writing about this I once more came upon the mention of Francis Collins' "Bridge over ye Upper Branch of Gloucester River," "Through the Indian Field in ye Upper Side of the Bridge."

This directive which came from the Grand Jury which was located in what is now Gloucester City, and the Upper Branch of Gloucester River which is called North Branch of Time Creek, positively locates the Field south of the Old Bridge at Flood Gates, which formerly went to Gloucester.

This, and the other historical facts led to what could be termed the accidental discovery that Francis Collins' Road of 1689 was in fact the origin of Somerdale Road. This then was the reason why I couldn't locate the original dedication in the Road Books, which were only slightly over (200) years old.

Quite remarkable is the good fortune by which through the rendering of this sketch it is believed that substantial proof has been provided to establish the specific site of Sheganees' Field, the 240 acre tract much mentioned, in the Archives, the spelling continuity of Sheganees, Sheyanees, Seganyo, and Signey Run, all of which, are one and the same and the origin of Somerdale Road which could be called Francis Collins' Road.

While I'm convinced of the foregoing, the reader may not be. In any event, I leave this small contribution for future generations to ponder or disprove.

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Sterling Regional High School District



Cost Summaries

QUESTION 1 Level 1 - Round 4 ROD Grant Projects	Total Estimated Cost	Actual State Share	Local Share to be Bonded
Exterior Renovations	\$3,021,875	(\$1,868,320)	\$1,153,555
Interior Renovations	\$293,750	(\$181,615)	\$112,135
HVAC Construction	\$1,843,750	(\$1,139,926)	\$703,824
Electrical Construction	\$612,500	(\$378,687)	\$233,813
TOTAL	\$5,771,875	(\$3,568,548)	\$2,203,327
		61.8265%	38.1735%

ROD Grant State Share of Renovations: Architects' estimate of total costs x 61.8265%

QUESTION 1 Debt Service Aid Projects	Total Estimated Cost to be Bonded	Actual Debt Service Aid Paid over 20 yrs	Local Share After Debt Service Aid Reimbursement
Interior Renovations	\$937,500	(\$561,228)	\$376,272
HVAC Construction	\$187,500	(\$112,246)	\$75,254
TOTAL	\$1,125,000	(\$673,474)	\$451,526
		59.8644%	40.1356%

Debt Service State Share of Renovations: Architects' estimate of total costs x 59.8643%

TOTAL QUESTION 1	\$6,896,875	(\$4,242,022)	\$2,654,853
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QUESTION 2	Total Estimated Cost	Actual Debt Service Aid	Local Share After Debt Service Aid Reimbursement
Stadium Complex	\$1,809,060	(\$334,677)	\$1,474,383

Debt Service State Share of Renovations: Architects' estimate of total eligible costs x 18.5% (Grass Field Only)

GRAND TOTAL	\$8,705,935	(\$4,576,699)	\$4,129,236
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Community	QUESTION 1 Tax Impact Per Year on \$2.6 M Local Share	QUESTION 2 Tax Impact Per Year on \$1.4 M Local Share	TOTAL Questions 1 & Question 2	Average Assessed Home
Somerdale	\$27.55	\$15.40	\$42.95	\$138,105
Magnolia	\$26.10	\$14.33	\$40.43	\$147,014
Stratford	\$30.29	\$16.71	\$47.00	\$156,934

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