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# SOMERDALE VOICE

## Somerdale's Annual **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

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The parade was followed with a reverent ceremony to honor all of those who have served our country.



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## 2015 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

### JULY

**Tour de Fish Bike Race at Flying Fish on the 19th**  
Races begin at 8 am

### AUGUST

**National Night Out on the 4th**

**Concert Series at Cooper Towne Center**  
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th at 6:30 pm

### SEPTEMBER

**Somerdale Day on Kennedy Boulevard –**  
Saturday the 12th  
10 am – 4 pm  
**Flying Fish 5k beginning at 10 am**

### 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**

Municipal Clerk	856 783-6320 x 3300
Council	856 783-6320 x 3300
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

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Mayor Gary J. Passanante**  
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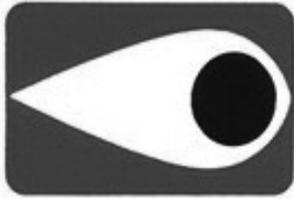
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## Park School Teacher Receives "Teachers Who Rock Award"

We are very proud to announce that one of our teachers from Somerdale Park School, Charity Knecht has won the NJEA and WMGK teachers who rock award.

Mrs. K is a ESL teacher at the school, she teaches English to students from Burma.

Ninety percent of these children do not speak or understand the English language when they arrive. Her passion to teach along with her determination to help these children to succeed is beyond any word in the English language.

She not only teaches the language to these children she also teaches them our cultural.

She gave them costumes to trick or treat for the first time, a complete dinner for Thanksgiving, and their first Christmas presents with an actual Santa making a delivery to the school.

She also attends every dance and every sports event while balancing a family of her own.

Mrs.K. you are not only a super hero to your students and faculty at Somerdale Park School, you are very special to everyone in our community. Thank you for all of your hard work and your effort.

# Go Cavs!

- Mayor and Council

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# The Mayor's Corner



Summer has arrived and with it, vacations and family trips to the shore or your favorite getaway! For those travelling out of town, be sure 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.

I am happy to report once again that we have finalized our local levy budget for the 2015 calendar year with nearly no increase over 2014! This year the impact to your local taxes is a marginal 0.06% (less than 1%) or under \$10 for the year based on the average home assessed at \$138,000. I will have a detailed 2015 tax levy chart in the next newsletter after the state, county and schools adopt their 2015/16 budgets.

Construction at the new CooperTowne Village Town Homes will be coming to an end in late 2015/early 2016 as the last of the home sites are sold in the next 60 days or so. This Ryan Home project has garnered great attention throughout the state and in the residential home building industry as it has been the fastest selling project two years in a row in South Jersey. Of the 122 Town Homes being built, 93 are occupied, 19 are either under construction or awaiting settlement and only ten are still available for sale. The demographics of our new residents are precisely what we targeted when designing this "sub community" with the majority of the owners being young, upwardly mobile executives seeking residence where public transportation is convenient and entertainment and shopping is within walking distance. While many neighboring communities struggle to retain their population, we are growing our population with solid citizens that can and will represent the future of our community.

While I am on the topic of growth and development, I'm sure you are wondering about the status of our new Super Wawa construction as, on the surface, it may appear to be stalled. The fact of the matter is that construction at the site had been slow because of the harsh winter weather we experienced as well as the normal processing time it takes to receive final approvals from the state's departments of transportation and environmental protection. In both cases, these plan approvals are

underway and the developer has not met with any unforeseen issues at the present time. Please keep in mind that because of the size of the project and the reconfiguration of the egress and ingress to the site as well as the remediation of any contaminants from the prior fueling facility, we fully anticipated some "slow going" in the initial stages until the state, county and local approvals were complete. With that being said, work should begin to pick up pace from now through the year end as approvals are received by the developer. Currently, the developer is projecting building construction to commence by late summer/early fall when the ground preparation and storm water management is complete. The expected completion of the building and pumps is end of 2015 assuming weather and approvals are as projected.

If you missed last year's first annual bike race, you missed a great time with exciting race action, good food and drink! Well, the race is back, so don't miss the only event of its kind in Camden County. Come out to Flying Fish Brewery on Kennedy Boulevard this July 19th and join your friends and neighbors for a great day of entertainment. The race will begin/end at Flying Fish and cover a 1 mile course throughout the business district and portions of our residential area near Kennedy Boulevard. Special "free entry" classes for Somerdale residents and children will be held as part of the day's event. Food vendors will be at Flying Fish to serve the racers as well as the spectators. This is a great event and I encourage you to take the family out for a day of excitement and fun whether you are racing or just observing.

Our annual "National Night Out" will be held on the first Tuesday evening in August at its' new expanded venue at Park School. We will once again have an outdoor movie for our children on the big screen, as well as vendors and breakout sessions in the school. This is a rain or shine event as Park School has been gracious enough to allow us to use their facility in case of rain.

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 last year's back on the schedule. Just bring your lawn chair and settle in for some great Classic Rock, Doo Wop Oldies, Acoustic, and Country Western live entertainment.

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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## TREES, LIMBS AND BRANCHES

Branches will be collected on Wednesday/Thursday (conditions permitting) The branches **MUST** be 4 foot long or longer and may be up to 6 inches in diameter. **The cut ends MUST be stacked and facing the same direction**

CORRECT



INCORRECT



Tree branches less than 4 feet long **MUST** placed in trash cans for the Vegetative Waste collection on Tuesdays

**DO NOT MIX THESE ITEMS WITH THE BRANCHES THEY CANNOT BE CHIPPED AND WILL CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE EQUIPMENT:**

WIRE, REBAR, STRING, VINES, STICKER BUSHES, LUMBER, LOGS, STUMPS, SHRUBS, ROOTS, DECORATIONS, PIECES OF FENCING, TREE LIMBS WITH NAILS OR METAL OBJECTS OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL OTHER THAN BRANCHES

**LOGS, STUMPS AND ROOTS ARE THE HOMEOWNERS RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE REMOVED**

- All tree work performed by a contractor **MUST** be removed by the contractor
- A maximum of 20 MINUTES will be spent at any one stop, **TIME PERMITTING**, the crew may return after checking the entire town for brush **OR** the next scheduled pick up day, the 20 MINUTE RULE will still be in effect
- During **FALL LEAF SEASON**, brush will only be picked up when time, manpower or weather permits, **CALL PUBLIC WORKS @ 783-4648 to be added to the schedule**

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING - Trees will be collected curbside on Thursdays. Remove all decorations, lights, stands, nails or screws from the stands.**



Flocked trees **cannot** be chipped and must be placed in the regular trash collection on Thursday



### Students at Somerdale Park Experience Living History

"Never subscribe to HATE!" That simple message was the theme of a recent living history experience for the sixth graders in Mrs. Ratajski's ELA class at Somerdale Park School. Mr. Charles Middleberg, Holocaust survivor and speaker from the Goodwin Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Cherry Hill came to the English/Language Arts class to share a once in a lifetime experience. Accompanying Mr. Middleberg was his daughter and grandson. The students listened to the message that the three generations so openly shared.

The class has been reading novels based on events during the Holocaust in a literature circles format. Students read and discuss the novels in what looks like an adult book club minus the coffee. The sixth grade is presently reading *Number the Stars*, *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* and *Daniel's Story*. Reading the fictional accounts of the Holocaust has been an interesting experience for the students but to have a "witness" as Mr. Middleberg calls himself, was hearing firsthand what actually took place. Mr. Middleberg shared his life story.

In Paris, 1939, at age 9, Middleberg's family was separated. Charles and his younger brother were hidden with their mother on the roof of their Paris apartment building. The boys' mother arranged for them to be taken to a goat farm for safety. They never saw her again. Charles' father, a watchmaker was sent to Auschwitz and survived and was reunited with his sons in Paris after the war was over.

The students asked the guests questions about life during and after the war, decision making and what they could do to keep history alive. Mr. Middleberg's grandson challenged the students to become "messengers" themselves.

## FROM THE DESK OF POLICE CHIEF ANTHONY CAMBELL



1) From left to right: Officer Sean Plasket, Officer Hank McLaughlin and Chief Campbell 2) Chief Campbell and our new officer Marty Brennan

### Dear Neighbors:

I would like to take this opportunity to announce the hiring of two new Special Class II Officers to our Department.

Our department picked up two fine candidates to fill vacancies that were created by former Specials finding full-time employment.

Martin "Marty" Brennan just completed a rigorous 10 month Class II Academy at Gloucester County Police Academy graduating this past May. The academy covers all aspects of training as a regular full time officer which starts in August and graduates in May.

Henry "Hank" McLaughlin was a 2014 graduate of the Cape May County Police Academy as a Special Class II and a 2013 Graduate of the Cape May County Academy as a Special Class I. Hank did two seasons as with the Sea Isle City Police Department.

Marty and Hank will complete a Field Training Officer Program (FTO) before starting patrol on their own.

These officers will learn Somerdale Police Departments Rules and Regulations, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and the streets. We also stress the department's philosophy to take care of our residents in any and every way possible, making sure every encounter with our residents is fulfilling, professional and friendly.

We are excited to have these two competent officers.

The use of Special Class II Officers are a cost effective way to accomplish staffing needs of the department and ensure that the Somerdale Police Department has the personnel on staff to keep Somerdale the great community it is.

Special Class II Officers have all the patrol responsibilities of a full-time regular officer, are armed, and have the

same expectations of professionalism and service to the community.

To keep costs at a minimum, the Borough of Somerdale usually seeks out candidates that have already obtained the certification of a Special Officer Class II from the Police Training Commission.

Our department also has on our force Special Class I Officers.

The training standards are significantly less of that of a Special Class II Officer. Special Class I Officers have 80 hrs of Academy Training as opposed to 540 hrs for a Special Class II Officer.

Special Class I Officers do not carry a firearm and are used primarily for traffic control and security for special events. Some are permitted to enforce parking offenses by Borough Resolution.

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](mailto:somerdalepd@somerdale-nj.com).

**Yours truly,**  
**Chief Anthony R. Campbell**



## MEMBERS NEEDED JOIN TODAY

### SOMERDALE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Somerdale Office of Emergency Management exists to serve the emergency needs of the community whether it is a natural disaster, major storm system, long-term power outages, chemical or hazardous material incident or terrorist threat.

**For more information contact** John O'Leary  
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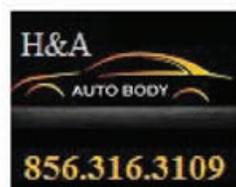
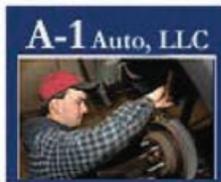
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# SOMERDALE DAY

(ALONG THE BOULEVARD)

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

(RAIN DATE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH)

10 AM TO 4 PM (BEER GARDEN TILL 6 PM)  
KENNEDY BOULEVARD TO COOPERTOWNE CENTER

### CLASSIC CAR SHOW

10 AM TO 2 PM

COOPERTOWNE CENTER (FRONT OF CINEMARK)



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**Wednesday - August 5th (6:30 PM to 9:00 PM)**

**Jersey Fresh Night (Acoustic)**

Featuring:

**Camille Peruto**

**Alyssa Ford**

**& Some Special Guests!**



**Wednesday - August 12th (6:30 PM to 9:00 PM)**

**Current & Classic Rock Night**

Featuring:

**Aftershock**



**Wednesday - August 19th (6:30 PM to 9:00 PM)**

**Country Night**

Featuring:

**TERRY RIVEL  
AND THE  
GHOSTRIDERS**



**Wednesday - August 26th (6:30 PM to 9:00 PM)**

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**Somerdale Day 5K Run**

Last year we brought back the Somerdale 5K Run which was a huge success with over 700 registrants competing.

The run will again take place this year on Somerdale Day, September 12th and start on Kennedy Blvd.

The run will be open to residents as well as interested participants from outside the Borough.

The event start time is scheduled for 10:00 am so don't miss out on a great time!

The race route is highlighted to the right and we will have police and volunteers at strategic points along the race route.



**To Register online, visit [www.FlyingFish5K.com](http://www.FlyingFish5K.com)**

## A History of the Somerdale Fire Department - Part 4 of 4



By 1970 the building boom was over. The borough bought several replacements in the next few years. A 1969 F-500 Ford Utility Truck equipped with two generators and wired flood lights, as planned by Chief Cliff Stanton for rescue use, to replace Somerdale's war surplus Ford Utility. The 1955 Ford pumper is replaced at Magnolia Heights by a 1974 Mack 1000 GPM pumper with 750 water tank. 1977 sees then Governor Brendan Byrne ride atop Somerdale Fire Company's new high visibility Lime Yellow American La France 1500 FPM pumper with 500-gallon water tank at the housing parade. In 1974 the two Fire Companies jointly planned a 50th Anniversary celebration and parade. Over 100 units participate in the parade. Magnolia Heights members installed an A-roof on their station to replace the leaking flat roof. Former Chief Robert McAister Sr. planned and directed the work as he had done when building the station in the 1950's and 1960's. In 1976 the Second Store is the largest fire in Somerdale in this decade.

The Borough replaced three pieces of equipment in 1980's. A 1983 Ford Saulsbury with 12.5 kW generator, mounted flood lights and an 8 bottle breathing apparatus refilling system replaced Magnolia Heights 1961 Ford equipment van. Later the same year Somerdale Fire Company received a lime yellow 1983 Ford/Pierce 1000 GPM pumper with 500-gallon water tank to replace their 1961 Ford/La France pumper. And in 1988 Magnolia Heights received an E-One Hush, rear engine, fully enclosed 1500 GPM pumper with a 750-gallon water tank to replace the 1963 Ford/Maynard pumper.

In 1982 former Assistant Chief, former Councilman, active member for 49 year, George O'Brien passed away while still serving as Magnolia Heights President, an office he had been elected to for thirty-five years.

In two separate fires in the mid 1980's three more people lost their lives in dwelling fires. A number of "working" fires accrued during the 1990's probably the most memorable fire at 104 Park Avenue. A family of 14 people including two Fire Department members escaped a raging 2:00am house fire because the drill that they had practiced repeatedly, WORKED! Somerdale Fire Company raised money and purchased a powered hydraulic vehicle rescue tool.

But by the middle of the decade the suggestion of consolidating the two Fire Companies was openly brought up. First by Mayor Holloway and Council and then by Mayor Passanante. Mayor Passanante formed a Fire Department Consolidation Committee made up of two members from each Fire Company and two members of Council and the Mayor to work out the details. At the end of 1997, the last of work on the new Fire Department Constitution and By-Laws were being finalized. The volunteer members of both Fire Companies passed the new Somerdale Fire Department, Inc. Constitution and By-Laws in February 1998.

On March 13, 1998 the State of New Jersey recognized the Magnolia Heights Volunteer Fire Company and the Somerdale Volunteer Fire Company as being consolidated into a single corporate organization

### **SOMERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. AT 101 PARK AVENUE.**

Long term, dedicated and varied service to the community has been a tradition that our Volunteer Fire Department has always been known for. Edward Costello, former-Assistant Chief closed the books as the last Treasurer of the Somerdale Fire Company, having actively served for 52 years. At least six Mayors and several dozen Council members have come the Fire Department. Department members help make up membership on the many Boards and organizations that make the Borough of Somerdale the Cross Roads of South Jersey. Sense of community, a call to civic duty and civic pride has brought us to where we are today. With community support we hope to continue helping our fellow residents in need well into the future.

## **COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS**

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## Student Art Showcase Includes Mondrian, Kandinski and more

Stratford, NJ –St. John Paul II R.S. Kindergarten through 8th Grade students presented their art work at the school’s annual Student Art Showcase on May 28th. Art teacher, Regina Scott, called the show’s theme “Every Child is an Artist.” Every student has at least three pieces of art displayed.

Work included techniques from artists, Piet Mondrian, Wassily Kandinski, Amedeo Modigliani and more. Projects included Matisse collages, one point perspective, contour lines and oil pastel pictures. Students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade receive Fine Art Class weekly learning art history, art styles, and work with various mediums.

Mrs. Scott holds a MA in art education with an emphasis in Special Populations and a BFA in art education with a focus of 3D Design from Moore College of Art and Design. She also coordinates the school’s Art Club after school for students in 3rd through 8th Grade.



Kindergarten Artwork-  
Matisse Collage



4th Grade Artwork-  
Wayne Thiebaud Oil Pastel Cakes



5th Grade Artwork-Amedeo Modigliani Self Portrait

## Somerdale Park School 2014-2015 School Year Comes to an End!

### A message from Dr. Dennis Vespe, Superintendent

The 2014-2015 school year has come to an end and our school year was a great success. Our Eighty-sixth graduation ceremony was held on June 12, 2015 and 56 students received diplomas; Congratulations to the Class of 2015! Many of their families, guests and staff were in attendance to cheer them on, thank you to all who came out to help them celebrate the big day. Thank you to all the award sponsors for supporting our students.

During the Summer our website will be updated to include several important pieces of information for the 2015-2016 School year. You will be able to find Class Lists, Summer Reading Projects and School Supply Lists for each grade. Also, we will post any upcoming events at Somerdale Park School, so keep checking back.

As the school year came to an end we said “Good-Bye” to several of our staff as they retire. Leaving us to start a new chapter in their lives are, Mrs. Janine Houser, Mr. John Kosick, Mrs. Susan Britton, and Mrs. Mary Rugarber. We appreciate all they contributed to the school while they were here and will be greatly missed by staff and students.

On behalf of the Board of Education, and the administration and staff of the Somerdale Park School, we thank you for your support of our school this past school year, and wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy, and safe summer vacation! As a reminder Somerdale Park School will re-open on September 2, 2015.

## GO CAVS!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS 2015!!

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|   | BAKER, MARC             |   | MC ATEER, RAYMOND  |
|   | BALUKA, JASON           |   | MEDEIROS, LOGAN    |
|   | BANNISTER, MICHAEL      |   | MEH, KO            |
| ☆ | BARBARA, MEGAN          |   | MOORE, JACOB       |
|   | BHUPAN, JAYLEN          |   | NARCISO, JOSHUA    |
| ☆ | CHISHOLM, MEGAN         | ■ | NESMITH, JAVAUN    |
| ☆ | CHUA, SHANON            |   | NGO, TONY          |
|   | CLARK, JULIAN           | ☆ | NGO, TOMMY         |
|   | CLARY, NYLAZIA          | ☆ | NGUYEN, KELLY      |
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## THE CAVALIER STUDENT VOICE

*"The Cavalier Students Voice" is a regular column that gives the students of our Park School a place to showcase their writing skills.*

### I Survived? - By John Daniels

Is it time to graduate yet? I know that's what you are thinking but, eighth grade is the best year of middle school, but is sadly the shortest. Teachers expect the most out of you during your eighth grade year. All you have to remember is just because your time in this school is almost over, you still need to try your best and do well during this year.

At the beginning of the year, I needed to reassure myself to do the best of my ability. I needed this reassurance because of my procrastination, which always ended up happening... Heck, I will probably end up not doing this essay until the night before it's due. That's just how I am...it's sad, but true. If you really want to survive eighth grade it will take hard work and determination, and artistic ability (if you have Mrs. Ratajski). Trust me, life is better without procrastination.

The truth is, sometimes people make mistakes and forget about homework. But the absolute worst thing you can do is come up with some lame excuse. Teachers will always see through your lies. I learned this nice and early in sixth grade, teachers would not and will not take any excuses. It is almost like all teachers have a secret sixth sense. They can just smell your lies out like a blood hound chasing a rabbit. On the upside teachers are always there for you when you have a problem. They are always willing to help you, no matter who you are. All you have to do is ask them. You have to learn to trust them.

Teachers expect you to be performing at your best during this year. It doesn't matter whether you are in the top of the class or bottom of the class, they always will want you to try to the best of your ability. They want you to lead the next eighth grade class to a great year, but to lead the next class to a great year, first you need to lead yourself to a great year. That means don't have any discipline problems, and your year will definitely be way more fun.

To sum thing up, in order to be the perfect student you need to, not procrastinate, reassure yourself that you have the ability to do well, and stay away from the hooligans. Eighth grade is a sink or swim year. Surviving eighth grade is difficult, but it is possible.

I did not just survive eighth grade...  
I thrived in eighth grade.

## SOMERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**What happens when the fire siren sounds?** Dedicated Volunteers respond to the Fire Station to gear up. They board the apparatus and respond to the emergency's location.

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**But what happens if no one came to answer the call?** It is possible that it could happen. We are experiencing a manpower shortage. When the alarm sounds, we will be there, but the truth is that we need more members to help us better serve you. We are running with less people to do the job. We need your help. Daytime, nighttime, we need your assistance.

It's easy to join, just stop by the fire station at Park and Hilltop Ave. any Monday night and check us out. Pick up an application. Male or female, all are welcome. All you need to be is at least 18 years of age and willing to learn and help. (At 16 years of age, you can join as a junior.

**Please come out and join us in helping your neighbors. You are needed!!**

**As of May 31st, we have responded to 144 calls and the members have over 2000 hours of training.**



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### CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON:

- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:  
TO BE HELD IN AUGUST**
- **ALPHA PROGRAM: TO RESUME IN THE FALL**
- **CORNERSTONE NURSERY SCHOOL:  
REGISTRATION FOR FALL**

## RESIDENTIAL VEGETATIVE WASTE

NEW STARTING MAY 2015

**Vegetative waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, tree parts to 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.**

**PLEASE DO NOT BAG YOUR WASTE**

**Vegetative waste must be put in open containers with handles and drain holes, each container must not exceed 30 gallons in size.**

### **DO NOT INCLUDE**

**PET WASTE, TRASH, STONES, BRICK, BLOCKS, OR ANY OTHER NON-VEGETATIVE MATERIAL**

**PLEASE CONSIDER COMPOSTING AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR INFO ON GETTING STARTED COMPOSTING GO TO**

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[http://eartheasy.com/grow\\_compost.html](http://eartheasy.com/grow_compost.html)**

**Please contact the DPW for more info 856-783-4648  
If you must bag the vegetative waste you must use the paper biodegradable bags only - NO PLASTIC BAGS**

**Magnolia Ambulance Corps, Inc. has been proudly providing emergency medical services to the residents of Magnolia and Somerdale since 1953 and recently began providing services to the Borough of Lawnside. Emergency medical services are provide using a mix of paid staff and volunteer members.**

Paid staff are employed by Sterling EMS Alliance, LLC. an organization formed by a partnership between Magnolia Ambulance Corps, Inc. and Stratford Ambulance Association, Inc. in 2007. Paid staff rotate between both organizations to ensure that all towns have coverage when volunteers are not available. The Alliance is governed by members from both Magnolia and Stratford and works closely with the governing bodies of each town.

Magnolia Ambulance Corps, Inc. has an active volunteer base that provides coverage when the paid crews are not scheduled. Many of our volunteers are long-term members. Both paid and volunteer members have the same level of training. Most volunteers work full time jobs or go to school and volunteer on a part time basis.

The community recently voted Magnolia Ambulance Corps, Inc. as the best EMT/Ambulance Squad in the 2015 Courier-Post Best of South Jersey contest. Members are proud that our community took the time to recognized the service that is provided.

New volunteers are always needed. Magnolia Ambulance Corps, Inc. is one of the few ambulance squads in our are to offer a cadet program. Cadets must be at least 16-years or older and be making satisfactory progress in school to volunteer. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should visit [www.magnoliaambulance.org](http://www.magnoliaambulance.org) for additional information.

## Camden County Library Announces 2015 Summer Reading Programs

The Camden County Library System joins libraries across the state in offering 2015 summer reading programs based on the themes "Every Hero Has a Story" for children and "Unmask" for teens and tweens.

Participants can register online or at their local branch and pick up a reading log to track all they read during the summer or everything read to the youngest children. Report the hours and titles read to one of the library's eight branches to earn incentives and chances to win larger prizes at the local branch.

Enrolling children and encouraging teens and tweens to join the program is a great way to maintain and even sharpen reading skills over summer vacation. Registration dates for the programs vary by branch. Call the local branch to find out details.

The library's different locations (Bellmawr, Ferry Ave. in Camden, Gloucester Twp., Haddon Twp., Merchantville, Downtown Camden, South County and Voorhees) will be offering special programs based on the superhero themes during the summer.

### *Note these events:*

- *The Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch will host a Cartooning Workshop on Saturday, June 27, 11 a.m. Learn to draw your own superheroes.*
- *Stop by the Bellmawr branch on Friday, July 10, 11a.m., to Make and Cape! Stuffed animal by day, superhero by night! Make and cape your stuffed animal!*
- *Join other superheroes at the South County Branch for Superhero Kid-con on Monday, July 27, 11a.m. Come dressed as your favorite hero.*
- *Calling all Heroes to the Gloucester Branch on Thursday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. Dress up as your favorite superhero!*

"The summer reading programs offered at our libraries help to keep your children engaged in reading and learning over the summer break. I encourage every parent to take advantage of these programs and all that our libraries have to offer residents," says, Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez, liaison to the Camden County Library System.

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### S.H.R.C. Multi Cultural Event at The Flying Fish

On April 25th the Somerdale Human Relations Commission held a Multi-Cultural event at The Flying Fish Brewery. The event featured music and food from many different countries, and fun facts from around the world. There was also a table that featured our community quilt where everyone was invited to draw a picture that represents our town on a piece of fabric and add to the quilt. Our anti-bullying table drew a lot of questions that were answered by our SHRC members.

And there was Carla's Corner where you could learn to say hello and goodbye in languages from around the globe. We would like to thank The Flying Fish Brewery for their support and their continued involvement in community events.

#### Somerdale Human Relations Commission members

L to R Councilman Larry Sefchick, Miss. Somerdale Stephanie Daniels, Carla Bocito, Lucia Brooks, Michael Hightower, Catherine Brooks, Nancy Perry



## BEEF AND BEER BENEFIT

RAFFLES - AUCTION - FOOD - BEER - MUSIC

### TO SUPPORT THE 2015 CAL RIPKEN BULLDAWGS TEAM!

WHEN: FRIDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

FROM: 7PM - 11PM

WHERE: HI NELLA BAR AND GRILL

HOW MUCH: TICKETS ARE \$25



Please contact Gary Riebel at (484) 390-1819 or Trish Riebel at (609) 685-6347 for tickets!

## Bike Race Returns to Somerdale! ♦ Sunday, July 19th ♦ Participants & Spectators Welcome! ♦ Starts 9:00 am at Flying Fish



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SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015

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Category	Distance	Start	Fee	Prizes	Places	Field Limit
Cat 4/5	45 Minutes	9:00 am	\$30	Merchandise / Beer!	5	75
Masters 55+	45 Minutes	9:55 am	\$30	\$250 / Beer!	7	100
Cat 3/4	45 Minutes	10:50 am	\$35	\$500 / Beer!	10	100
Masters 45+	45 Minutes	11:45 am	\$35	\$500 / Beer!	10	100
Kids / Citizens	100 meters to 1 lap (varies)	12:30 pm	Free	Medals		
Masters 35+	45 Minutes	1:00 pm	\$35	\$500 / Beer!	10	100
Pro 1/2/3	60 Minutes	1:55 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 9 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 \$15. 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](http://www.bikereg.com) is strongly encouraged! Online registration will close at 11:45pm on July 17<sup>th</sup>!

**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:** Women may enter any men's race for which they are eligible for a \$10 discount (and no late fee). \*\*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](mailto: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.





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**WHEN**  
August 4th, 2015 (Tuesday)  
6:30pm - 11:00pm movie starts at dusk

**WHERE**  
Somerdale Park School  
Gymnasium/Ward Field  
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