



CITY HALL RECORD

City of South Amboy
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Spring/Summer 2018

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Check out our new and improved website!

We have re-designed our website for easy accessing as well as new formatting to allow better viewing on mobile devices and tablets!

Keep up to date with important news and events.

www.southamboynj.gov



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A Message from Mayor

Fred Henry

Now that we are out of the dark and cold of winter, things are beginning to happen at a rapid pace in the City. First and foremost, there are many more people spending time on Broadway and in our parks. The Department of Public Works is busy making repairs from snow and plowing damage and generally sprucing up our outdoor recreational areas to ready them for their busiest part of the season.

I am happy to report that the Department of Transportation has awarded us substantial grant monies which will enable us to do large scale and visible improvements to Stevens Avenue, Pine Avenue and O'Leary Boulevard over the next several years. In addition to improvements to the roadways and streetscape on these busy main streets, the grant will allow us to expand the sidewalks on O'Leary Boulevard to encourage greater use of both City and County facilities along the Bayfront.

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A Message from Mayor Fred Henry (continued)

While on the topic of roads, the County is in the process of soliciting bids to make the much-needed repairs to lower Main Street. Construction is never an easy process and sometimes can be filled with surprises. For instance, in making preparations to finish the last segment of the Bordentown Avenue improvements, old trolley tracks were discovered. This shouldn't be shocking in an old railroad town but it added another hurdle to overcome.

Redevelopment continues and Woodmont properties have turned out to be an attractive addition to the area bordered by the YMCA and Frog Hollow. The long-awaited Ferry project continues to move forward and we continue to explore opportunities to bring clean ratables in to the City.

The days are getting longer, the sun is a little brighter, and the energy level of your local government is high as we work together to bring new projects and events to enhance life for all residents of South Amboy.



South Amboy Police Department News

Since our last edition the South Amboy Police Department has had a lot going on. First, we are proud to announce that Detective Sergeant Daniel Holovacko recently completed training as a DARE Officer. The City Police Department in cooperation with the South Amboy Schools has already began the process of providing this very important training. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education curriculum is designed specifically to reach children in the 5th grade. It involves many activities to teach the children about the dangers of drugs and how develop the ability to make good choices when confronted with illicit substances.

The Department wished a long and fulfilling retirement to Officers Mark Lewis and Paul Noble as they completed their service to the City. Chief LaVigne welcomed Officers Chris Norek, Walter Fuentes, Kurt Miller, and Marvin DeAusen to our segment of the thin blue line after their recent graduations from the Police Academy. When you see any of the new Officers around the City make sure to say hello.

The Department has been undergoing a year long process to gain accreditation from the NJ Association of Chiefs of Police.

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Co-op Program

City of South Amboy and South Amboy Public Schools team up to initiate the first Student Co-op Program. The co-op program allows students to split time between attending regular classes and gaining real-world experience by working in various departments for the City. Students, Matthew Coyle and Andrew Rogan, were acknowledged during the January 31, 2018 Council Meeting for completing this course work at its inception.

Initially, Councilman Reilly introduced the idea to the City and Board of Education. Superintendent Diaz and Teacher Roger Kuhn defined the details of the program with the City. The school then conducted a screening process and selected Coyle and Rogan to participate in the pilot program. One of the students was assigned to the Tax Department working alongside Joanne Katko and Ann Mazanec while the other worked together with Dawn Forte in the Building Department. Councilman Reilly stated that "it worked out well for both sides. The students gained valuable knowledge and real-life experiences while actively participating in the duties at City Hall. All reviews from the student and their respective mentors, were positive. It also establishes a working relationship between the Board of Education and the City of South Amboy, which is a great thing!"

"The idea was to offer an opportunity for our students to gain real-world work experience as part of their regular classwork," Board of Education President, Tyler Simko said. "It took a great deal of cooperation between the Board of Education and City Hall but everyone was pleased with the results." "Moving forward, we are going to extend it to more students and we will reach out to more programs in South Amboy and it's going to get bigger and better," Reilly said. "We look forward to an ongoing relationship with the Board of Education and with these students in getting them prepared for life outside of high school."

Message from Council President Mickey Gross

We are proud to announce our participation in National Night Out on August 7th beginning at 6pm on Broadway in front of City Hall. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Co-sponsored by our Police and Recreation Departments this event will feature puppet shows, kiddie rides, and educational opportunities. The South Amboy YMCA will be assisting us in making this worthwhile event something to remember. We are encouraging any business or organization that would like to participate in or support this event to contact our Recreation Department at events@southamboynj.gov or call Jaclyn at 732-525-5965.

Congratulations to Council Member Zusette Dato on being honored with the YMCA of Central New Jersey of the Peter J. Barnes Community Champion Award. Those of you who know Zusette are aware that she is dedicated to helping others in any capacity she can. Her generosity of spirit is being recognized on May 2nd at the Pines Manor in Edison where the Mayor and entire City Council will be on hand to celebrate the event. Congratulations again to her and her supportive husband Robert.

South Amboy's Saint Patrick's day parade was held on March 18th with great success. Over 7,000 people lined our streets for this special event. Twenty-four bands and countless volunteer groups made this year's celebration one of the best ever. Congratulations to the South Amboy parade committee on a job well done. Thank you to our Police Department on their great job on keeping everyone safe and family friendly the day of the parade and all year round.

The parade committee headed by Cathy Schwartz is already planning next year's event on Saturday March 16. The committee works all year on this annual event. Anyone willing to help with next year's parade can sign-up on line at www.southamboyparade.com.

The annual celebration of our nation's independence will be held on July 3 at 9pm. The best place to watch our fireworks will be in Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. The fireworks will be launched from a barge in Raritan Bay. We are partnering again with the City of Perth Amboy to share the cost of this extremely well attended event that showcases our beautiful bay front location. There will be food vendors and live music for everyone's enjoyment that night. The fireworks will have music accompanying them again from WCTC radio 1450 AM.

For the latest news and information about all City activities follow us on Facebook and check our website.

South Amboy Police Department News:

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This very time consuming and labor-intensive task will ensure that the Police Department has adopted and utilizes the best practices recognized by law enforcement agencies from around the state.

Remember that the South Amboy Police Department is here to serve you. Never hesitate to call 732-721-0111 for routine inquiries or business and in an emergency always remember to dial 911.

Mayor and City Council Members welcome new Business Administrator, Glenn Skarzynski

At the March 29th business meeting the City Council voted unanimously to approve Mayor Henry's appointment of Glenn Skarzynski to fill the position of City Business Administrator.

Glenn is a lifelong resident of Sayreville and retired from the Sayreville Police Department in 2016 as a Captain. He has a BS in Criminal Justice Administration, a Masters in Public Administration and brings with him many years of local government experience both as a worker and administrator. He has been a NJ Certified Paramedic since 1990. He admits to being a "hack" golfer and an even worse bagpipe player but has certainly made his presence known since accepting his new responsibilities.

At the time of his appointment Glenn said "I am extremely excited to become part of the outstanding team at City Hall. Residents have enjoyed a high level of service under my predecessors. My hope is to build on their success and bring a bit of a personal touch to the services we provide. All of our City employees are hardworking and want to provide a high level of satisfaction. It is my job to ensure they have the tools and working environment to succeed in their pursuit of excellence."

Glenn has already stepped in to lead existing projects and has started a few new ones as evidenced by the noticeable increase in the use of social media to engage residents. As he likes to say, "South Amboy is on the move!"

UPCOMING EVENTS!

May 3rd, 2018: Hidden in Plain Sight 6:30PM at South Amboy High School

May 19th, 2018: Memorial Day Parade 12PM (Rain or Shine)

May 23rd, 2018: Mayor's State of the City at the Senior Center - 12PM

June 2nd, 2018: Business Breakfast at Paint and Party 9AM

June 4th-29th 2018: Arts & Crafts Registration daily at the Senior Center 8:30AM-3PM

June 20th, 2018: Consumer Fraud Session for Seniors 11AM at the Senior Center

June 23rd (Rain Date: June 24th) 2018: City Wide Yard Sale (New this year!: Participation Registration and list of addresses participating will be available) 8AM-4PM

June 23rd (Rain Date: June 24th) 2018: Local Business Street Fair - 12PM-5PM on Broadway

July 2nd-August 3rd, 2018: Recreation Arts and Crafts Summer Program

July 3rd (Rain Date: July 5th) 2018: South Amboy/Perth Amboy Fireworks Display. Park opens at 4PM to the public. Fireworks go off at dusk.

August 7th, 2018: National Night Out 6PM - Dusk on Broadway

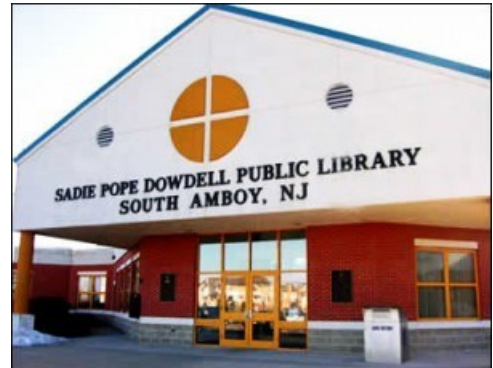


Please be reminded that May 15, 2018 is the last day to register to vote for the upcoming June 5, 2018 Primary Election. If you have not yet registered to vote please print the voter registration form

<http://www.njelections.org/voting-information.html>.

You can mail it directly to the Middlesex County Commissioner of Registration at 11 Kennedy Blvd., East Brunswick, NJ 08816-9928 or stop in the Municipal Clerks Office located at 140 North Broadway, South Amboy. You can register to vote if you are United States Citizen, you will be 18 years of age by the next election, you will be a resident of the State and County 30 days before the election and you are NOT currently serving a sentence, probation or parole because of a felony conviction. Please remember that your vote is your voice and every vote does count.

Sadie Pope Dowdell Library Events!



MAY: Wednesday, May 2 (3:30 pm) Cinco de Mayo Party Kick-off to the weekly bilingual Story time

Monday, May 14 (4:30 pm) NJ Business Workshop: Business Registration

JUNE: Monday, June 18 Adult Summer Tea (4 - 5:30 pm) Alzheimer's NJ Communication Tips and Techniques (6 pm)

JULY/AUGUST: Summer Clubs @ the library

AUGUST: Monday, August 20 (1 pm) Andy the Armadillo Visits!

SEPTEMBER: Monday, September 17
Alzheimer's NJ Managing Difficult Behavior (6 pm)

**For more events check out the library's
monthly calendar and eNewsletter at
www.dowdell.org**

Attention South Amboy Business Owners!

The City of South Amboy would like to help promote and link your business on our up-to-date website.

If you are interested, please contact Jaclyn at kellyj@southamboynj.gov



South Amboy Street Fair



Promote and interact with the community that supports your business!

Gain new clientele!

June 23rd, 2018 (Rain Date: June 24th)

12 PM—5PM on Broadway

If interested in participating or for more information, please contact
Jaclyn at kellyj@southamboynj.gov

Hosted by the City of South Amboy



*** Same day as City Wide Yard Sale***

Congratulations!



South Amboy born and raised native, Craig Coughlin, was sworn in as the New Jersey General Assembly Speaker on January 8th, 2018.

Craig graduated class of 1976 from Hoffman High school. He served on the South Amboy Board of Education from 1983 to 1987. In 1987, he was elected to the South Amboy Borough Council, serving until 1993. He also served as a volunteer fire fighter with the city of South Amboy from 1976 to 1982.

Coughlin, an attorney, received his bachelor's degree from St. John's University and his law degree from St. John's University School of Law. He became an Edison Municipal Court judge in 2005, serving until 2009. He then joined the Assembly, representing the 19th Legislative District, which includes Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy and Woodbridge in Middlesex County.

Mayor Henry, Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski and City Council members congratulate and wish Craig the best in his newly appointed position as General Assembly Speaker.

Temporary Summer Employment Opportunity

Are you a high school student looking to make some extra spending money this summer?

Temporary summer employment will be available to complete various tasks around our great city.

If interested, applications are available for pick up at the Recreation Department located at the Senior Citizens Center (108 South Stevens Avenue).

For more information please contact Jaclyn at kellyj@southamboynj.gov

Join the South Amboy Sustainable Green Team!

The City of South Amboy is now a registered Sustainable Jersey community and is working towards Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification. The City has pledged continued development and implementation of green and sustainable initiatives, activities and projects to accomplish this goal.

As part of this initiative the City has formed a citizens advisory Green Team to assist in identifying and completing green sustainable projects.

For information on the Green Team please email Jay Elliot at elliott@southamboynj.gov

The City of South Amboy Recreation Department will be holding registration sign up's for the 2018 Summer Arts & Crafts program starting June 4th through June 29th, daily at the Senior Center (108 South Stevens Avenue) 8:30 AM—3 PM

This program is for children ages 4 to 12 years old. The program is free to South Amboy residents only and will run from July 2nd to August 3rd. Your children will have fun making crafts, playing sports and interacting with other children.

Any high school student looking for community service hours can volunteer to help the counselors at the parks. If interested, a volunteer application can be picked up at the Senior Center.

Any questions or for more information, please contact Jaclyn at (732) 525-5965.



Senior Center News

Did you know that you can join the Senior Center at the age of 60? You will be entitled to many of the following benefits:

Transportation to and from your doctors office or selected hospitals, within a 10 mile radius.

Food shopping four days a week: Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, Acme, and Farmers Market.

Transportation to and from the Senior Center for club meetings: St. Mary's and South Amboy Seniors.

Bingo every Tuesday and Friday, providing the center is open.

Our seniors also enjoy each other's company by going out to lunch once a week.

In the warmer weather, we provide transportation to the county park for the seniors to walk around.

New at our center is chair yoga.

Staff at the center have information to provide on PAAD, Lifeline, Property Tax forms and information on other available county services.

Residents age 60 and older are also eligible to receive Jersey Fresh vouchers. This program is implemented to showcase the products of Jersey farms and to bring nutritious food to the Senior population and is slated to begin in June and run through November.

Transportation for all eligible seniors will be provided by the City of South Amboy. Additional details will be released in the coming months.

If you are interested in joining the Senior Center and all the programs and activities the City has to offer its seniors please contact Kerry at 732-525-5960 burkek@southamboynj.gov



"Keeping Our Community Clean"

Your tax dollars hard at work! Department of Public Works now has a new street sweeper!

DID YOU KNOW???

Sidewalk and exterior home repair grants are still available. If your primary residence is in need of any exterior repairs, sidewalks or stairs;

please contact Kathy at 732-525-5932

kudelkak@southamboynj.gov for additional information

South Amboy Historical Society



TAKE ME OUT TO THE
Ball Game

Vintage Baseball Game
Played by baseball rules of 1864
Saturday June 9, 2018

Come out and root, root, root for our home team, the
John Bulls of Radford's Ferry
who will be playing the
Monmouth Furnace Baseball Club

11:00 am
Veterans Field
South Amboy

In collaboration with the City of South Amboy

Trivia Question:

What was Tom Kelly's uniform number for the
Minnesota Twins?

(Answer: #10)

Upcoming Events

- May 22nd, 2018**—Monthly Historical Society Meeting
6PM at the Senior Center
- June 9th, 2018**—Vintage Baseball Game 11AM at
Veterans Field
- June 26th, 2018**—Monthly Historical Society Meeting
6PM at the Senior Center
- September 25th, 2018**—Monthly Historical Society
Meeting 6PM at the Senior Center

Do you have artifacts and stories to share with your
fellow South Amboy neighbors? Come join the fun!
We meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at the
Senior Center in South Amboy or visit
<http://hsosouthamboy.wixsite.com/hssa>
for more information.

South Amboy Arts



POPS @ the PARK
featuring Music at St. Mary's Orchestra
Sunday, June 10, 2018 4pm ~ Free Admission
Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, 1 Keenan Way, South Amboy

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic
supper and
relax to the music from Game of Thrones,
John Williams, Mozart, Patriotic...and more!

www.southamboyarts.org

Funded in part by Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders



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for Summer 2018 events!

City Wide Yard Sale

SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY
SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd 2018
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 24th 2018
8AM UNTIL 4PM

ALL SOUTH AMBOY RESIDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE AT NO
COST.

***NEW THIS YEAR!* - ALTHOUGH NOT REQUIRED, IF YOU
ARE INTERESTED IN REGISTERING YOUR ADDRESS FOR A
LIST THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PROSPECTIVE
SHOPPERS, PLEASE CONTACT JACLYN AT 732-525-5965
OR EVENTS@SOUTHAMBOYNJ.GOV.**

Deadline for registration is June 19th, 2018

INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS WILL BE PLACED IN THE
HOME NEWS TRIBUNE, COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS,
SATV CHANNEL 15 AND THE SOUTH AMBOY WEBSITE
WWW.SOUTHAMBOYNJ.GOV



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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

SOUTH AMBOY YMCA

200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. South Amboy, NJ 08879
732-553-9622
www.ymcaofmewsa.org

THE Y. BETTER TOGETHER

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Opportunities for the whole family to spend quality time together
- 20% Discount to South Amboy residents
- Expansive Wellness Center overlooking the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park
- Open Gym and open swim time for families
- Group Exercise classes included with membership
- FREE Child Watch for members while you work out or take a class
- FREE Commercial grade Wi-Fi in the lobby and Wellness Center
- Access to any Y participating in Nationwide Membership in the U.S.



MEMBER REFERRAL PROGRAM (Fitness is fun with your friends)

When you refer a friend that joins the YMCA as a member you will receive a discount of 25% off your next month's membership fees, for each unit referred.

Stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a Membership Referral Form. Form must present at time of sign up for referral to be valid.



*Limit **four (4)** referrals per month, for a total of 100% off*

NEW PROGRAMMING FOR ALL (Youth, adults and seniors classes)

- Eating Healthy & Cooking (all ages)
- Guitar (7+)
- Drumming (7+)
- Hip Hop Dance (5-8yrs)
- Youth Agility (12+)
- Poetry (18+)
- Pickleball (18+)
- Salsa (18+)
- and much more

Contact Mary Valera with any questions at 732-553-9622 or email mary.valera@ymcaofmewsa.org

SACC (School Aged Child Care) (Good fun, in good hands!)

Our program focuses on learning enhancement, health and recreation, and building confidence in children. The Program runs September to June from 7:00am-6:30pm (with an option for extended care until 7:00pm). Children are supervised on a structured environment, providing a safe after-school alternative from grades K-6.

Contact Tara Francis with any questions at 732-553-9622 or email tara.francis@ymcaofmewsa.org

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Friday

5:00am-10:00pm

Saturday and Sunday

7:30am-6:00pm



CAMP S.A.Y.

(The Best. Summer. Ever!)

Y campers laugh, sing, play and learn while building self confidence, self esteem and leadership skills through structured activities that are safe, accepting and age appropriate! We have a lot to offer including:

- Traditional and Specialty Camps
- Weekly Themes
- Swim Lessons
- Extended Before and After Care
- Field Trips and more!

Contact Tara Francis with questions at tara.francis@ymcaofmewsa.org



Frequently Used Municipal Phone Numbers

Business Administrator:	732-525-5932
Animal Control:	732-855-0600
Building Department:	732-525-5927
City Clerk:	732-525-5920
City Engineer:	732-605-9440
Code Enforcement:	732-525-5936
Health Department:	732-525-5961
Municipal Court:	732-525-5929
Planning Board:	732-525-5932
Police (Non-Emergency)	732-721-0111
Police Records:	732-525-5942
Public Works:	732-721-8100
Recreation Department:	732-525-5965
Registrar of Vital Statistics:	732-525-5924
Rental Housing:	732-525-5936
Senior Center:	732-525-5960
Sewer/ Vital Statistics:	732-525-5925
Tax Assessor:	732-525-5969
Tax Collector:	732-525-5924

Important Contact Email Addresses:

Councilman Brian McLaughlin: First Ward
McLaughlinforsouthamboycouncil@gmail.com

Councilman Thomas Reilly: Second Ward
Tbreilly@gmail.com

Councilwoman Zusette Dato: Third Ward
Datoz@southamboynj.gov

Councilwoman-at-large: Christine Noble
Tine713@gmail.com

Councilman-at-large, President: Michael Gross
Mickey91257@gmail.com

Mayor: Fred Henry

Mayor@southamboynj.gov

Learn More!

- ◆ City Council Meetings take place every 3rd Wednesday of the month at City Hall- 7PM.
- ◆ Planning Board Meetings take place every 4th Wednesday of the month at City Hall - 7PM.
- ◆ Historical Society meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Senior Center - 6PM.
- ◆ Check website calendar for more information. Meetings subject to change.



Check out South Amboy Youth Athletic Association at www.leaguelineup.com

Nixle Alerts!

Be sure to sign up on Nixle to receive alerts & notifications from South Amboy Police & the Office of Emergency Management : www.nixle.com