THE CITY OF
SOUTH AMBOY RECORD
OCTOBER 2026

25 Years Later—
We Will Never Forget

September 11, 2026—Members of the South Amboy Fire Department, South Amboy First Aid Squad, South Amboy Police Department, and American Legion gathered at the South Amboy 9/11 Memorial to honor and remember all those whose lives were lost 25 years ago.

Twenty-five years may have passed, but our mission and purpose remain simple: **To remember. To honor. To never forget.**

We remember the innocent lives taken, the first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice, the families who lost loved ones, and all those whose lives were forever changed on September 11, 2001.

May we continue to honor their memory today and for generations to come. We will never forget.





Message from the Mayor

Dear South Amboy Residents,

As we welcome the fall season, I am pleased to share some of the progress and accomplishments that continue to move South Amboy forward. The ribbon-cutting for our **new ferry terminal** marked an exciting milestone for our city. This investment in our waterfront strengthens transportation connections and creates opportunities for our residents, commuters, and local businesses. Thank you to everyone whose hard work helped bring this project to completion and to all who joined us to celebrate.

We are also nearing completion of the **new municipal parking lot** at Broadway and John Street. With more than 60 spaces, it will provide convenient parking for residents and visitors while supporting our Broadway businesses. We were pleased to welcome Lumen Living and The Italian Corner to our business community and wish them continued success.

Improvements continue at **Veterans Plaza**, our permanent tribute to the service and sacrifice of South Amboy veterans. A new entrance feature with lettering and lighting will further enhance this peaceful place of remembrance.

I am especially pleased that the municipal portion of our **property taxes decreased** for the second consecutive year. We remain committed to managing City resources responsibly while investing in services and improvements that benefit our community.

This year has also brought memorable opportunities to come together, from our celebration of America's 250th anniversary to recreation programs, senior activities, and community events. These experiences reflect the dedication of our City employees, volunteers, organizations, and residents.

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Elected Officials

MAYOR
Fred Henry

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Michael Gross

COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE
Anthony Conrad

1ST WARD COUNCIL MEMBER
Larry Lenahan

2ND WARD COUNCIL MEMBER
Tom Reilly

3RD WARD COUNCIL MEMBER
Zusette Dato

Contact your Council Member:
732-525-5920
Mayor's Office: **732-525-5932**
Business Administrator: **732-525-5933**

City Hall Hours

Monday through Friday:
8:30am – 4pm

Meeting Dates

City Council:
First and third Wednesdays of each month,
6pm and 7pm respectively

South Amboy Redevelopment Agency (SARA):
First Thursday of every month, 6:30pm

Planning & Zoning Board:
Fourth Wednesday of every month, 6:30pm

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With **Election Day approaching**, I encourage every eligible resident to make their voice heard by voting. Participating in our elections is an important way to help shape the future of our community.

The City and the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association look forward to some Halloween fun at our **Halloween Costume Parade and Trunk or Treat** on October 31. These events offer families a chance to celebrate together and show off their creative costumes. Thank you to the organizers, volunteers, and participants who help make these celebrations possible. Please watch the City's website and announcements for event details and help keep our children safe by driving carefully during the festivities.

As the holidays approach, I encourage everyone to support our local businesses, take part in community activities, and look out for neighbors who may need a helping hand. **Thank you for helping make South Amboy a welcoming and caring place to call home.**

—Mayor Fred A. Henry







Marking a Milestone— South Amboy Celebrates New Ferry Terminal

September 29, 2026—The City of South Amboy proudly celebrated the official opening of our new ferry terminal with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. City, county, state, and federal officials, along with representatives from NY Waterway and members of our community, gathered to mark this long-awaited milestone.

The new terminal represents years of planning, partnership, and investment in our waterfront and transportation infrastructure. It was a beautiful day to celebrate how far this project has come and an exciting moment for our City. Thank you to everyone who played a role in making this project and this special day possible. **Welcome aboard, South Amboy!**



South Amboy Fire Department Shines in Wildwood





September 18–19, 2026—As they do each year, members of the South Amboy Fire Department traveled to Wildwood for the **Annual New Jersey State Firemen's Convention and Parade**, proudly representing our city and bringing home an impressive collection of awards!

The Department earned **1st Place** honors for Engine 10, Band, and Marching (20 Members or Less), along with **2nd Place** awards for Command Vehicle, Honor Guard, Engine 6, and Engine 9—and also took home the **Longest Traveled** award.

A tremendous amount of time and effort goes into preparing the apparatus, uniforms, honor guard, and marching unit for this annual tradition.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and represented the Department and the City of South Amboy with pride. We're proud to see all those trophies coming home to South Amboy. Until next year, Deptford!



New Municipal Parking Lot Nears Completion

The City is nearing completion of a new municipal parking lot at the corner of Broadway and John Street. With more than 60 parking spaces, the lot will provide convenient parking for residents and visitors while supporting Broadway businesses.

Veterans Plaza

A Place of Honor and Reflection

Located near 331 Bordentown Avenue, next to Cannon Park, Veterans Plaza was dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2022, as a permanent place to **honor all South Amboy veterans**.

The project began with the generous donation of the former Applegate family property to the City by the Lillian Applegate Estate. The plaza features the historic soldier statue that had stood outside City Hall since the 1970s and was carefully relocated on August 26, 2022. Military branch plaques, a Purple Heart monument, and memorials recognizing South Amboy residents who died in action pay tribute to their service and sacrifice.

Commemorative pavers were donated by Cambridge Pavingstones, located at 90 Main Street in South Amboy, while Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin secured funding for the dedication plaques and sprinkler system.



Improvements to Veterans Plaza continue, including the upcoming installation of a new entrance feature with lettering and lighting, pictured here, to further enhance this special place of remembrance.



Back-to-School Movie Matinee

We kicked off the new school year with a special Movie Matinee for our students! Families gathered to enjoy a showing of the classic favorite *The Sandlot*, along with a visit from the ice cream truck for a sweet treat. It was a fun-filled afternoon and a great way to bring students, families, and friends together as we welcomed the start of another school year!

The Italian Corner

Welcome to South Amboy!

The City was pleased to welcome The Italian Corner to our community with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Mayor Fred Henry and members of the City Council joined in celebrating the opening and welcoming this new business to town.

We are always excited to see new businesses become part of our community and wish The Italian Corner much success for many years to come!



Seasonal Reminders from
Public Works

Remaining Holiday Pickups

Holiday	Day of the Week	Holiday Pickup
Election Day	Tuesday	November 3 will be picked up on **November 4**
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 26 will be picked up **November 25**
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday	**November 27** will be picked up on that day
Christmas Day	Friday	December 25 will be picked up on **December 23**

Remaining Bulk Pickup Dates for 2026

Your Regular Trash Day	Bulk Pickup
Mondays	November 4
Tuesdays	November 10
Thursdays	November 18
Fridays	November 25

Don't Want to Wait for a Bulk Pickup Day?
You can drop off bulk Monday–Friday, 9am–12pm, at our Public Works location OR every third Saturday of the month. Remaining Saturday dates in 2026: **November 21** and **December 19**

Public Works is located behind the YMCA at 7 Swan Hill Rd. Please remember to bring proof of residency.

Mattresses and boxsprings MUST be bagged.
• NO HAZMAT • NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS • NO TIRES • NO LITHIUM BATTERIES

732-721-8100

CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY
Community PAPER SHRED EVENT

Working together for a cleaner, greener tomorrow

Saturday, November 21, 2026
9am–12pm
(or until the shredding truck is filled, whichever occurs first)

Events are held rain or shine.

South Amboy Public Works Department
7 Swan Hill Road, South Amboy, NJ
(Located behind the YMCA)

PAPER ONLY
Limit: 5 boxes or 100 lbs. per car
Residential paper only—no businesses.

PREPARE YOUR PAPER
Paper must be in manageable containers—no plastic bags.

No paperclips. No binders.

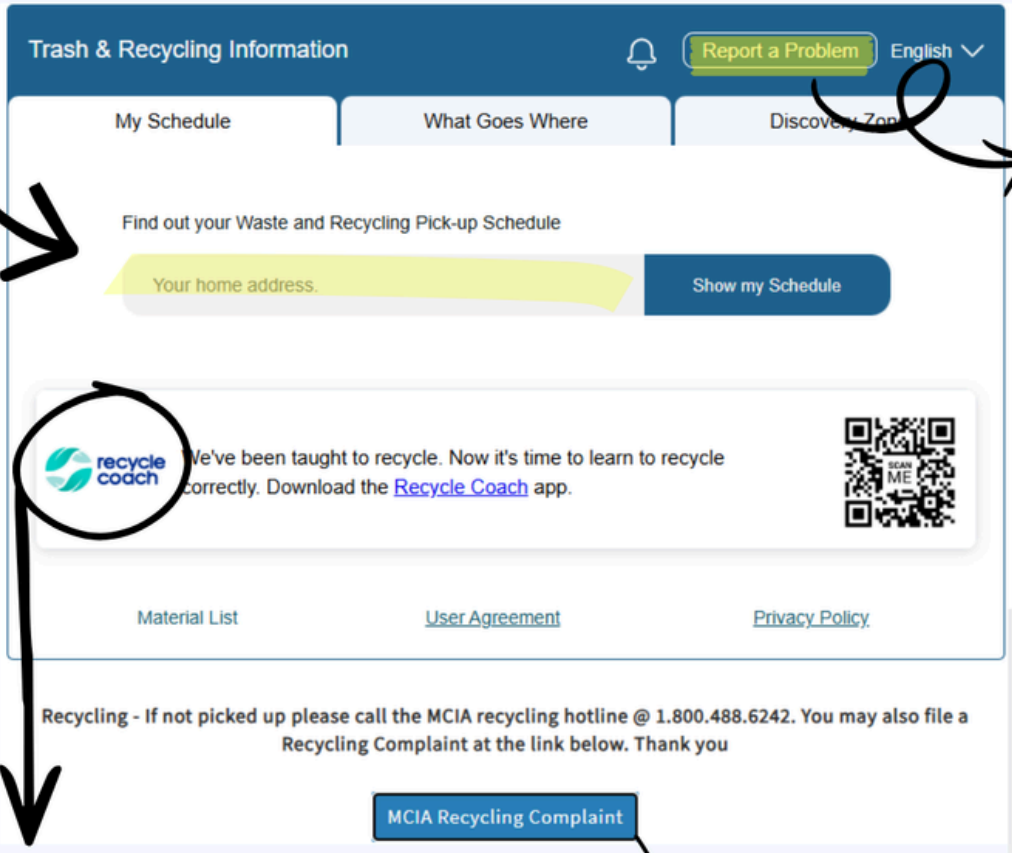
DO NOT BRING
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Hardcover books
- Junk mail
- Photos or X-rays
- CDs
- Shredded paper
- Garbage

Loads containing unacceptable items may be rejected.

Information from the Department of Public Works

For more information please visit www.SouthAmboyNJ.gov.
At the top of the page, click on “Departments.”
From the list, choose “Public Works.”

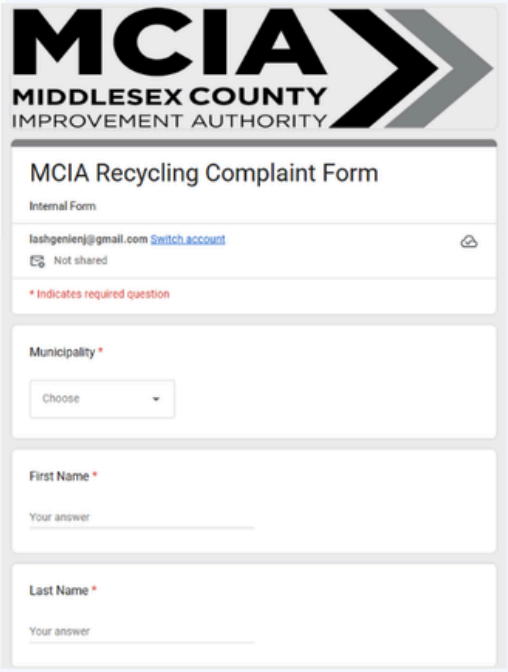
Unsure of when your trash pickup is?
Visit the Public Works page on our City website, www.SouthAmboyNJ.gov.
Here you can enter your address to find out more information about your waste and recycling pickup!



Having an issue with trash?
“Report A Problem.”
These reports are sent directly to Public Works so we can track reported issues and assess them accordingly.

Download the Recycling Coach app. Recycle Coach makes it easier to stay informed about your local waste and recycling services. Residents can check collection schedules, receive reminders and service updates, find out how to properly dispose of specific items, and report service-related issues.

Having issues with your recycling?
Fill out the MCIA Recycling Complaint Form. This link can be found on our Public Works page, on the City website.



If you still have questions or need assistance with anything else, give us a call at **732-721-8100**! We are here to help!

Lead Service Line Replacement Program

The City of South Amboy supports Middlesex Water Company's Lead Service Line Replacement Program, which identifies and replaces lead and galvanized steel water service lines at no direct cost to homeowners. The program includes replacement of qualifying lines on private property and restoration of areas affected by the work.

Residents contacted by Middlesex Water Company are encouraged to respond promptly, complete any requested survey or agreement, and schedule replacement work if needed. Your participation will help improve our community's water infrastructure and reduce potential lead exposure.

For more information, call 800-549-3802 or visit middlesexwater.com/customer-care/get-the-lead-out.

Volunteer Firefighters Wanted!



Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? The South Amboy Fire Department is looking for dedicated men and women to join its ranks.

Our Fire Department is 100% volunteer, with members giving their time to protect the lives and property of their neighbors and community. No prior firefighting experience is necessary—all required training is provided and paid for.

Becoming a volunteer firefighter is an opportunity to learn valuable new skills, become part of a proud South Amboy tradition, and make a real difference in the community you call home. Interested in learning more? Stop by one of our South Amboy firehouses and speak with a member about joining.

Answer the call. Serve your community.
Make a difference.
South Amboy Fire Department—
100% Volunteer. 100% Committed.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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What is the South Amboy Local Emergency Management Council?

The South Amboy Local Emergency Management Council (LEMC) is responsible for planning, coordination, training, and preparation for disasters and hazardous incidents. The Council comprises multi-disciplinary professionals that play a vital role in Emergency Management for the City and its neighbors.

The LEMC is made up of designated representatives and positions from the following departments:

- Emergency Management Coordinator & Deputy Coordinators
- Emergency Management Support Staff (Logistics, Operations, Shelter, UAS)
- City Mayor
- City Council Representative
- Business Administrator
- Police Department / Public Information
- Fire Department
- Emergency Medical Services
- Health Department
- Engineering
- Public Works
- Local Media

The LEMC collaborates throughout the year to review required plans, discuss preparedness efforts within the City of South Amboy, and exercise the Emergency Operations Plan through tabletop scenarios. The LEMC participates in and attends training offerings to enhance their capabilities and experience level, which will prove valuable when called upon to serve the City.

In New Jersey, it is state law for municipalities to have an LEMC, where the Emergency Management Coordinator serves as the council's chairman. Local emergency management councils come from the NJ Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act, which originally started during World War II, and has since been updated to current all-hazards emergency management.

Mark Herdman, NJCEMOEM Coordinator
City of South Amboy



Election Day is **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026, and polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. New Jersey voters also have the option to vote early in person from Saturday, October 24 through Sunday, November 1. Residents are encouraged to make a plan to vote and take part in this important civic process.

To confirm your polling location or find additional voting information, visit the **New Jersey Voter Information Portal**. You can review the New Jersey Voters' Bill of Rights at **NJ.gov**.

Halloween fun is back!

Get those costumes ready! The City of South Amboy and the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association are once again teaming up for our Annual Halloween Costume Parade & Trunk or Treat on October 31! Join us for a spooktacular time filled with costumes, treats, and plenty of Halloween fun for the whole family. Check out the flyer below for all the details!



America 250

Highlights

Thursday, November 19

6:30 pm

W.A.S.P. Takes Wings:

The Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II



Sadie Pope Dowdell Library

Adjacent to the South Amboy High School
732.721.6060
comments@dowdell.org

SADIE POPE DOWDELL LIBRARY


City of South Amboy
Presents
Light Up South Amboy
Home Decorating Contest
Registration opens December 1st
&
Closes December 9th
FIRST PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE
Email your address and phone number
to
Recreation@southamboynj.gov

CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

TREE LIGHTING
&
EMERGENCY VEHICLE LIGHTS PARADE

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 4, 2026

AT 6:00PM

Join us for a family fun event of musical performances, crafts with SA Arts, Emergency Vehicle Lights Parade, Santa and the lighting of our Christmas Tree and Santa Claus!

BROADWAY IN FRONT OF CITY HALL/TRAIN PLAZA




SADIE POPE
DOWDELL LIBRARY
INFORM, ENGAGE, INSPIRE!
South Amboy, New Jersey
SADIE POPE DOWDELL LIBRARY
Tis' the Season!
HOLIDAY
OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, December 17
6:30-8 PM
Meet Santa! Join us for some holiday cheer,
music, refreshments and fun for all ages...
www.dowdell.org
732.721.6060 comments@dowdell.org

All Aboard the Holiday Lights Trolley!

One of our favorite holiday traditions is back! Climb aboard an old-fashioned trolley for a festive ride through South Amboy as we tour the homes participating in our Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa, take in all the twinkling lights and creative displays, and then help choose the winners—trolley riders get to cast their votes for their favorite decorated homes! Check out the flyer for all the details and get ready for a fun night of holiday cheer!

