

What's Inside

Welcome to the *South Amboy Record*, your go-to source for updates from your elected officials at City Hall! Whether you're a longtime resident or new to town, this newsletter is designed to keep you informed and engaged with everything happening in our "Pleasant Little City." Inside, you'll find information on city projects, local alerts and advisories, and upcoming community events.

Thank you for being part of what makes South Amboy a great place to live, work, and thrive!



March 16, 2025—South Amboy
St. Patrick's Day Parade



New S.A. Fire Chief

January 1—Rafael Albarran (center) of Mechanicsville Engine #10 of was sworn in as Fire Chief of the South Amboy Fire Department, Michael Kelly (left) was sworn as First Assistant Chief, and Charles Honimar (right) was sworn in as Second Assistant Chief.

S.A. Council Sworn In

January 6—Photos, left to right: Newly Elected Ward 1 Councilmember Larry Lenahan was sworn in by Speaker of the NJ State Assembly Craig Coughlin. Zusette Dato was sworn in as Ward 3 Council Member for a 4th term. Tom Reilly was sworn in as Ward 2 Council Member for a 3rd term.



2025 Budget

The 2025 budget was introduced at the City Council meeting on March 5, 2025 and presented by Business Administrator Dave Kales, CFO Dan Balka, and Management Specialist Kathryn Kudelka.

The City's 2025 budget proposes to deliver a reduction in taxes of \$77.08 or 0.03% on the average assessed house of \$275,300! The overall budget will be reduced by \$161,820 from 2024. By streamlining operations and improving efficiencies across City government, especially in the Police and Public Works departments, we were able to generate cost savings. Although overall spending will be reduced, we will be adding police officers and investing in recruitment and retention in our all-volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad. Services will be expanded in the form of youth activities and people and programing for our seniors and other areas.



February 27—South Amboy's Black History Month celebration featured a keynote address by Middlesex County Sheriff Mildred S. Scott (center).

Recognizing that the economic environment is challenging, we set about to develop a budget that is responsive to the taxpayers and demonstrates our commitment to being efficient stewards of the public trust. The Public hearing for this budget was held on April 2, at 6pm at City Hall, where residents had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

—Mayor Fred A. Henry

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

*Call 732-525-5920 to contact
your council member.*

Mayor's Office: 732-525-5932

Business Administrator: 732-525-5933

City Hall Summer Hours

Monday through Thursday: 8:30am – 4pm

Friday: 8:30am – 1pm

Meeting Dates

City Council:

May 7, 6pm; May 21, 7pm; June 4, 6pm; June 18, 7pm; July 16, 6pm

South Amboy Redevelopment Agency (SARA):

First Thursday of every month, 6:30pm

Planning & Zoning Board:

Fourth Wednesday of every month, 7pm



2025 Bulk Pickup Schedule

Please Note the following changes:

NO CONSTRUCTION/HAZMAT materials or tires.

ALL BOXSPRING MATTRESSES MUST BE BAGGED OR THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

NO MORE THAN 10 ITEMS

Items must be bundled, bagged or canned.

If your trash pick up is <u>Monday</u> your bulk pick up days are Wednesday:	If your trash pick up is <u>Tuesday</u> (*Broadway included) - your bulk pick up days are Wednesday:	If your trash pick up is <u>Thursday</u> your bulk pick up days are Wednesday:	If your trash pick up is <u>Friday</u> your bulk pick up days are Wednesday:
January 8 th March 5 th May 7 th July 9 th September 3 rd November 5 th	January 15 th March 12 th May 14 th July 16 th September 10 th November 12 th	January 22 nd March 19 th May 21 st July 23 rd September 17 th November 19 th	January 29 th March 26 th May 28 th July 30 th September 24 th November 26 th

DPW YARD OPEN

TUESDAY – WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY 9a -12p

EXCEPT HOLIDAYS – THE YARD IS CLOSED ON CITY HOLIDAYS

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER & UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

BULK DROP OFF will be scheduled every 3rd Saturday between 7a-11a

Holiday Garbage Pick-up Schedule

Memorial Day: Monday, May 26:

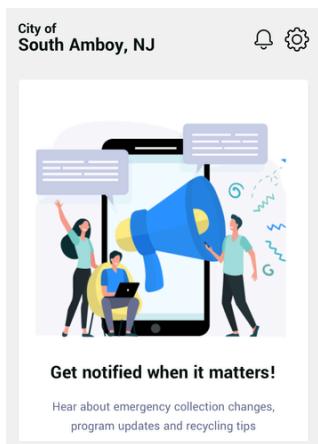
Pick up will be Wednesday, May 28

Independence Day: Friday, July 4:

Pick up will be Wednesday, July 2

Use the Recycle Coach app!

Learn how to make better disposal decisions, find your local waste and recycling info, and see your pick-up calendar. All at your fingertips.



Construction Notice

DLS CONTRACTING, INC. WILL BE REMOVING AND REPLACING TREES, CONCRETE SIDEWALK/ CURBING, MILLING AND PAVING THE ROADWAY, AND INSTALLING CONCRETE CROSSWALKS ON SOUTH BROADWAY STARTING ON OR AFTER MARCH 24, 2025.

The project area includes South Broadway from Main Street through the intersection with Augusta Street. The work will take several months to complete depending on weather and other factors.

During the removal and replacement of concrete sidewalk and curbing, there may be times when pedestrians will need to be diverted and directed around the work.

Also, during milling and paving work there will be lane closures causing traffic to be alternated/diverted as the work progresses.

Every effort will be made to maintain access to your business and/or residence, but there may be brief times when access will be limited.

Parking will be limited and prohibited in the areas where work is ongoing.

PLEASE LOOK FOR NO PARKING SIGNS WHEN PARKING ON SOUTH BROADWAY.

South Amboy City Police will be present during construction to direct traffic. All traffic is expected to strictly adhere to all posted signs and instructions. We will make every effort to coordinate with you, but your anticipated patience and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and we will work with you to accommodate all situations. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation during this temporary inconvenience.

Please look for subsequent notices as the work continues. Please contact Keith McWhirk at Center State Engineering at 732-605-9440 with any questions or concerns.





Cinco De Mayo Celebration

Saturday, May 3, 3-5pm

South Amboy Arts Alliance Gallery
141 N. Broadway

The free event will feature crafts, Mariachi Loco, and light bites from Las Delicias Tex Mex And Grill!



Sign Up for Summer Camp!

Monday, May 5, 11am-3pm

Tuesday, May 6, 3-7pm

South Amboy Senior Center
108 S. Stevens Ave.

Kids ages 5–12 can enjoy crafts, games, trips, and more!

Annual Police Memorial Service

Monday, May 12, 6pm

South Amboy City Hall
140 N. Broadway

StayNJ Tax Relief Assistance for Seniors

Monday, May 19, 9:30am

South Amboy Senior Center
108 S. Stevens Ave.



City-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8



UPCOMING EVENTS