

# WELCOME TO STRATHMERE



*“There is only one Strathmere...with its quiet, restful, invigorating atmosphere free from the usual humdrum and expensiveness, but rich in every feature that makes for genuine rest comfort and happiness. Strathmere is the one place where you buy a lot, build a bungalow and give your family an annual summering that will make them proud of your judgment.*

*1914 ad for land sales*



On behalf of the Executive Board and the members, families, and friends of the Strathmere Improvement Association (SIA), I welcome you to our seaside community of Strathmere and Whale Beach, one of the ten villages in Upper Township. Whether a new homeowner or visitor, I'm sure you will fall in love with our beaches, bay and thriving eco system. We cherish our small-town feel, and pride ourselves on getting to know our neighbors. Our pristine beaches, expansive bay, and natural habitat for our abundant wildlife offer many opportunities to explore as well as to relax and bask in the sun.

The SIA works cooperatively with residents, visitors, Upper Township and other Officials as well as other community organizations to achieve shared goals and focuses our efforts on advocacy and projects that improve our quality of life and protect our beaches and wildlife. Examples include beach plum planting on the dunes, beautification of beach entrances, posting educational information on dark skies and other environmental topics on our website. In honor of our 70th anniversary in 2021, Linda Bateman, then President of the SIA, Deb Rivel and others worked with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to design two signs at the entrance to the State Park that describe endangered and protected wildlife and the role Strathmere plays in the Atlantic Flyway, an aerial route used by millions of migratory birds. The SIA supports the Strathmere Piping Plover Project led by Deb Rivel. This Project consists of a group of volunteers who help protect the plovers and other endangered and protected beach-nesting birds and educates the public about the importance of this effort and how they can help.

In the past, we have worked with UT and County Officials and advocated for the management of development to maintain the character and uniqueness of Strathmere, played a key role in securing the pedestrian/recreational lane on Commonwealth Avenue and supported neighborhood advocacy groups on various issues.

Go to our website, [www.strathmereimprovementassociation.org](http://www.strathmereimprovementassociation.org) to find out what is happening in Strathmere and Upper Township, links to helpful services, storm alerts and more including how to become a member. Be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram where we also provide outreach and communication.

We are so happy to share all our cherished village has to offer and feel confident you will fall under its spell, compelling you to return again and again. And when you do, we will always greet you with the warm welcome we are known for.

Sincerely,

Janice L. Connell, President

Strathmere Improvement Association

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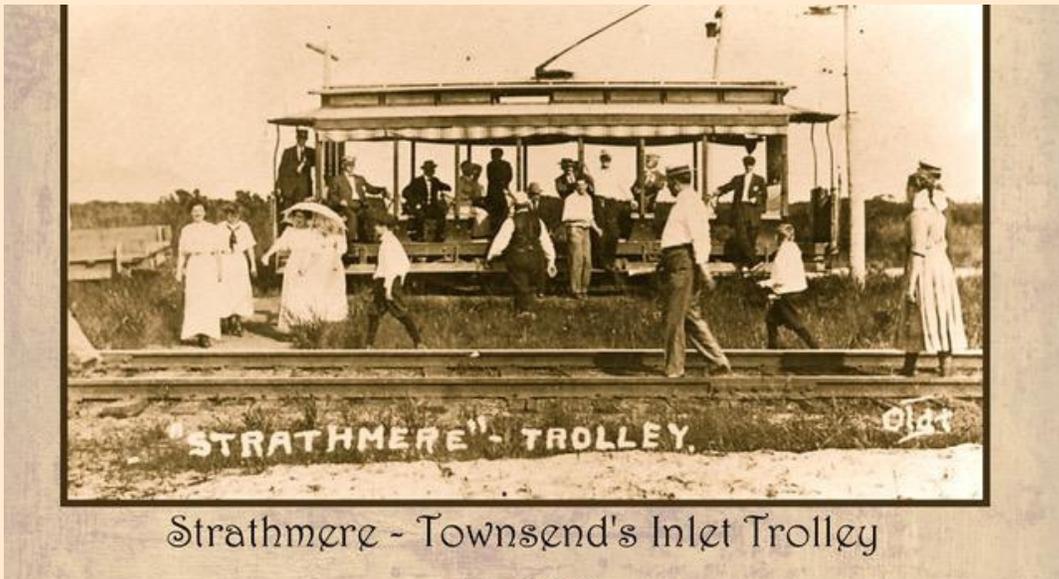
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## About Strathmere

- Strathmere was founded in 1881 and was initially called Corson's Inlet.
- It was named for the settlers John and Peter Corson, who had sailed across the inlet between Ocean City and Strathmere. In 1881 the West Jersey Railroad only ran from Camden to Cape May. In 1884 they built a line up the coast through Corson's Inlet to Ocean City. It is said that many of the men who built the railroad line stayed at the Whelen Inn now known as the Deauville.
- The name of the town was changed to Strathmere around 1912.
- The very tip of the island and the bay is still known as Corson's Inlet.
- Strathmere is only 1-1/2 miles long and just 2 blocks wide.
- Today Strathmere has approximately 390 family homes.



To learn more details about Strathmere's history and to see more historic pictures visit:

[www.strathmere.net](http://www.strathmere.net)

And watch Ken Weaver's video on *Early Strathmere History*:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gp8tImr-2JA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gp8tImr-2JA)

IN THE HEART OF AMERICA'S PLAYGROUND

# STRATHMERE

"BY-THE-SEA"

Philadelphia 60 Miles      Atlantic City 8 Miles  
Ocean City (Across the Inlet)

Excellent Train Service      \$1.50 Daily Excursions

**UNEXCELLED** BATHING-FISHING  
SAILING-CRABING

Ocean and Bay Front Lots \$150.00 and up | TERMS TO SUIT

To learn more about the people and places of Strathmere, check out *Strathmere Stories*, a *Strathmere Improvement Association* video archive of folks around town sharing their stories of growing up in Strathmere and sharing memories of their experiences:

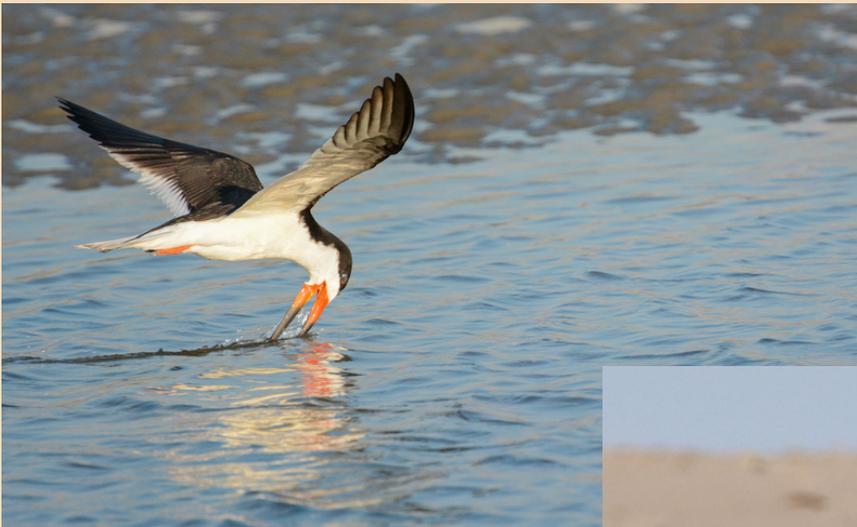
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# Protecting our Environment

Strathmere is a haven for wildlife. Our village lies directly under the Atlantic Flyway - an ancient aerial highway traveled by millions of migrating birds every year. Our State Park Natural Area and surrounding marshes are host to twelve endangered and threatened species of birds -- at least three of which nest here every season.

Our springs and summers are filled with birdsong and the beauty of all sorts of wildlife - including porpoise, whales, horseshoe crabs and Diamond-backed Terrapins which nest in our dunes. In fall, we have thousands of shorebirds who use our beaches to fatten up for their arduous migration south, and hundreds of thousands of other songbirds migrate through, often stopping to rest and refuel. Butterflies feed from flowers on our native plants. In winter, seals rest on our beaches and ducks are easily seen in the bay and ocean. We are proud of our open spaces and the wildlife who call our end of the island home.

Our dunes are the best defense we have from flooding and high tides. They also are where Diamond-backed Terrapins lay their eggs. Help us keep our properties safe and our nesting birds and terrapins secure by staying off the dunes, out of designated shorebird nesting areas and keeping your dogs on a leash.



Black Skimmers-once common at the North End are now an Endangered and Special Concern Species

American Oystercatchers nest on our beaches every year but they are a declining shorebird and are an Endangered and Special Concern Species



# STRATHMERE NUGGETS



## **Beach Patrol**

Information about how to become a lifeguard, a Junior Guard or the Mascot program, guard hours, guarded beaches, regulations and disability beach access and chairs can be found at:

[www.uppertownship.com/public-safety/beach-patrol](http://www.uppertownship.com/public-safety/beach-patrol)

## **Trash and Recycling**

Trash and Recycling Days: Mondays including summer holiday weekends. Check Public Works website for a complete list.

Yard Clippings: Tuesdays (place at curb with trash on Mondays)

If you have tenants, please leave detailed instructions for disposal. Lids must be closed fully. Trash and recycling cans at beach entrances are not for household use.

For holiday schedule and guidelines visit:

[www.uppertownship.com/departments/public-works](http://www.uppertownship.com/departments/public-works)

## **Strathmere Improvement Association (SIA)**

As part of our mission, the SIA is dedicated to the welfare of the residents of Strathmere, striving to perpetuate the spirit of community pride and cooperation traditional among residents. SIA meetings are held July and August at the Firehouse. Meetings are open to all. For meeting dates and additional information and to sign up to receive our newsletter of info and events relating to Strathmere visit:

[www.strathmereimprovementassociation.org](http://www.strathmereimprovementassociation.org)

## **Strathmere Fishing and Environmental Club (SFEC)**

The SFEC coordinates dune planting and beach clean ups every Spring and Fall. They also host a Kid's Surf Fishing Tourney and a Turtle Release Program with The Wetlands Center and Schiavo Library. For more info visit:

[www.strathmerefishing.org](http://www.strathmerefishing.org)

## **Strathmere United Methodist Church**

Strathmere's only church is located at 109 Commonwealth Avenue between Webster and Whittier. The Church is open from Memorial Day weekend through the last weekend of September. It is a traditional Methodist Church but is attended by all denominations. Services begin at 9:30 AM every Sunday. We are open for weddings, baptisms and funerals. For further information, contact Deb or Butch at [dewv@comcast.net](mailto:dewv@comcast.net)

## *Places to Eat*

**Deauville Inn**  
www.deauvilleinn.com  
201 Willard Road  
(609) 263-2080

**Sidney's Coffee and Eats**  
www.sidneyscoffeeandeats.com  
705 Commonwealth Drive  
609-263-7773

**La Fontana Del Mare**  
lafontanadelmare.com  
1 Ocean Drive  
(609) 263-7700

**Twisties Tavern on the Bay**  
www.twistiestavern.com  
236 Bayview Drive  
(609) 263-2200

## *Things to Do*

### **Boat Ramps**

Free boat ramps are located at South Bayview Avenue and at Taylor Avenue in Whale Creek. Both are great places to watch the sunset too!

### **Playground**

A children's playground is open for kids of all ages on Bayview at Webster Avenue.

### **Schiavo Library**

Melissa Warren, Director, 801 South Commonwealth Avenue 609-486-6265  
www.Strathmerelibrary.org

Enjoy the collection of books, relax in a comfortable reading nook, check your email using free, wireless Internet or browse the current art exhibit. The Library also hosts lots of activities throughout the summer, including a popular family scavenger hunt.

To get up-to-date information and to become a member, visit the Schiavo Library Facebook page.

### **Whale Creek Marina**

2700 Taylor Ave, Strathmere 609 263-6093 www.whalecreekmarina.com

You can rent boats, boat slips, kayaks, paddle boards, schedule tours and lessons. You can also rent 24' pontoon boats, rods, reels and crab traps and buy gas and bait too!

### **Nearby Attractions:**

Our neighbors north and south: **Ocean City** is just over the bridge at the north end of town. The boardwalk is great for early morning strolls or bike rides and comes alive with amusement rides early afternoon into evening.

**Sea Isle City**, to our south, has stores and restaurants and seasonal outdoor concerts and movie nights.

**The Cape May County Zoo**, on Route 9 in Cape May Court House, has free admission (donations accepted), beautiful grounds and picnic areas for enjoying animals large and small. Visit: [www.capemaycountynj.gov/1008/Park-Zoo](http://www.capemaycountynj.gov/1008/Park-Zoo)

**Atlantic City** offers casinos, outlets and super restaurants, and Cape May's Victorian charm is a walkable, stroll down its promenade, sprinkled with shops, restaurants and galleries.



## **DATE      EVENT**

Spring

*Beach Clean-up Coordinated by the SFEC*

July 4th

*Parade co-sponsored by SVFC and SIA. Volunteers and participants welcome in all divisions: floats, walkers, bikers etc.*

July 9

*At 10:30 AM. Strathmere Improvement Association Meeting. Open to all.*

August

*Lifeguard races on the beach and the Bay Race is an annual event beginning at The Deauville.*

August 13

*At 10:30 AM. Strathmere Improvement Association Meeting. Open to all*

August

*Nightmare in Strathmere - Typically the last Saturday in August*

Fall

*Beach Cleanup - Typically the second Saturday in September*

December

*Santa Comes to Strathmere and The Strathmere Christmas Party. On the second Saturday in December, Santa brings gifts for kids under 12. Co-sponsored by SVFC and SIA.*

# Important Phone Numbers and Websites

## **State Police**

EMERGENCY: 911

Non-emergency: 609-861-5300 or 609 861-5698

## **Strathmere Fire Company: 911**

**Strathmere Volunteer Fire Company (SVFC)** responds to Strathmere and Whale Beach medical and fire emergencies and as part of a mutual aid agreement with Ocean City, serves as first responders in town. Ocean City Fire Department also responds with vehicles and personnel to assist in any emergency. [www.strathmerefire.org](http://www.strathmerefire.org)

## **CODE RED:**

For safety alerts from Cape May County Emergency Management System signup at: [www.public.coderedweb.com](http://www.public.coderedweb.com)

## **Strathmere Beach Patrol: 609-263-1151**

## **Strathmere Post Office: 609-263-7434**

Strathmere does not have mail delivery. All USPS mail is picked up at the Strathmere Post Office located at 9 Commonwealth Avenue. Hours are M-F 12:30 to 4:30 PM; Saturdays 8:00 AM to Noon. Couriers such as FedEx and UPS do deliver to residences.

## **Upper Township: 609-628-2011**

**Corson's Inlet State Park Police:** For non-emergencies or to report an environmental concern call: 877-WARN DEP (877-927-6337)

For all emergencies dial 911

**WE'RE**  
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Rosemarie Whelan

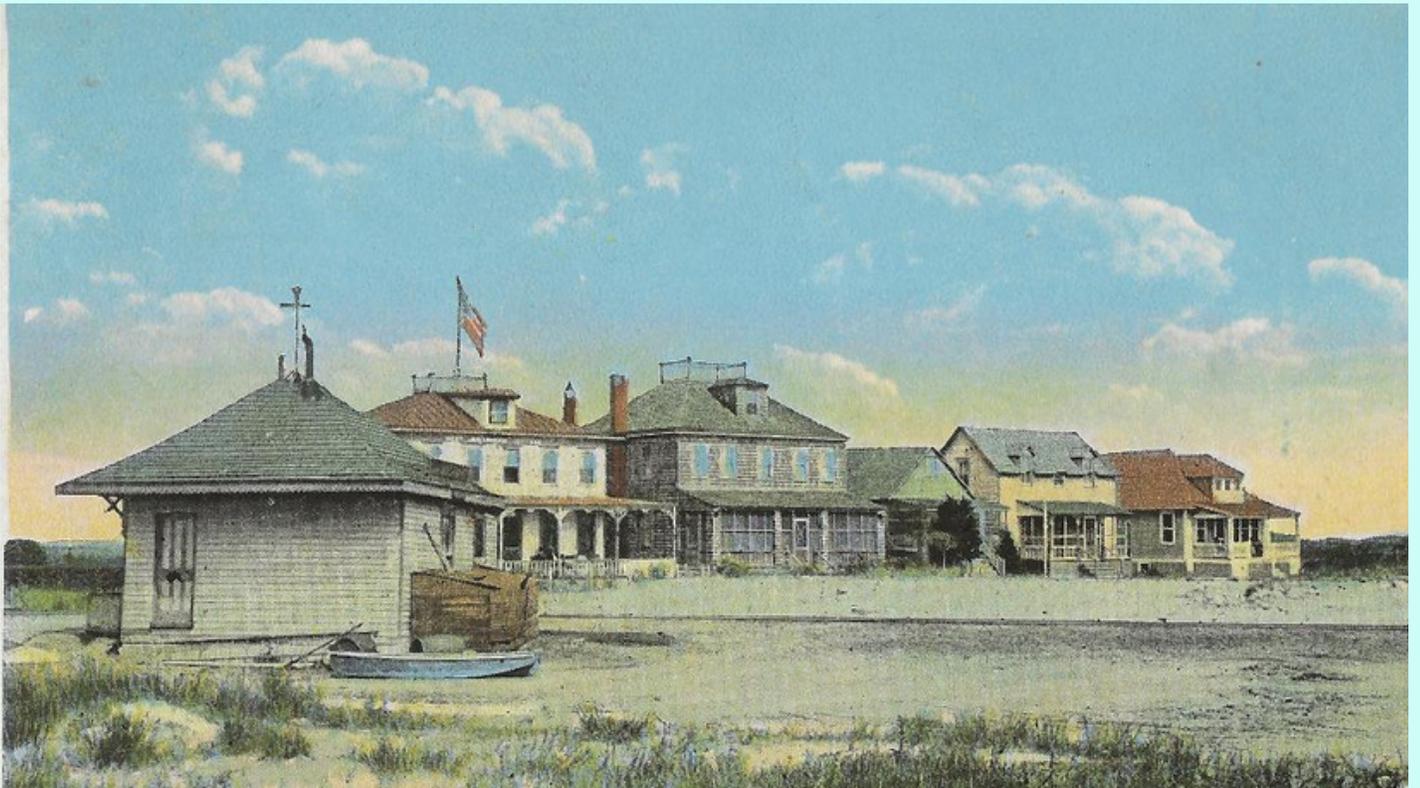


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