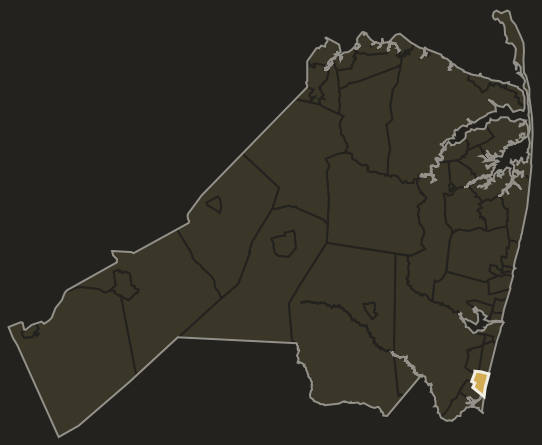
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Living in Sea Girt, NJ

A short history, the sections of town, homes and taxes, where to shop and eat, things to do, and a moving checklist for your new home.



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This guide goes deeper than our website: the history, the sections of town, a moving checklist and worksheets for your visits. Keep it, mark it up, and call either of us with questions.

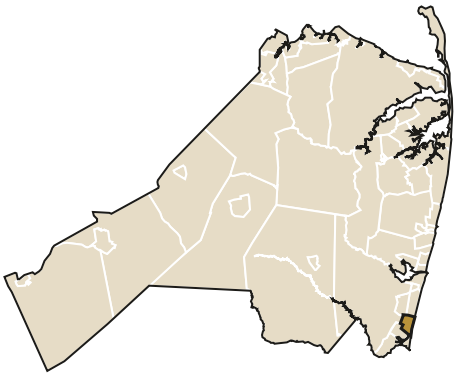
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AT A GLANCE

Sea Girt at a glance

County	Monmouth
Population	About 1,900 (2020 census)
Size	About 1.5 square miles, about a quarter of it water
Setting	Oceanfront borough with residential streets and tidal Wreck Pond to the north
Main roads	Route 71 along the west side; Parkway exit 98 nearby in Wall



Sea Girt in gold, in Monmouth County

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A SHORT HISTORY

The story of Sea Girt

For most of its early history this stretch of coast between Wreck Pond and Stockton Lake was quiet land within Wall Township. Wreck Pond took its name from ships whose crews mistook its old inlet for the Manasquan Inlet. In 1853 Commodore Robert F. Stockton bought a large tract and built a summer estate he called Sea Girt, and the town still carries the estate's name.

A summer colony grew on the old estate lands, and the Sea Girt Lighthouse was first lit on December 10, 1896, at Ocean Avenue and Beacon Boulevard. The state's National Guard set up its training grounds here as well, and the Guard still trains in town. Sea Girt was incorporated as a borough from part of Wall Township on March 29, 1917, confirmed by referendum that May.

KEY DATES

Timeline

1853	Commodore Robert F. Stockton buys land and builds the summer estate called Sea Girt.
1896	The Sea Girt Lighthouse is first lit at Ocean Avenue and Beacon Boulevard.
1917	Sea Girt is incorporated as a borough from part of Wall Township.
1980	A citizens committee takes over care of the lighthouse and begins restoring it.

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SECTIONS OF TOWN

Ocean, pond and in between

Near the beach. Streets along and near the boardwalk, including the blocks around the lighthouse at Ocean Avenue and Beacon Boulevard. Older shore homes stand beside newer construction.

Around Wreck Pond. The north side of town, near the tidal pond Sea Girt shares with Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights and Wall Township.

Toward Stockton Lake. The south end of town near the small lake on the Manasquan line, on land that was once part of the Stockton estate.

Toward Route 71. The in town streets on the west side, between the beach blocks and Route 71, with detached homes on residential streets. The National Guard Training Center lies on this side of town.

> Sea Girt borders Manasquan, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights and Wall Township. It has no formal neighborhoods, but where you are relative to the water makes a difference.

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HOMES AND TAXES

What you will find

Homes near the ocean: Older shore homes alongside newer construction, a short walk from the boardwalk.

In town streets: Detached homes on residential streets between the beach and Route 71.

Near Wreck Pond: Homes close to the pond, where the view comes with flood questions worth asking.

Worth knowing: Flood risk varies block by block. Homes near the ocean and around Wreck Pond can sit in FEMA flood zones, and the pond's link to the ocean has been rebuilt with a larger gated culvert. Ask for the flood zone, the elevation certificate and the flood history on every home. New Jersey sellers must disclose a home's flood zone and flood history.

Property taxes

0.520%	$15,790

2025 effective tax rate, as a share of market value	2025 average residential tax bill

A home worth $3,050,000 on today's market would pay roughly $15,860 a year at Sea Girt's 2025 effective rate. Your actual bill depends on your assessment, so we pull the real tax record for any home you are considering.

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GROCERIES, DINING AND SHOPPING

Where Sea Girt shops and eats

Sea Girt is mostly homes, with no supermarket and only a small business area near Washington Boulevard. Errands mean a short drive to Route 35 in Wall or south toward Point Pleasant.

Grocery stores

NORTHWEST	**ALDI** 1919 Route 35, Wall Township
NORTH	**ShopRite** 1732 Route 35, Wall Township
NORTH	**Stop & Shop** 116 Route 35, Neptune City
SOUTHWEST	**Stop & Shop** 3208 Bridge Avenue, Point Pleasant

Checked October 2026. Stores open, close and move, so call ahead before a first trip.

Dining

Washington Boulevard. Sea Girt's small business district, with a few places to eat and shop.

Main Street in Manasquan. Just south, a walkable downtown with many more restaurants.

Third Avenue in Spring Lake. Just north, a quieter downtown of cafes and shops.

Belmar: North on Route 71 to Main Street, Belmar's downtown strip, lined with restaurants.

Shopping

Route 35 in Wall has the nearest shopping centers. For outlet shopping, the Jersey Shore Premium Outlets are a short drive north in Tinton Falls, off Garden State Parkway exit 100A on Route 66.

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GETTING AROUND

Roads and commuting

Route 71 is the main highway, running north and south along the west side of the borough. Garden State Parkway exit 98 is a short drive west in Wall Township. Sea Girt has no train station of its own. The Manasquan and Spring Lake stations on NJ Transit's North Jersey Coast Line are both close by, with trains north toward Newark, Hoboken and New York Penn Station. NJ Transit buses 317 and 830 also serve the area. Daily shopping is a short drive away along Route 71 and in neighboring towns.

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THINGS TO DO

Things to do in and around Sea Girt

Sea Girt Lighthouse. First lit in 1896 at Ocean Avenue and Beacon Boulevard and cared for since 1980 by a citizens committee, an independent nonprofit that opens it for tours on select days.

Sea Girt boardwalk. A boardwalk with ocean views and no arcades or food stands, a place to walk, run and watch the water.

Sea Girt beach. The borough's ocean beach, with badges required in summer, sold by the season or the day.

National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey. A military history museum at the National Guard Training Center, home to the Intelligent Whale, an early hand cranked submarine.

Wreck Pond. A tidal pond of about 73 acres on the town's northern edge, linked to the ocean by a gated culvert completed in 2016.

Sea Girt Public Library. The borough's own library, part of the Monmouth County Library system as a member town.

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MOVING CHECKLIST

Setting up your home in Sea Girt

Tick each one off as you go. Most of these take one phone call or a few minutes online.

- [ ] **Borough hall.** Sea Girt Borough Hall, 321 Baltimore Boulevard, Sea Girt, NJ 08750.https://www.seagirtboro.com

- [ ] **Property taxes.** Tax office phone 732-449-9433. The tax office is in borough hall at 321 Baltimore Boulevard. New Jersey property taxes are paid quarterly, due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, with a 10 day grace period before interest is charged back to the due date. Not receiving a bill does not change the due date, so new owners should confirm with the tax office where bills will be sent.

- [ ] **Water and sewer.** . 732-449-9433. We could not confirm who provides water and sewer service in Sea Girt. Call borough hall to find out where water and sewer bills are paid, and arrange a final reading and account transfer before closing.

- [ ] **Electric.** Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L), a FirstEnergy company. Outage line 1-888-544-4877.

- [ ] **Gas.** New Jersey Natural Gas. 1-800-221-0051 (customer service); 1-800-427-5325 (gas leaks, 24 hours).

- [ ] **Trash and recycling.** The borough's Public Works page posts its hours and the sanitation and recycling schedule dates. Call borough hall if you cannot find your pickup days.

- [ ] **Driver's license and voting.** New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 39:3-36) requires drivers to report a new address to the Motor Vehicle Commission within one week, and the MVC prefers that you do it online. To register to vote or update your address, use the state's online voter registration or send a paper form to the Monmouth County Commissioner of Registration or Superintendent of Elections. Registration closes 21 days before an election. The Monmouth County Clerk handles vote by mail ballots.

- [ ] **Flood zone.** Look up any address on the FEMA Flood Map Service Center at msc.fema.gov. New Jersey sellers must disclose a home's flood zone and flood history. Flood risk varies block by block, and homes near the ocean, Wreck Pond and Stockton Lake can sit in FEMA flood zones. Sea Girt was not listed in FEMA's Community Rating System in the state's 2019 hazard mitigation plan; ask the borough whether that has changed.

- [ ] **Library.** Sea Girt Public Library, .

Checked October 2026. Phone numbers and schedules change, so confirm with each office.

WHEN YOU SELL

The certificate every sale needs

> New Jersey requires a Certificate of Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance before a one or two family home is sold (N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3). It is issued by the local fire safety enforcing agency after an inspection; in Sea Girt, ask for the borough Fire Official at borough hall. Since February 3, 2025 (P.L. 2025, c.19), a portable fire extinguisher is no longer part of this certificate for one and two family homes. We could not confirm from an official borough source whether Sea Girt requires its own resale certificate of occupancy or resale inspection. Sea Girt's building matters are handled by a regional construction department shared with Brielle, Spring Lake and Spring Lake Heights (732-449-0800, ext. 609); confirm with it and with borough hall before listing.

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QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Questions people ask us about Sea Girt

Does Sea Girt have a train station?

No. The closest stations are Manasquan and Spring Lake, both on NJ Transit's North Jersey Coast Line, with trains north toward Newark, Hoboken and New York Penn Station.

Can you go inside the Sea Girt Lighthouse?

Yes, on select days. The Sea Girt Lighthouse Citizens Committee has cared for the lighthouse since 1980 and opens it for tours. It was first lit in 1896.

Is the Sea Girt boardwalk commercial?

No. Sea Girt's boardwalk has no arcades or food stands. It is a place to walk, run and look at the ocean.

What is the National Guard base in Sea Girt?

The New Jersey National Guard Training Center is in Sea Girt and is still used for training. The New Jersey State Police Academy and the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey are also in town.

Where is the closest grocery store to Sea Girt?

The closest supermarkets are just over the line in Wall Township: the ALDI and the ShopRite, both on Route 35. The Stop & Shop on Route 35 in Neptune City and the Stop & Shop on Bridge Avenue in Point Pleasant are a little farther. Sea Girt has no supermarket of its own.

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TO FILL IN ON YOUR VISITS

Touring the sections of town

Drive or walk each part of town at different times of day. Note the streets you liked, the traffic, the water and anything to ask us about.

Near the beach	
Around Wreck Pond	
Toward Stockton Lake	
Toward Route 71	

Is Sea Girt right for you?

HOW WELL DOES THE TOWN FIT?	GREAT FIT	OKAY	NOT A FIT
Getting to work and family	☐	☐	☐
Groceries and everyday errands	☐	☐	☐
Restaurants and things to do	☐	☐	☐
Parks and time outdoors	☐	☐	☐
Being on or near the water	☐	☐	☐
Flood zone and insurance	☐	☐	☐
Property taxes	☐	☐	☐
The kinds of homes available	☐	☐	☐
Traffic and summer crowds	☐	☐	☐
How it feels on the streets you saw	☐	☐	☐

Streets or homes to look at again

Questions to ask us

TALK IT THROUGH

Call or text either of us

Thinking about moving to Sea Girt, or selling a home there? Call or text either of us. We will tell you what we know about the town, honestly, and help you plan the next step.



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