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## Sayreville Town Information

**Sayreville** is a borough located on the Raritan River, near Raritan Bay in Middlesex County, New Jersey. As of the United States 2000 Census, the borough population was 40,377. It was ranked 47th by Money Magazine for the best places to live in 2007. Sayreville was originally incorporated as a township on April 6, 1876, from portions of South Amboy Township.

On April 2, 1919, the borough was reincorporated as the Borough of Sayreville, based on the results of a referendum held on April 29, 1919 and is also sometimes considered the start of the shore region of New Jersey also due to the fact the shore section of the Garden State Parkway starts at the Raritan River.

Sayreville is bordered the southwest by and the south by Old Bridge Township.



The Sayreville Public Schools serve students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Schools in the district are four K-3 elementary schools — Emma Arleth Elementary School, Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School, Harry S. Truman Elementary School and Woodrow Wilson Elementary School — Sayreville Upper Elementary School for

grades 4&5, Sayreville Middle School for grades 6-8, and Sayreville War Memorial High School for grades 9-12. Jesse Selover Elementary School offers a half-day program for children ages 3 to 5 years with mild to moderate disabilities, and a full-day program for children of the same age with moderate disabilities who require a greater degree of time and attention. Although the borough remains an industrial town, the addition of many technology companies and a growing residential population has changed the landscape of this central New Jersey town. Randy Corman, Executive Director of the Sayreville Economic and Redevelopment Agency (SERA), has been heading up the development of the parcel of land commonly referred to as the National Lead Site / Amboy Cinemas lot since about 2000. This new "City" will clear woods, trees, and wetlands and install an entire city complete with commercial, industrial, residential, and recreational, all near the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (Sewerage Authority) and the Middlesex County Fire Academy. Sayreville's EMS-Rescue System is operated by an all-volunteer membership. The Sayreville Emergency Squad was founded in 1936 and provides EMS-Rescue Service with its sister Squad, Morgan First Aid. Both squads provide Emergency medical services, Motor Vehicle Extrication, Boat and Water Rescue, Search and Rescue, and any other rescue function needed. Sayreville also has an all-volunteer fire department. It has four fire companies, Sayreville Engine Company #1, Melrose Hose Company #1, Morgan Hose & Chemical Company, and the President Park Volunteer Fire Company. Sayreville also operates an all-volunteer Auxiliary Police. The Auxiliary Police assist the police department and are seen though out the town doing numerous jobs such as patrols, Sunday church crossings and various borough events. Sayreville is home to the Starland Ballroom concert venue. Sayreville also has several night clubs such as Club Abyss, Deko, Club 35, Pub 35 and countless bars, clubs, and pubs. The community is home to the Faith Fellowship Ministries World Outreach Center, a non-Denominational "megachurch" with weekly attendance of 9,200. Sayreville has two community football and cheerleading teams, the Sayreville Leprechauns and Morgan-Parlin Panthers.



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## Historical Sayreville

Native Americans were the first settlers of Sayreville. Tribes of the Navesink lived along the South River where Jernee Mill Road is located today. This was noted on a 1656 New Jersey map by A. Vanderdonck, a Dutch surveyor and map maker. During the 20th century, amateur archaeologists have found thousands of Indian artifacts at the location shown on the map.



Predating the incorporation of Sayreville in 1703, the Morgan Inn - later known as the Old Spye Inn - was established in what is now the Morgan section of Sayreville. The inn was located on a hill overlooking

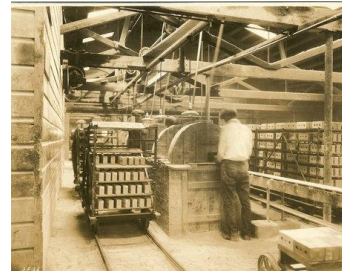


the Raritan Bay. The original owners, the Morgans were said to be related to the famous pirate, Captain Henry Morgan, who is said to have visited the Inn on more than one occasion. It was during the American Revolutionary War that the Morgan Inn gained its new name, the Old Spye Inn, according to local legends. A local British loyalist Abe Mussey was captured by American troops while signaling to British

Ships on the Raritan Bay in 1777. He was tried as a spy at the Inn, convicted in one-day trial and sentenced to death by hanging. Mussey's execution was carried out using a tree near the Inn's entrance. Mussey was reported to be buried behind the inn in an unmarked grave. The Inn was destroyed by fire in the late 20th century, but its ruins remain on the National Register of Historic Places.

Originally known as Roundabout (for the river bends in the area) and then as Wood's Landing, it was renamed in the 1870s for James R. Sayre, Jr. of Newark, co-owner of Sayre & Fisher Brick Company (along with Peter Fisher of New York) that once flourished here. Extensive clay deposits supported the brick industry from the early 1800s until 1970. From its inception, Sayre & Fisher Brick Company quickly grew into one of the top brick making companies in Middlesex County. Brick production grew from 54,000,000 bricks annually in 1878, to 178,000,000 bricks in 1913.

Company representatives in 1950 had estimated that a total of 6,250,000,000 bricks had been produced since the founding of the company.



In 1898 DuPont begins production of gun powder at its plant on Washington Road. The company would later build additional facilities in Sayreville for the production of Paint and Photo Products. At one time the Raritan River Railroad passed through Sayreville and had several spurs to service Sayre & Fisher and other local industries. Featured in a 1914 episode titled "The Juggernaut" of the silent movie serial "The Perils of Pauline", the railroad got a brief taste of stardom. The episode was staged on the line, including the construction of a bridge over Ducks Nest Pond in Sayreville. The pond is located in the back of Bailey Park, which is found on North Minisink. The pond is dried up and closed off with a fence. The park was once a meeting place, a place for all Sayreville residents, of any cultural background, any race, to come and enjoy the day in the pond and interact with others. This was limited to Sayreville Residents only, however. The park is located down in the woods, near the DuPont and Hercules factories.



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## Transportation in Sayreville

Located directly in the heart of Middlesex County, Sayreville is easily accessible from a variety of ways. Sayreville enjoys proximity to several major roadways - the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike (Interstate 95), Interstate 287 which becomes Route 440 — providing access to Staten Island and Long Island, New York points — U.S. 1, U.S. 9, Route 18, Route 34, Route 35 and Route 36. Three highway bridges span the Raritan River from the Sayreville side. The Edison Bridge on U.S. 9 and the Driscoll Bridge on the Garden State Parkway connect Woodbridge on the north with Sayreville on the south. The Victory Bridge carries Route 35, connecting Sayreville with Perth Amboy. New Jersey Transit offers service to the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Midtown Manhattan via the 131 and 139. Service within New Jersey is offered to Newark on the 67, to Jersey City on the 64, and to other local destinations on the 815 and 817 routes.



It is also sometimes considered the start of the shore region of New Jersey also due to the fact the shore section of the Garden State Parkway starts at the Raritan River. Sayreville is bordered the southwest by and the south by Old Bridge Township. As the crow flies, the borough is approximately 24 miles southwest of downtown New York City, 5 miles southwest of Staten Island, and 50 miles northeast of Philadelphia on the southern bank of the Raritan River.



What's more, aside from driving, it is an easy commute to bustling New York City by train or bus, or to Newark, Trenton or nearby Rutgers University in New Brunswick from any of the New Jersey Transit stops in Piscataway. The transit station, less than two miles from any one of the homes in Piscataway, serves as a connection point for many local New Jersey Transit bus routes, making Piscataway the perfect placement for easy transportation. These routes provide a connection between Sayreville and Fords, Plainfield, Perth Amboy, Raritan, Metuchen, Edison, Piscataway and any number of locations with relative ease. Also, just a mere 15 miles from Sayreville, air transportation is readily available to travelers through Newark International Airport, also easily reached through a direct train route through New Jersey Transit. Allowing anyone to travel from their home in Sayreville to anywhere in the world, creating a new advantage to Sayreville.



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