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Many people believe the ghost of former Scottish Rite mansion resident William Hurley turns lights on and off, opens and closes doors and occasionally is seen in the mansion. COURIER-POST FILE

Discover South Jersey’s most haunted sites

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With Halloween right around the corner, it’s only right to tell you some spooky tales about some “haunted” places in South Jersey.

South Jersey and the surrounding area has its share of ghost stories and hauntings.

We’ve rounded up some of South Jersey’s most haunted locales:

Absecon Lighthouse, Atlantic City

At 171-feet tall, Abescon is the state’s tallest lighthouse and the country’s third tallest. It opened in 1857.

The structure was engineered by George Meade in Atlantic City. He went onto lead Union forces during the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War.

The lighthouse is said to be haunted by ghostly keepers, who watch over things.

Legend has it that a keeper spotted the Jersey Devil atop the lighthouse in 1905. There have been other odd happenings, which have prompted visits by SyFy’s Ghosthunters and the New Jersey Researches of Paranormal Evidence.

Go: 31 S. Rhode Island Ave., 609-449-1360; abseconlighthouse.org/

Burlington County Jail Museum, Mount Holly

This prison earned its place among the most haunted buildings in the state after an investigation by a paranormal team, according to the Burlington County Prison Museum Association’s website. The prison closed in 1965 after operating for 150 years.

Maureen Carroll, co-director of Jersey Paranormal Investigations, has had several experiences at the jail. Carroll has investigated hauntings since 2006. She



Members of the South Jersey Paranormal Research organization arrive at the Burlington County Prison Museum in Mount Holly museum to investigate for evidence of ghosts in this Courier Post file photo.

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previously worked for South Jersey Ghost Research.

“We used to investigate there,” said Carroll, whose research is done as a volunteer.

“The upstairs, I believe it was one of the death row cells, was for me the most, I don’t know if intense is the right word,” she shared. “I just happened to be by myself in this one room. To me, it felt like a presence. You know how somebody gets up really close in your face? It felt like someone was getting up real close in my face, trying to intimidate me. You kind of push back on it. Eventually it backed off, so the feeling went away.”

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No Kings: Vote Early protests planned across South Jersey

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Demonstrators across the country are gearing up for another round of No Kings events scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17.

No Kings protests oppose a range of U.S. government actions. Previous protests have targeted Donald Trump and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The Oct. 17 protests — called No Kings: Vote Early — aim to encourage early voting in the upcoming Nov. 3 election.

“Efforts to undermine trust in our elections and make it harder for people to be heard are happening across the country right now,” the No Kings website read. “Our democracy depends on every eligible voter having the freedom to participate without intimidation, interference, or barriers.”

According to the website, No Kings: Vote Early is focused on being a day of nonpartisan voter participation and ensuring eligible voters have a plan and know their options.

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Video released of fatal Atlantic City police shooting

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An Atlantic City man was fatally shot by police while members of a SWAT team were trying to execute a search warrant at his home, the Attorney General’s Office has said.

Donald Gardner, 52, was killed on June 2, 2026, during a daylight gunfight with law enforcement officers on the 100 block of North Florida Avenue, the agency said in a statement.

It released police body-cam video that indicates Gardner opened fire as police tried to force entry at his residence shortly before 3 p.m.

Sustained gunfire can be heard for several seconds on the videos, and one officer appears to cry out and fall backwards over a porch railing after being shot in the leg.

The videos show the SWAT team members arriving at the home in a large police vehicle, with at least one officer alerting the others that someone had just closed the front door of the residence.

The heavily armed officers positioned themselves on a small porch, announced their presence and purpose, and then used a mechanical device to open the door, the Oct. 14 statement said.

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