

# The Oceanport Bulletin



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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Recovery efforts following super storm Sandy are continuing. While our early response efforts were in full swing, the governing body was looking ahead to the next phase of the recovery and hired a professional consultant specializing in hazard mitigation programming for municipalities. Working with our professionals, construction, emergency management and administrative team, the consultant has completed the initial package of grant applications seeking funds for elevating structures, installing emergency power systems, and drainage infrastructure improvements in flood prone areas. How these programs will be administered by federal agencies or the State of New Jersey remains to be seen, but Oceanport is determined to pursue all available funds to aid residents and prepare the Borough for the future. To date, the Borough is in receipt of \$1.4 million in reimbursements for Sandy related expenses. Applications are pending for a variety of funding programs just taking shape, while others already submitted await approval. Any of these programs may be competitive, grant or loan types for specific targeted projects.

The status of Borough Hall remains uncertain and has taken a back seat to other considerations as the governing body has made helping the residents its first priority. Those efforts include full or partial fee waiver for certain permits associated with Sandy reconstruction. So far over \$50,000 in permit fees have been waived. The initial waiver period of 45 days has been extended twice in recognition of the slow FEMA, SBA, and Flood insurance claims process that has delayed homeowner efforts to begin reconstruction. Our Planning Board has also played a key role by adding special meetings when possible to hear Sandy related applications. Using a variety of outreach tools, we are assisting residents in all aspects of the recovery. Special thanks are due to our front office, the temporary Assessor, the Building Department, Engineering and many others for their efforts. Our Oceanport Cares team and the Office of Emergency Management continue to help residents overcome many unique challenges. So despite dealing with many distractions, we are focusing attention on Borough Hall, current and future. The current Borough Hall has reopened the main administrative offices. The Borough Library is quickly working toward reopening and space previously occupied by the police department is being repurposed for the Building Department. Our court system (a shared service with Sea Bright) has relocated to Shrewsbury Borough and informal discussions are planned to incorporate a third partner in the sharing agreement. Information on future options is being gathered. Obvious choices include: elevating and renovating the current structure; purchasing and renovating an existing building in Fort Monmouth; constructing a new building on property located outside the flood zone. The

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## Calendar of Events

### April

- 1-30 .....Spring Leaf Pickup
- 2 . . . . .Women's Summer Tennis Sign-ups through April 30th
- 4 .....Borough Council Workshop & Regular Meeting
- 8 .....Environmental Commission Meeting
- 9 .....Planning Board Meeting
- 9 .....Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 10 .....Recreation Committee Meeting
- 11 .....Oceanport Board of Education Workshop & Public Meeting
- 15 .....Start to Sign-up for Recreation Action Camp
- 18 .....Borough Council Workshop & Regular Meeting
- 23 .....Planning Board Meeting
- 25 .....Oceanport Board of Education Workshop & Public Meeting
- 30 .....Last Day for Women's Summer Tennis Sign-ups

### May

- 1 .....Taxes Due
- 2 .....Borough Council Workshop & Regular Meeting
- 5 .....NJ Marathon
- 8 .....Recreation Committee Meeting
- 9 Oceanport Board of Education Workshop & Public Meeting
- 11 .....Paper Shredding Day, Borough Hall
- 12 .....Happy Mother's Day
- 13 .....Environmental Commission Meeting
- 14 .....Planning Board Meeting
- 14 .....Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 16 .....Borough Council Workshop & Regular Meeting
- 23 .....Oceanport Board of Education Workshop and Public Meeting
- 27 .....Memorial Day Parade, Borough Offices and Recycling Yard Closed
- 28 .....Planning Board Meeting

### June

- 6 .....Borough Council Workshop & Regular Meeting
- 10 .....Environmental Commission Meeting
- 11 .....Planning Board Meeting
- 11 .....Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 12 .....Recreation Committee Meeting
- 16 .....Happy Father's Day
- 20 .....Borough Council Workshop & Regular Meeting
- 25 .....Planning Board Meeting

### Recycling

- Zone 1 ..... First and Third Wednesday of the Month
- Zone 2 ..... First and Third Thursday of the Month

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## \*\*\*\*\*TRAFFIC ALERT\*\*\*\*\*

### NEW JERSEY MARATHON RUNS THROUGH OCEANPORT ON SUNDAY, MAY 5TH

The Police Department is advising that the 2013 New Jersey Marathon will be beginning and running through Oceanport on Sunday, May 5TH. The marathon, which will be split between the marathon and the full marathon, will begin at Monmouth Park Race Track. The full marathon begins at 6:50 am, and the half marathon begins at 8:00 am. The race course runs from the Main Gate at Monmouth Park off of Oceanport Ave. onto Crescent Place. Runners will then proceed north on Eatontown Blvd to Wolf Hill Ave, east on Pemberton Ave. to Oceanport Ave. Then proceed south to Port au Peck Ave. and then east to Myrtle Ave. make left turn north on Myrtle Ave to Monmouth Blvd to Port Au Peck Ave. The route then turns left north onto Port Au Peck Ave to Hiawatha Ave. onto Comanche Drive back to Monmouth Blvd. Then run westbound on Monmouth Blvd. to Port Au Peck Ave. south to Shrewsbury Ave. and back to Comanche Dr. and will exit town over the Pleasure Bay Bridge into Long Branch.

Please note: Roadways in Oceanport will close at 6:30 am. Roadways will reopen to traffic as the last runners run from west to east and eventually cross the Pleasure Bay Bridge. All roadways within Oceanport will open to vehicle traffic by approximately 10:00 am. Roadways in the western and central sections of Oceanport will reopen much earlier. All residents are asked to plan ahead as vehicles will not be able to move through the many sections of Oceanport during this time. Residents who reside from Myrtle Avenue and points west can travel out of town via Bridgewater's Drive to Oceanport Ave/Main St. Residents who reside east of Branchport Ave., who wish to travel out of Oceanport must leave prior to 6:30 am. At this time, the Police Department is expecting the Branchport Creek Bridge to be reopened. If the bridge is open, residents can travel out of town and into Long Branch via Branchport Ave. If the bridge remains closed, residents that reside off of Branchport Ave. and east of Comanche Drive that must travel out of town should do so by 6:30 am.

Residents that live north of Monmouth Blvd can exit Oceanport via Bayview Ave. to Monmouth Blvd. to Myrtle Ave. and travel west or north by crossing into Little Silver.

Parking will be prohibited on Wolf Hill Ave., Pemberton Ave., Monmouth Blvd., Hiawatha Ave. between Port au Peck Ave. and Comanche Drive, Comanche Drive, Port Au Peck Ave., and Shrewsbury Ave. between Port Au Peck Ave. and Comanche Drive. The Police Department asks that all parked vehicles be removed from the above listed roadways the night prior to the event. Any vehicles that remain the morning of the race will be towed.

If an emergency requires you to drive through the Marathon area during this time, contact the Police Department at (732)222-6300 for instructions and assistance. Any questions in regards to road closures, vehicle access during the race, or parking, can be addressed by calling Traffic Safety Officers Sgt. Michael Kelly or Lt. Michael Chenoweth at Police Headquarters at (732)222-6300 or by email at mkelly@oceanportboro.com or mchenoweth@oceanportboro.com.

Event and race information can be found on [www.njmarathon.org](http://www.njmarathon.org).



## Community Garden Applications Are Online

The Borough is taking applications for the Community Garden. Please locate on the Borough website at [www.oceanportboro.com](http://www.oceanportboro.com). This garden gives residents an opportunity to grow their fresh produce as well as produce to donate to local organizations and individuals in need. The garden also provides educational opportunities for all ages to learn about gardening, sustainability, and wellness. If you have any questions please contact Councilwoman Ellynn Kahle at (732)614 2317. ❖



## Pooper Scooper Law, Dog Barking, & Dog Walking Etiquette

Please note Oceanport has a pooper scooper law in effect. If you do not clean up after your dog, a summons will be issued this includes not only private property but our many parks as well. Remember, please be considerate of your neighbors especially with the warmer weather, keep your dog's barking to a minimum. Also, all dogs are required to be kept on a leash at all times when off the premises of the owner's property. Therefore, residents walking their dogs on sidewalks should be considerate of other people's property. ❖

## Grass Clippings

The Borough does not provide for the disposal of grass clippings. Grass can be recycled by leaving clippings on the lawn when you mow. Grass clippings can also be brought to a third party source such as the County Reclamation Center or other recyclers.

### Please note:

All grass MUST be blown back onto your property. Grass is NEVER to be blown into the streets, down storm drains, or into our waterways.

**Newcomers Committee is  
looking for members!**  
Please email any interest to [ekahle@vnacj.org](mailto:ekahle@vnacj.org).

## PAPER SHREDDING DAY

May 11th 9am-1pm or until truck is full, and will be held in the parking lot in front of Borough Hall.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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fact finding is just beginning, but the discussion will be public as the governing body continues to deal with multiple aspects of the recovery and the normal business of the Borough. As with most issues related to the recovery, the governing body is working as a committee of the whole with our combined strengths and talents guiding the Borough.

The New Jersey Marathon will run on Sunday, May 5th with an earlier start time of 6:50 am and a single lap through the Borough. The course begins inside Monmouth Park Racetrack but residents can expect street closings as the first six miles weave through Oceanport. However, the single lap allows streets to reopen in sooner than previous routes. Immediately following last year's race, the effort to redraw the course began with an emphasis on reducing frozen zones and improving emergency access across the Borough. Completion of construction projects on Commanche Drive and the Branchport Avenue Bridge prior to the race are hoped for. However, a contingency plan is in place should unexpected delays pop up. Runners have been delighted by the lawn sprinklers and the community support shown by Oceanport residents in the past and enjoy this part of the course. Once again the event is central to charitable fundraising and includes beneficiaries such as our own Kortney Rose Foundation, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, The Cancer Concern Center, The American Cancer Society, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, The ALS Foundation, and Family Promise of Monmouth County to name a few. This year the Health & Fitness Expo and the New Jersey Marathon Festival at the Shore is again being hosted by Monmouth Park Racetrack in Oceanport. This continues the effort by the Borough and Monmouth Park to attract visitors to the racetrack. The Expo dates are May 3rd & 4th. For more details visit [www.njmarathon.org](http://www.njmarathon.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NJMarathon](http://www.facebook.com/NJMarathon).

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. We look forward to the warmer weather, ball games in the parks, skate boards, bicycles, the return of the horses, the Memorial Day Parade and Services at Borough Hall. As we get outdoors to enjoy the sidewalks or walking trails, or a trip to the recycling center; it's an opportunity to get reacquainted with neighbors as we share a common bond made stronger the challenges we've overcome together and those we continue to face as a community. ❖

## Senior Citizens Club Schedule of Events

The Oceanport Senior Citizens Club is looking for new members! You are eligible to join if you are 55 years old or older and live in Oceanport. The club offers informative programs, trips, dinners, and a chance to meet other Oceanport residents. Four of our yearly meetings are in the evening to accommodate those residents who cannot attend during the day. Call Fran Bendock at (732)229-0278 if you are interested in joining.

The Oceanport Senior Citizen Club will meet at the Old Wharf House on the following dates for our regularly scheduled meetings:

**May 15th** – A representative from the Department of Consumer Affairs will be at the meeting to speak to us about issues that are relevant to and of interest to seniors. The social time will begin at 1:00 pm with the speaker and business meeting following at 1:30 pm.

**June 19th** – This meeting will be the second of our yearly evening meetings. The social time will begin at 7:00 pm with the business meeting following at 7:30 pm.

**July 17th** – Ice Cream Social – The social time will begin at 1:00 pm with the business meeting following at 1:30 pm.

The club's Spring Luncheon is scheduled for May 8th at the Doubletree and the annual Christmas Party has already been scheduled for December 4th at the Shadowbrook Inn.

A trip to New York City to see "Matilda, The Musical" is scheduled for July 17th. The club will go to Da Rosina Italian Restaurant for lunch before the show. Please call Jackie Cole at (732)544-0772 if you are interested in putting your name on the waiting list.

"A Biltmore Christmas & Holiday Winterfest In The Smokies" trip is planned for November 10th through the 15th. The trip includes a visit to the Biltmore Estate, Dollywood, Smoky Mountain Opry, 4 Theater Shows plus shows in Dollywood, Winterfest Light Tour, and a visit to Winery and Antler Hill Village. Please call Jackie Cole at (732)544-0772 if you are interested. ❖

## Garden Club News

The next monthly meeting of the Oceanport Garden Club will be Thursday, April 25 at 10:00, at the Old Wharf House located on E. Main Street in Oceanport. *My Favorite Movie* is the arrangement design theme and the presenters are Marie Ipsen, Judy Walz, Lyn Lawson, and Nancy Souville. To interpret a movie in a floral design is very challenging and the imagination of the presenter is certainly put to the test. This is an interesting part of the meeting to see the thought that goes into each design. After the critiquing of the arrangements, lunch will be served by the hostesses for this month who are Maureen Chenoweth, Sue Sherrill, Christine Grimley and Sigrid Lenzing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Oceanport Garden Club and want to enjoy the camaraderie of people who are interested in not only floral design but nature and the surrounding environment, please contact Maureen Chenoweth at (732)291-1286 or Cathy DeOrio at (732)493-6213. ❖

## WATER TEST

Of all the water on earth, guess what percentage consists of fresh water?

50% • 25% • 10% • 1%

**If you guessed 1%, you'd be right!**

**Imagine:** just 1 percent of all the water on earth is fresh water!

Fresh water which supports life, is non-renewable and requires constant recycling.

**LESSON OF THE DAY: Fresh water - respect it!**

~Water Watch Committee

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## OCEANPORT LIONS STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

JUNE 21, 2013  
6:00 - 9:00PM • MAPLE PLACE SCHOOL

This year's Festival will be bigger and better than ever!

- Dunk Tank with new Principal Howell in the tank, plus several others
- NEW – Animal Kingdom, bounce and slide in this giant inflatable
- DJ Cory will be back, with lots of dance activities
- Golf Pro Rob Connelly is back with pitch and put and prizes!
- Plus, basketball shoot, rock climbing wall, and games for the very young, clowns, face painting, balloon crafts, and newly hatched chicks!

**NEW THIS YEAR THE OCEANPORT AMERICAN IDOL CONTEST ON STAGE**  
to enter contact Superintendent Andrew Orefice.

**PLENTY TO EAT –  
EAT SUPPER AT THE FESTIVAL**

Pizza by the slice • Hot dogs • Strawberry short cake •  
Ice cream • Stewart's Root beer floats •  
Coffee, tea, and soda

Raffle tickets to win an iPod 3, Kindle Fire HD, two Yankee tickets • Winner of the Oceanport Lion's Club Scholarship will be awarded • Donate your old eye glasses and help the Lions Club give the gift of sight

**For more information, please contact:**

John M. Bonforte Sr.  
Cell 908-489-9090  
johnsr@monmouthrubber.com



## Oceanport Swim Club SUMMER 2013 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Beat the beach crowds and join the Oceanport Lions Swim Club. The pool club has a snack bar, kiddie pool, adult swim time, diving boards, life guards, playground, and a swim team. Full payment is due on May 1st. Any application received after that date will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. Membership badges will be issued at the swim club on the pre-opening days of June 15th and 16th. Season opening day is June 22nd.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- Family \$595    Two Person \$495    Adult Single \$295  
 Senior Citizen \$230    Two Senior Citizens \$340

### PLEASE LIST ALL FAMILY MEMBERS:

Adult 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Adult 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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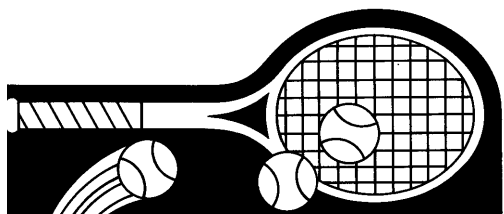
**If you have any questions please call (732) 571-8812**

Please print clearly and return form and payment to:  
**Oceanport Lions Swim Club**  
P.O. Box 64, Oceanport, NJ 07757



**Chilly but Fun . . .  
Oceanport's Annual  
Easter Egg Hunt**

# RECREATION NEWS



## Youth Recreation Tennis Program

**A fun and inexpensive way to introduce your child to the life-long sport of tennis!**

Tennis lessons will be available for Oceanport children through the Youth Recreation Tennis Program. This non-competitive instructional program will be one hour on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Blackberry Bay Park tennis courts. This is a wonderful introduction to the life-long sport of tennis at a terrific price. Tennis is also a fun sport that everyone in the family can play together! A nice opportunity to bond with others in the community as well.

The lessons run 8:00 - 9:00 am, 9:00 - 10:00 am, and 10:00 - 11:00 am. Your child will be placed in time slot depending on age, experience, and if attending Action Camp. The 8-session program is for children who have completed second grade but not yet entered high school. The cost is \$75.00 per child. Lessons will be held from July 2nd - July 25th. The rain date is Tuesday, August 6th.

Classes fill up quickly and space is limited so please send in the registration form. Availability is on a first come, first serve basis. Also, a notice will be sent to you if your child is put on a wait list. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Thomasian at [tthomasian110@comcast.net](mailto:tthomasian110@comcast.net). To participate your child must have completed second grade as of June 2013.

### Youth Recreation Tennis Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade completed as of June 2013 \_\_\_\_\_

Tennis experience?  yes  no # of years \_\_\_\_\_

Are you attending Action Camp?  yes  no

T-shirt size: Youth Adult \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L

Please make a \$75.00 check payable to:

**Oceanport Youth Recreation Tennis**

Mail form with payment to:

**Oceanport Youth Tennis**

110 Smith Street, Oceanport, NJ 07757

## WOMEN'S SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

It's that time of year again! Sign-ups for Oceanport women's recreation tennis (singles and doubles) began April 1st and ends April 30th. Participants must be Oceanport residents. All players must sign up during April to be included in this year's play. Forms will be in the sign-up book at Borough Hall. League play begins Monday, May 20th.

Doubles matches are played weekday mornings beginning at 8:00 and 9:00 am. "A" league will play Thursday, "B" Wednesday, "C" Tuesday, "D" Friday and "E" Monday. Singles matches are played at times arranged by players within a scheduled time frame. Matches scheduled during the weeks when school is still in session are played at either 4:00 pm or 5:00 pm. All matches are played at the Community Center tennis courts.

Doubles league play will be limited to 60 players. League positions will be assigned first to those who played last year. New players are added in order of their sign-up and will be called if we are unable to accommodate you. Sign-up sheets are available in Borough Hall on the table in the back hallway. Also, last year's standings will be posted at sign-ups. One scorekeeper is needed for each league. If interested please indicate on the sign-up sheet. Please also indicate if you are available to play as a substitute or are a new player. You will be called prior to league play to advise if there will be a new player meeting. Match schedules will be available at Borough Hall beginning May 13th. As always, the rules are attached to the back of your schedule so please review them. If you have any questions, please contact league coordinator Kelly Brinton at (732) 232-6687. ❖

## Oceanport Summer Recreation Program Sign-ups Begin!

### Program now includes children going into 7th grade

Looking for something fun and close to home for your children this summer? The Oceanport Summer Recreation Program is the answer! Registration forms are available online at [www.oceanport-boro.com](http://www.oceanport-boro.com) or at Borough Hall. This program fills up very fast as registration is limited based upon grade and age group. Activities include games, sports, crafts, swimming at Lions Pool Club, and other special events.

The Summer Recreation Camp program is open to residents from Oceanport and Sea Bright for those children entering kindergarten in September 2013 and who will be 5 years old by October 1, 2013 through 7th grade (new this summer!). The program meets Monday through Friday, 9 am to 12 noon, beginning July 1st through August 2nd (no camp July 4th). Campers entering grades kindergarten through first grade meet daily at the Community Center. Children entering grades 2nd to 7th meet at the Lions Swim Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the Community Center the rest of the week. Camp is held rain or shine.

This program is a great way for children to get together during the summer time with their friends, which means easier play dates for moms! It also helps those children entering kindergarten make new friends that they will be going to school with in the fall.

The cost of the program is \$180.00 per child. The deadline to register is June 15th. For questions, please email [OPRec@oceanport-boro.com](mailto:OPRec@oceanport-boro.com). ❖

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## RECREATION NEWS

### 1ST ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT A SUCCESS!



On March 9th, Oceanport had its first town wide scavenger hunt sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee and World Subaru. Eight enthusiastic teams participated and the first place winner took home a whopping \$750! 2nd and 3rd had bragging rights too with prizes at \$150 and \$100. Photos above of the event were taken by Paul Hestor. Looking forward to the 2nd annual Scavenger Hunt next March. Congratulations to the winners!

- 1st Place: "Team Special OPS" Stacy Shade, Tommy Shade, Morgan Shade and Patrick Shade**
- 2nd Place: "Winning" Shannon Winning and Skye Winning**
- 3rd Place: "Oceanport Post Office" Trish Horohoe Witschel and Karen Josselyn**