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Mayor's Message

This past Father's Day I was transported to Oceanport circa 1983 for a few moments. I spent the morning paddle boarding on the Shrewsbury (definitely not something done in 1983), rode my bike to the beach with my wife (she was my girlfriend in 1983), spent most of my day there (I got paid to do that in 1983), then rode our bikes from the beach to Monmouth Park to catch a few races. I was absolutely thrilled to see the grandstand, picnic area, and parking lots packed to the gills when we arrived. There was an electricity in the air that was reminiscent of what the track was like EVERY DAY back in the early 80s.

As we were leaving, I stopped to unlock our bikes from the fence near the rear entrance and, over Frank Mirahmadi's call of the stretch run of the 11th race on the track's loudspeakers I could hear little kids laughing hysterically as they ran around in the picnic area, adults screaming wildly at the horses, and jockeys on the track's TV monitors, "I Melt With You" by Modern English playing on somebody's iPad speakers, the roar of the crowd in the grandstand as the horses approached the finish line, the band at the Blu Grotto's Biergarten playing "Amie" by Pure Prairie League and a whole family cheering a putt that had fallen in the mini-golf course next to the track. This wall of seemingly discordant sounds was like a beautiful, happy symphony to my one working ear and the experience was made even more viscerally rewarding by the overwhelmingly pleasing aromatic concoction of grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and, oddly, horse manure wafting across the grounds.

Taking a moment to look around, listen and take a deep breath, I couldn't imagine that, at that moment, there was any place in the world with a higher "happy people quotient." I hope there are many more "high happy people quotient" weekends in Oceanport's future at Monmouth Park.

Of course, this being Earth, the first person I ran into the next morning at the Circle K complained to me about how the track/beach traffic on that Sunday was the worst thing to ever happen to humanity since the Bubonic Plague. Well, I took a deep breath and explained that traffic means that Monmouth Park is alive and well and that it has a good chance of being our number one employer and taxpayer for a long, long time. Those of us who remember horse racing's halcyon days know that traffic is no worse now than it was 40 years ago when both the track and the Fort were both running at full throttle and Route 36 and Ocean Avenue were half the size they are now. Sitting in traffic next to a thriving Monmouth Park is a lot better than whizzing by a shuttered racetrack and an empty, unused parcel of land. Needless to say, he didn't pay for my tea and paper at the end of my little speech.

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Calendar of Events



July

- 4 Happy Independence Day, No Trash Pickup
- Borough Offices & Recycling Yard Closed
- 9 Environmental Commission Meeting
- 9 Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 10 Planning Board Meeting
- 11 Board of Health Meeting
- 11 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 19 Mayor & Council Regular and Workshop Meeting
- 25 Oceanport School District Board of Education Meeting
- 26 Shore Regional High School Board of Education Meeting
- 27 Last Day of Action Camp

August

- 1 Property Taxes Due
- 5 Kortney's Challenge Fun Run/Walk
- 8 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 11 Movies in the Park at Blackberry, *Coco*
- 13 Environmental Commission Meeting
- 13 Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 16 Mayor & Council Regular and Workshop Meeting
- 22 Oceanport School District Board of Education Meeting
- 23 Shore Regional High School Board of Education Meeting

September

- 3 .. Labor Day, Borough Offices & Recycling Yard Closed
- 6 Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting
- 8 Summer's End Festival (Raindate: 9/9)
- 11 Planning Board Meeting
- 15 Movies in the Park at Blackberry, *Wonder*
- 20 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- 25 Planning Board Meeting
- 29 - 30 Annual Garage Sale Weekend

Recycling

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

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Effective Immediately: All Recyclables Must Be Loose In Solid Containers

Absolutely No Bags (Plastic, etc.) Permitted!

*All recyclables must now be in solid containers at curbside. Clear plastic bags will not be picked up by the contractor.

*Curbside single stream is to consist of cardboard, newspapers, bottles, cans and plastics, none of which can be contaminated with food waste.

*No bags will be accepted at the recycling center. All recyclables must be dumped into the appropriate dumpster.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Metal Items and Tires

Pickups are made on Mondays. To schedule a metal pick-up, send an email to publicworks@oceanportboro.com or call (848) 456-4668 or (732) 222-8221. Place items at the curb by Sunday evening.



Be sure to check out the Borough's
TV channel on VERIZON FIOS CH. 28



Mark Your Calendar! Annual Garage Sale Weekend

Saturday, 9/30 and Sunday, 10/1
Rain date: 10/7 and 10/8

Residents will not be required to obtain a permit for the event but will need to call Borough Hall at (732) 222-8221 to register their address. Addresses will be posted on the Borough's website as a participating location.

Registration begins September 4th and ends on September 26th. The Borough will advertise the event in the *Asbury Park Press* and the *LINK News* with an ad directing those interested to the Borough's website for the list of participants addresses and map.

Emergency Radio Station

The Borough has an Emergency Ration Station, 1610AM, which is on the air 24 hours a day/7 days a week. It provides weather, emergency, public safety, traffic, travel information, and special announcements. It is especially effective in your vehicle, but it has a limited coverage area and most homes will need an external antenna to receive its signal.



Please Give Your Support to Summer's End Firework Fund

The Oceanport Parks and Recreation Committee is once again gearing up for their Annual Summer's End Festival on September 8th. Your continued support is needed for its spectacular fireworks display. Please consider donating to the fireworks fund by sending in the enclosed envelope and make checks payable to the Borough of Oceanport Summer's End.

Thank you for your continued support of this Oceanport pastime!

Oceanport's Centennial Celebration

The Oceanport Historical Committee is asking for help from members of the community as it prepares for Oceanport's Centennial Celebration in 2020. The Committee is looking for pictures, newspaper articles, historic maps, and old programs from days gone by, as well as anecdotes from residents and former residents, to augment the "Oceanport in Retrospect" book that was published in 1970 to commemorate Oceanport's 50th anniversary. If you have anything including memories and stories about all things Oceanport, please contact Jeanne Smith, Borough Clerk, at Borough Hall (732) 222-8221, jsmith@oceanportboro.com with all submissions.



Dog & Cat License Renewal Reminder

The Borough began issuing 2018 dog and cat licenses beginning the first of the year. If you have not renewed your pet's license with the Borough this is a friendly reminder to please come into Borough Hall to pick up or renew your pet's license. So far this year the Borough has seen the lowest number of pet licenses. **Pet licenses are required and were to be renewed by January 31st, 2018.** In accordance with state regulations, your pet's rabies vaccination must be valid through October 2018 for a license to be issued. Additionally, please advise the Borough if your pet is deceased. If you have any questions, please call the Borough Office at (732) 222-8221.

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Oceanport First Aid's Farmers Market

First Aid's Farmers Market will be back in business on Thursdays from 4:00 – 7:00 pm beginning July 5th through August 30th at the First Aid Squad Building on Pemberton Avenue. Some vendors include Laurino Farms, IL PANETTIERE BREAD BAKERY and Frank the Cheese Guy. Take advantage of this fresh opportunity, buy your produce locally and support your local farmers!

Help Oceanport Fire Explorers With Their Fundraising Efforts and Save Some Money too!

Oceanport's very own Fire Explorers are again selling coupon booklets which can be used to save money at 14 local places! Each coupon booklet costs \$5 and the Fire Explorers make \$2.50 off each booklet. The coupons are for Shop Rite, Buffalo Wild Wings, Rita's, McDonald's, TGI Fridays, Popeyes, Firestone, Subway, IHop, Burger King, Modell's, Olive Garden, IPlay America & 33 East Car Wash.

The coupon for ShopRite is \$5 off an order of \$50 so you basically get your money back as soon as you use that coupon! Each booklet provides you with over \$115 in savings. Please contact (732) 996-6531 to purchase coupon books and help benefit your local Oceanport Fire Explorer Program.

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Speaking of empty, unused parcels of land, if you've been wondering about what's happening with the property where the old municipal building used to be, well, wonder no more: Several months ago, the Borough of Oceanport issued a Request for Proposals from potential developers and the Borough is in the process of negotiating the fine points of a redevelopment agreement which would result in 12 residential, luxury homes on the 5 plus acres and the Borough will ultimately be deeded a passive park where the flagpole and monuments used to be. We are also in the midst of going out to bid for the rehabilitation of the buildings at the Borough's new Municipal Complex at Fort Monmouth and hope to have the buildings up and running by November of 2019. For those of you who were unable to take the tours of the new Municipal Complex site last fall, we will be conducting tours again in September and October. You can view the site plan and watch the Municipal Complex presentation by visiting the Borough's website.

Remember there is no better way to enjoy a summer evening than by gathering around the TV and watching Oceanport's Borough Council Meetings (A/K/A The Buddy Brocklebank Show) on Fios Channel 28. We meet on 7/19 and 8/16 this summer and the meetings run on a constant loop after the live presentation. Enjoy the summer!



Oceanport Parks & Recreation Committee Presents: 7th Annual Movies in the Park!

Enjoy a free and fun night at the movies under the stars at Blackberry Bay this summer! Movies begin at dusk, time dependent on date. Please bring a blanket and chair to be comfortable. You are welcome to bring your own food and beverages (no alcohol permitted).

Saturday, August 11th, *Coco*

Saturday, September 15th, *Wonder*

Mark your calendars!



Calvary Baptist Church Presents Camp Moose on the Loose Vacation Bible School

July 23rd-27th

The Calvary Baptist Church is looking forward to a fantastic vacation bible school this year. Their Christian-based summer camp helps kids discover that they're lovingly crafted by God. Students will experience a camping theme where they hike, canoe, and fish — complete with tents, campfires, and wildlife.

Through the lessons, kids will learn about the life of Christ as seen through the eyes of Peter, and will discover the lasting forgiveness that only Christ can give. Kids discover important truths and dive right into the Bible. At Camp Moose on the Loose Vacation Bible School, kids learn one important Bible Point each day and it's reinforced often through Bible adventures, key Bible verses, songs, snacks and hands-on explorations that help children know they were created by God and built for a purpose. At the end of the week, join campers for a Friday night family BBQ including songs and lessons that the campers learned!

Camp Moose on the Loose Vacation Bible School takes place from July 23rd through July 27th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 1305 Eatontown Blvd., Oceanport. The camp is free and all campers must be 4-13 years old. For further information and to pre-register for the camp, please contact Calvary Baptist Church at (732) 542-2226.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Cub Scout Corner

The cub scouts finished their year Scout strong! Towards the end of May, the Bear Den held a carnival themed recruitment event for kindergarten boys interested in scouting. There was a great turnout and they are happy to have a new Tiger Den forming for September. These new scouts are also welcome to participate in any summer events Pack 58 plans.

In early June, the Pack held their annual Blue and Gold ceremony. The boys and their families ate a pancake and French toast dinner, catered by Amy's in Long Branch. They played spy themed games and then received their well-deserved achievements and awards. The Pack finished out the month with the tradition of attending Family Camp at Quail Hill reservation. Members of the Pack had beautiful weather to do outdoor activities, enter a fishing derby and then took part in the skit talent show with an original version of "We Are Family"!!

During July and August, the pack will host a beach bonfire and a swim party to earn requirements. September will be the start of the new scouting year and the dens will resume their activities.

The Pack would like to thank all their wonderful parents and leaders. They are successful because of everyone's cooperation! Please be on the lookout for the amazing kids and adults of Pack 58 around town. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering or being a Cub Scout, please contact: just.elk@gmail.com.



KORTNEY'S CHALLENGE

2 MILE FUN WALK RUN

AT MONMOUTH PARK

Raising funds for brain cancer research and awareness one step at a time



FREE
Family Fun
Events

Sunday
August 5, 2018

Rain or Shine

2 Mile FUN Walk/Run

- Check in and Day of Registration begin at 8:30 AM
- Event steps off at 10:00 AM
- Day at the Races Picnic Event
- 9:00 AM Dance Plus Exhibition Team Performance
- 107.1 FM playing music / prize van

Please Pre-Register

You can register online or download an application for Kortney's Challenge and buy tickets for the Day at the Races event at www.thekortneyrosefoundation.org T-shirt guaranteed with registration received no later than 7/20/18 otherwise shirts on race day while they last.

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TURNING POINT
breakfast, brunch & lunch





Garden Club News

In May, members had a demonstration by Linda Dennis on how to make hats. Many of the members wore their beautiful creations to the Garden Club luncheon on June 15th at Branches. Prizes were given out for several of them.

The club received some very sad news in early June as one of their beloved members, Jerry Scarano, passed away. Jerry was the only gentleman in the garden group. A beautiful memorial service for Jerry was held on June 27th at Star of the Sea Church. He will be greatly missed by all the membership in the years to come.

The Garden Club is on hiatus for the summer and will resume meetings on September 27th at the Pavilion in Blackberry Bay Park at 10:00 am. However, you will see members in and around town maintaining plantings and gardens to continue to keep Oceanport beautiful. Thank them when you see them.

Summer Garden Tips

Water consistently. Most garden plants prefer an average of 1 inch of water a week. When watering, apply water directly to the ground rather than getting plant's foliage wet; water sitting on the leaves can lead to disease. Also, try to water in the cool of the day.

Mulch

Spread a 2-inch layer of mulch over you soil is one of best things you can do for our garden. It blankets the ground shielding the soil from the sun, keeps plant roots cooler, and retains moisture.

Weed

It is important to pull weeds from your garden because they steal moisture and nutrients from your plants as well as encourage disease and encourage insects. They are easiest to pull when they are small and when the soil is moist. Also, when you pull them while they are young you can stop weeds from producing seeds.

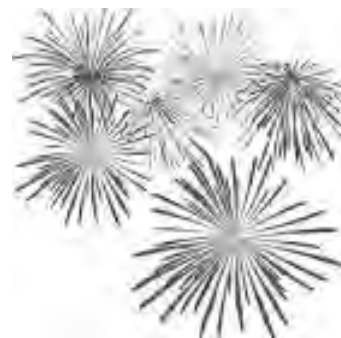
Raise Your Mower

Raise the height of your lawn mower blade. Brown, bare, and weed-infested lawns are signs of cutting lawns too low. It is a misconception that cutting lawns low reduces cutting frequency. Longer grass wears better.

Remove Faded Flowers

Remove spent blooms from your annuals and perennials and you may see more flowers. This is called deadheading and it prevents plants from producing seeds, so they put more energy into producing beautiful blooms.

Enjoy summer gardening, the blooms and colors it produces, and its bountiful harvest if you have a vegetable garden.



Oceanport's 42nd Annual Summer's End Festival!

Saturday, September 8th, 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Rain date: Sunday, September 10th

Join your community to celebrate this Oceanport staple with family and friends!

Schedule events include:

Horse Shoe Tournament begins at 2:30,

contact Lee Poole at (908) 433-6973

5:00 pm the Festival Begins!

8:30 Spectacular Fireworks Display!

Entertainment & Participants:

Live Band: Evolution X

Food Vendors

Chili and Salsa Competition

Civic Organizations

Balloon Art & Face Painting

Kids' Moon Bounce & Attractions

Dance Exhibition

Fire Truck Rides

Sponsored by:

Oceanport Residents

Oceanport Park & Recreation Committee

Additional Community Sponsors to be listed at the Festival.



**Monmouth
Medical Center**

**RWJ Barnabas
HEALTH**



The Bat Mobile is Back!

If you missed the Bat Mobile at this year's Strawberry Festival you can catch a photo opportunity at the Summer's End Festival! The Oceanport First Aid Squad is happy to bring the Bat Mobile back for all those fans to take pictures. Donations will go directly to the OP First Aid Squad.

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SCHOOL/LIBRARY NEWS

Stay cool at the Oceanport Library!

The *Read to Me* and *Vacation Reading Clubs* are well under way and will run through August 11th. There is still plenty of time to register and finish the program which is all online. Go to county library website at monmouthcountylib.org and find the Summer Reading tab to create your own reading account. *Vacation Reading Club* (VRC) members need to read 480 minutes (8 hours) to finish the program and *Read to Me Club* members need to have 20 books read to them. The program ends August 11th so start logging in minutes and books. The theme this year is *Libraries Rock*. Children in the VCR who read 240 minutes and the children in the Read to Me Club who have listened to ten books get to pick a prize from the Treasure Chest. When the VRC children have read 480 minutes, they get a stadium horn; the *Read to Me* children will get a pair of cool sunglasses after they have listened to 20 books. There are paperback book choice prizes for children who have read 16 hours or more and for those who have listened to 40 books. There will also be weekly drawings and the prizes are terrific!

The Wolf Hill School has required reading this summer and the minutes that the children have to read can also be applied to the *Vacation Reading Club*. There are also programs for Young Adults (Grades 6 – 12) and Adults. Just consult the Monmouth County Library homepage for more information about requirements for those programs.

There are some wonderful special programs planned for July and August. Please try to attend one or all of them. Registration is required for most programs. Register in person or call (732) 229-2626 during library hours.

Be the Sea Change – Grades 1- 4

Thursday, July 12th, 4:00 - 4:45 pm

How do we make sure our beaches stay clean? Join us in this special interactive program designed by Clean Ocean Action and discover kid-friendly ways to keep our beaches clean and *Be the Sea Change*. Please register beginning June 28th.

Read to Spice – Ages 3 and up

Thursday, July 26th, 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Practice oral reading and storytelling skills by interacting with our adorable new therapy dog, Spice. If you are reading, bring a book from home or choose one from the library. If not reading, tell a story or discuss the pictures in a book. Registration begins July 12th.

Snapology presents Elementary Engineers – Let's Get Moving – Ages 5-10

Thursday, August 2nd, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Come build super-cool cars, catapults and parade floats that use gears, axles and pulleys. Build an exciting model using LEGO® bricks, while exploring how it moves. Registration begins July 19th.

Read-To-Me Club and Vacation Reading Club Celebration

Thursday, August 16th – 10:30 - 11:15 am.

Oceanport Library is pleased to welcome back Science Tellers who will present an interactive program called Wild West: The Mystery of the Golden Piano. The program will be followed by a pizza lunch and beverage thanks to the Oceanport Library Association. All are welcome. Please register beginning August 2nd.

Lego® Storytime – Ages 3 and up.

Thursday, August 23rd, 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Listen to stories and make your own Lego® creation. Duplos® will also be provided. Registration begins August 9th.

Beat the heat and come into the Oceanport Library for an array of books! Summer is a great time to read for children and adults. Like exercise is for your body, reading is for your brain and your imagination, too.



Please support the Maple Place Class of 2019! Car Wash

Saturday, August 11th • 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Port Au Pec Firehouse

All proceeds go towards fundraising for the
8th grade trip to Washington D.C.