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Mayor's Message

The first weekend in May was a very "Oceanport" weekend, indeed. Although the Oceanport Recreation Committee's annual miniature golf outing at Bluegrass Mini Golf in Monmouth Park Racetrack was postponed due to the inclement weather on Friday night, our little slice of heaven was chock full of activity all weekend. Saturday morning opened with the Maple Place Middle School's Annual Color Run at Blackberry Bay Park. I can tell you that the kids in Oceanport have no problem walking up to the town's Mayor and dumping bags of colored flour on his head. No problem whatsoever. None. I know who they are, however, and you can rest assured they won't be getting any calls while I am refereeing their basketball games next year. This fun run's purpose is to raise money for the 8th grade's class trip to Washington, D.C., but with its mix of kids, adults, music, exercise and dedicated volunteers, it's actually an incredibly colorful, somewhat messy, 3.2 mile celebration of all that is wonderful about Oceanport.

Shortly after the Color Run ended, Monmouth Park Racetrack opened on its doors and 21,500 people walked through the gates. They were treated to a warm, sunny (thank you Buzzy Baldanza, Oceanport's Weather Maker) opening day of great live racing, family picnics, hot dogs, hamburgers, horribly gaudy men's sport jackets and mis-matching pants, women's Derby hats ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime and the most bizarre, prolonged and confusing finish in Kentucky Derby history. While all of that was going on, the 2019 Monmouth Park Charity Fund's Kentucky Derby Celebration was honoring Oceanport's own Maureen Lloyd for her 20 years of service to the organization. The charity event was packed to the rafters, just like the rest of Monmouth Park. Afterwards, local restaurants were bursting at the seams with patrons as the day's celebrations spilled over into the night. The last night of Triumphant Life Church's week long Spring Carnival at Fort Monmouth closed out this very busy Oceanport Saturday and, although it was very successful, we hope that Buzzy Baldanza can arrange for better weather at next year's carnival!

A special note of thanks goes out to Oceanport's police department, DPW and First Aid Squad, all of which played an integral part of the success of these events. Each of these Oceanport celebrations went off without a hitch, and the support and assistance of these individuals made that possible.

On Sunday, moreover, I had the privilege and honor of participating in the Eagle Scout induction ceremony at the Oceanport Hook and Ladder building. Two fantastic young

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Calendar of Events

May

- 1 2nd Quarter Property Taxes Due
- 2 Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting
- 8 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 12 Happy Mother's Day
- 13 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
- 13 Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 14 Planning Board Meeting
- 21 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- 22 Oceanport Board of Education
Committee of the Whole Meeting
- 23 Shore Regional District Board of Education Meeting
- 27 Memorial Day Parade, Borough Hall Closed
- 28 Planning Board Meeting
- 29 Oceanport Board of Education Regular Meeting
- 29 Oceanport Lions Club Strawberry Fair
runs through June 2nd

June

- 4 Primary Election
- 6 Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting
- 10 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
- 10 Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 11 Planning Board Meeting
- 12 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 13 Shore Regional District Board of Education Meeting
- 16 Happy Father's Day
- 19 Oceanport Board of Education
Committee of the Whole Meeting
- 20 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- 24 First Day of Action Camp
- 25 Planning Board Meeting
- 26 Oceanport Board of Education Regular Meeting

July

- 4 Happy Independence Day, No Trash Pickup
and Borough Offices Closed
- 5 Borough Offices Closed
- 8 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
- 8 Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 9 Planning Board Meeting
- 10 Board of Health Meeting
- 10 Parks & Recreation Committee
- 12 Happy Mother's Day

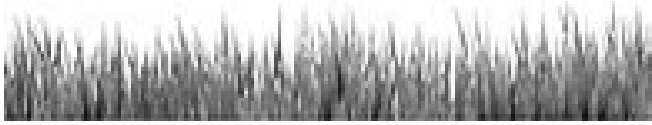
Recycling

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

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Borough Notice:

May has 5 weeks – NO Recycling pick up
the last week of May



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 in Tinton Falls.

Please be aware of the following:

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.

Branches

Please tie and bundle all branches and tree limbs. Three bundles can be placed at the curb each trash pickup day for that site. The trash contractor will not pick up bundles larger than three feet in diameter or in lengths exceeding five feet. This includes hedge and bush clippings

The trash contractor shall not be required to pick up any stumps nor individual tree limbs or branches which exceed three inches in diameter.

Pooper Scooper Law, Dog Barking, and 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 in Oceanport's parks too. Residents walking their dogs on sidewalks should be considerate of other people's property.

Also, all dogs are required to be kept on a leash at all times when off the premises of the owner's property. This includes when you have your dog at Oceanport's parks as well.

Oceanport has a Noise Nuisances ordinance which applies to habitual dog barking. Please keep your dog's barking to a minimum and be considerate to your neighbors especially during early mornings and later in the evening. Ask yourself, why would my neighbors want to hear my dog continually bark?

Oceanport's Own Dog Park

In case you didn't know, Oceanport is home to Wolf Hill Dog Park. This is one of two Off-Leash Dog Areas operated by the Monmouth County Park System. This 4-acre area combines an area for dogs of all sizes as well as an area for smaller dogs weighing 35 lbs or less. Dog waste bags and garbage cans can be found in both dog areas, and there are portable toilets near the parking lot. There is no water source available at the site for dogs and owners, so bring your own water bottles or jugs. If you are a dog owner this park is a convenient workout or play date for your pooch!



OCEANPORT LIONS' CLUB STRAWBERRY FAIR

Wednesday, May 29th thru Sunday June 2nd, 2019
Monmouth Park Race Track Parking Area
on Port Au Peck Ave
6:00 – 10:00 pm

Bracelet Nights are Thursday, 5/30 and Sunday,
6/2 (weather & conditions permitting, no refunds)

It's as good as it gets at the Oceanport Lions'
Strawberry Fair! Delicious food, fun games and rides,
interesting animals, and lots of fun!

For more information go to oceanportlionsclub.com



Oceanport's Annual Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 27th

Begins 9:30 am at Blackberry Bay Park down Port Au Peck Ave., to Monmouth Blvd. to Port Au Peck Firehouse with patriotic ceremonies to follow. Please support this Oceanport staple and watch the marchers along their route from the comforts of your yards. Come to the memorial ceremonies at the Port Au Peck Firehouse to remember those in the armed forces who have died so we can enjoy the many freedoms we do today.

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.

Save These Dates!

Summer's End Festival

September 7th

Annual Garage Sale Weekend

September 28th and 29th

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Garden Club News

The Oceanport Garden Club will have their last meeting before their summer meeting break on June 14 at Salt Creek Grille on Bingham Avenue, beginning at 12:00 pm. The cost is \$36.00 for members and \$42.00 for guests. If anyone is interested in attending this delicious and fun event, please contact Christina Grimley @ 732-229-3368. There will also be a Gift Basket Auction donated by the members.

Even though there will not be meetings in July and August, members will be very busy in and around town maintaining plantings and gardens here and there around our beautiful Borough.

If you are or know anyone who might be interested in joining the Garden Club, please pass the following information to them. You do not need to be a resident of Oceanport to join. The following people can give you information about joining: Penelope Grabriel at (732) 229-8274; MaryLou Chace at (732) 299-1837; and Sandy Crome at (732) 741-4080.

During the year the Club has many interesting speakers and events to keep your thumb green and you interested and up to date with gardening!

Senior Club Notes

Membership in the Senior Citizens Club of Oceanport is open to any Oceanport resident who is 55 years old or older. The club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, weather permitting, at the Blackberry Bay Pavilion. Social time with lunch begins at 12:30 pm followed by a meeting at 1:30 pm. Many meetings include an informative presentation by a guest speaker or entertainment.

The June 19th meeting will focus on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Borough of Oceanport. Please bring memorabilia of historical significance or interest to the meeting. The July 17th meeting will include an ice cream social and feature a music performance by Kim D'Amico Dalton. The August 21st meeting will feature a delicious barbecue lunch.

Join the fun by becoming a member of the Senior Citizens Club of Oceanport! Please contact Fran Bendock at (732) 229-0278 for information about joining. Annual membership dues are only \$20, a bargain considering that meetings include free or low-cost lunch plus desert.

Some Club members meet to play cards at 9:00 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Port-au-Peck Firehouse. Any club member is welcome to join them. Call Marie Quackenbush at (732) 229-0454 for more information.

Oceanport Centennial Celebration Plans

The Oceanport Historical Committee has been working to get ready for Oceanport's Centennial Celebration. The Committee would like to let you know about some of the activities they have planned, and the dates reserved so far so you can mark your calendars.

Watch for Committee in the Memorial Day Parade this year – they will be the ones walking with some classic cars which date back almost as far as Oceanport does! The Historical Committee will see you at the Strawberry Festival, too! From May 29th through June 2nd this year, look for their table to take a look at some old photos of Oceanport, taste some candy that was popular in the 1920's, and to have your picture taken in 1920's garb.

The Committee then officially kicks off their Centennial Celebration with a **Wine and Cheese Under the Full Moon** mixer to be held at the Oceanport Sailing & Yacht Club. This will be held on Friday, June 14. Join in on the celebration with a cocktail at sunset on the beautiful Shrewsbury River. Details to follow. Then the Committee will be joining the Oceanport Seniors on July 17th for an Ice Cream Social. They are looking forward to talking with the seniors and hearing about Oceanport past.

On December 8th they will be holding a **Holiday Home Tour**. The Committee is asking for residents from the community to volunteer their homes for tours, and in addition to some of the beautiful newer homes in town, they would love to include some of the Borough's classic older homes on the tour. This will be held from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm before the Borough's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. If you would like to volunteer your home for a tour please email the Committee at oceanportcentennial@gmail.com.

Looking a bit ahead to 2020, the Committee will have an **Oceanport Day at Monmouth Park**. A picnic area will be reserved for Oceanport residents, and there will be a race named after our celebration called "The Oceanport Centennial Race". It's scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2020, with a rain date of June 14, 2020. This will be a fun day for Oceanport's families, so please plan to come!

On Saturday, October 17, 2020, a **Centennial Gala** will be held at the Turf Room at Monmouth Park. This will be a Roaring '20's themed event, with guests requested to dress either in semi-formal attire or in Roaring '20's costume. So much excitement about this grand event! It will be a wonderful evening out right here in beautiful Oceanport!

There are other activities planned, and as soon as they are finalized, it will be featured in *The Oceanport Bulletin*, on the Borough's website, and on the Oceanport Residents Facebook page.

Also, the Historical Committee is looking for sponsors for our Centennial Flags, which will be displayed on the light posts on Main Street in January 2020 after the Christmas wreaths are taken down. It would be a pleasure to have our local businesses and business owners and/or families in town sponsor a flag in honor of our Centennial. Please contact the Committee at oceanportcentennial@gmail.com if you'd be interested in sponsoring a flag.

To volunteer for the Holiday Home Tour, for any questions or suggestions, if you have any information or photographs to share, or to volunteer, please email at oceanportcentennial@gmail.com.

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Cub Scout Corner

What a great Cub Scout year OP scouts have had! The individual dens have been meeting regularly as well as going on some great Go-Sees, thanks to our wonderful community. Did you hear cowbells and cheering for the runners during the New Jersey marathon? It was probably from some the cubs! Some other cubs did beach cleanups last month. Mount Mitchell in Atlantic Highlands and Thompson Park were great for getting some hiking and special thank you to AFC Urgent Care in West Long Branch and to Our Team Fitness for donating your time to teach our kids about your businesses and helping them earn their requirements for the year.

In May, the Bear Den is hosting a fishing derby at Wampum Lake Park. Siblings and scout families will be treated to a great morning of friendly competition and prizes. And, be on the look for some of our Cub Scouts in Oceanport's Memorial Day parade.

June is the month the annual Blue and Gold Awards Dinner is held. The taco bar dinner is being catered by Bubbakoo's in West Long Branch and the theme this year is "Gone Fishing". Dinner, desserts, activities, and amazing decorations! Each scout will be recognized for completing his required and elective adventures, then they advance in rank.

The pack also gets together in June for Family Camp weekend at Quail Hill. The summer is generally light on scout activities, although a swim party and bonfire are always on the agenda.

Our official scout year begins again in September. Boys in first grade are eligible to join as Tigers. Oceanport Pack 58 is proud of the teamwork of our great leaders and community. Cub Scouts provide wonderful experiences for scouts and families, valuable life lessons mixed with lots of fun! For more information, please contact just.elk@gmail.com.

Introducing 911 News!

News and updates from the Oceanport First Aid Squad

As spring is upon us- so are garage sales. If you find yourself with new items, you no longer want First Aid can use them for their annual gift auction. Please contact Kathy Maida (732) 229-5979

Back by popular demand! Which famous car will the Squad have at the Strawberry Festival? Come and have your picture taken Thursday, May 30th and Saturday, June 1st.

Save the date! This year the Squad's Holiday Bazaar and Gift Auction will be Saturday, December 7th. Come join the fun at the Oceanport First Aid Squad building from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm!

Exciting Cadet Program

The Squad's Cadet program commenced in 2019. There are currently nine students and the program is continuing to grow. The fundamentals of EMS are being presented and Cadets will be learning the basics of EMS. Participants should be 15 years of age and interested in volunteering and supporting their community. Cadets meet once a month. For questions or to inquire about more information please email oceanportfas@gmail.com,

Help the Oceanport First Aid Squad help you! Get to know your volunteers!

Be on the lookout for our 2019 fund drive letter!



KORTNEY'S CHALLENGE

2 MILE FUN WALK RUN

AT MONMOUTH PARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4th

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1st

Sign up for updates on our website
thekortneyrosefoundation.org

Benefiting Pediatric Brain Tumor Research Through:



RECREATION NEWS

Summer Fun at Oceanport Recreation Action Camp!

June 24th – July 26th • 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Community Center Park • Kindergarten – 7th Grade

Cost: \$200.00*

*Early Registration Discount - Register between 5/1 and 6/15/19
\$225.00 for registration beginning 6/16/19



- Oceanport Action Camp is available to all Oceanport residents and Sea Bright residents registered to attend school in Oceanport in 2019-2020, grades K to 7.
- Campers must be five years old by October 1, 2019. No exceptions!
- A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany the registration form for any child entering Grade K in the 2019-20 school year as proof they will be age five by October 1, 2019.
- Camp is a playground-based program consisting of games, crafts, and sports. Theme weeks will be to enhance your child's experience this year- more details to come in week one.
- The Oceanport Pool Club will not be available for the 2019 summer, however, drop off and pick up for grades 4 - 7 will still be at Blackberry Bay Park Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Additional sports, crafts, activities and water play (sprinklers, slides, etc...) will be added so campers should be prepared to get wet if they choose and bring a towel and wear a bathing suit, weather permitting.
- Camp will meet at Maple Place School in the event of inclement weather.
- All fees are non-refundable and due at the time of registration.
- Registration forms, the Action Camp handbook, and information/medical forms are available online at oceanportboro.com. You are required to bring the completed information/medical form to camp on the first day.
- Mail completed registration form with a check made payable to OCEANPORT RECREATION to: Attention: Action Camp Registration Oceanport Recreation, 315 East Main Street, Oceanport, NJ 07757
- Campers will not be allowed to attend with incomplete paperwork or payment in full.
- Action Camp is totally self-funded. Registration fees reflect the costs directly associated with camp operations. All fees are non-refundable- no prorating or discounts can be given. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED BASED UPON GRADE GROUP SIZE – PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

Tennis Court Sign-Up Rules

To reserve court time on any of the five Borough tennis courts, sign up in the reservation book located on the outside wall of the front entrance of the Borough Offices in the Old Wharf House. The reservation book will be available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. All other times are first come, first serve. Court time is limited to one hour for singles and two hours for doubles.

Reservations will be forfeited if players do not arrive within 15 minutes of sign-up time.

Court Locations:

Courts 1 & 2	Community Center
Court 3	Trinity Place Park
Courts 4 & 5	Blackberry Bay Park



SHORE YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER



Online Registration OPENS April 1st for the 2019 Fall Season

Shore YFC is open to boys and girls, for all programs, ages 5 – 14

Registration Dates: April 1 – June 1^{**}

****after June 1st there is a \$30 late fee, per child, and we cannot guarantee personalization on your child's jersey**

Registration is EASY – no forms to upload!

Register and Pay on our website: www.shoreyfc.org

- Must sign-in or create a new login
- We will have a few dates in June/July, to hand-in all the registration forms. Forms can be downloaded from our website: REGISTRATION INFO > 2019 REQUIRED REGISTRATION FORMS. Detailed instructions will be sent later



Tentative first day of practice: 8/1/19



Please email any questions to shoreyfc@gmail.com



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LIBRARY NEWS

Library News

News from Branch Manager Barbara Eckert

The Oceanport Library is looking for creative, local people to participate in a club or group at the library on Tuesday afternoons once a month. Are you interested in setting up, organizing or just joining in an activity such as a game day – playing board games like scrabble, chess, backgammon or even bridge? Does knitting or crocheting appeal to you or simply doing a craft? Do you know of someone who has a special skillset who might be interested in presenting a program at the library? Please give us a call or drop an email and let us know if you have any thoughts. Thank you.

Barbara Eckert
Branch Manager
732-229-2626

beckert@monmouthcountylib.org

News from the Oceanport Children's Librarian

Summer is soon upon us and with that come the annual Vacation Reading Clubs The Club would like to see increased participation this year, the more the merrier, and the more reading for fun and relaxation! The program begins June 1st and is online. The June flyers available at the library and online at monmouthcountylib.org will have more information about the programs.

As always there are exciting and special programs in May and June. Please stop in or call the library at (732) 229-2626 to register.

Meet The Author – Ages 3 and up

Thursday, May 16 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Renowned local author Annie Silvestro will read her debut picture storybook, Bunny's Book Club. A fun craft will follow the reading. Registration begins May 6th.

LEGO® Storytime - Ages 2 and up

Thursday, May 30 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm Listen to LEGO® stories and make your own LEGO® creation. LEGO® and DUPLO® bricks will be provided. Registration begins May 20th.

Make and Take Crafts – All ages

Thursday, June 6th from 2:00 - 4:15 pm

Stop in and choose a craft that you would like to make. Keep it for yourself or give it to someone special! No registration required.

Lee's Circus Extravaganza – Reading Clubs Kick-Off Program – All Ages

Thursday, June 13th from 4:00 - 4:45 pm

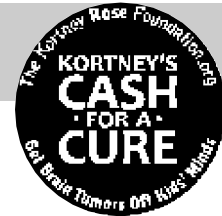
Join us for a medley of juggling, plate spinning, unicycling, audience interaction and magic. Registration begins June 3rd.

Author Reading – Ages 3 and up

Thursday, June 20th from 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Oh What a Sensational Summer Night by Christine Palazzo

Join Christine Palazzo as she reads her exciting story which illustrates how sensational a summer night can be. Registration begins June 10th.



CASH FOR A CURE

During the month of May,
In Oceanport Schools
Kortney's Cash for a Cure
Fundraiser will take place.

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men, Christopher Schuff and Jack Donohoe, became Oceanport's 109th and 110th Eagle Scouts. They join Gerald R. Ford, Neil Armstrong, Steven Spielberg, Michael Bloomberg and Oceanport Councilman Ricky Gallo as internationally known individuals who have earned the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. This is no small accomplishment for these two boys and Oceanport is blessed to have such an inordinate amount of Eagle Scouts in a town so small. Fun Fact: Arthur Eldred was the first Eagle Scout and he was awarded this honor in 1912. There is no truth to the rumor, however, that he was Buddy Brocklebank's classmate.

This past weekend is proof that Oceanport is alive, well and – as it says on our logo – “a great place to live.” Our volunteers are always energized, our professional and volunteer emergency services providers are knowledgeable, dedicated, and caring and, our community is filled with people who love to be involved and make a difference. The vibrancy of Monmouth Park Racetrack this weekend bodes well for the summer and our spring looks exciting, too. Oceanport will be hosting the Oceanport Lion's Club's Strawberry Festival from May 29th to June 2nd, the Memorial Day Weekend Jersey Shore Food Truck Festival at Monmouth Park, Oceanport's Memorial Day Parade on the morning of Memorial Day and TWO car shows in June at Fort Monmouth (Sunday, June 9th at Wallington Avenue and Saturday, June 15th at Malterer Avenue). Please get out of your house, get involved and enjoy all that Oceanport has to offer!