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Mayor's Message

We have not really had a winter and already thoughts are turning towards summer. In particular, we have been fielding a lot of questions about what is going on with the Oceanport Lions Swim Club located in Blackberry Bay Park. Well, quite frankly, the best I can tell you is the Borough Council and I are exploring every avenue available to ensure the swim club is open this summer. Not many people know that the pool facility was financed and built mostly by members of the Oceanport Lions Club in the 1970's so that Oceanport could have its own little chlorinated oasis within Blackberry Bay Park. The facility has been operated by the Oceanport Lions Swim Club (an entity unrelated to the Oceanport Lions Club) since the late 1970's pursuant to a lease agreement with the Borough of Oceanport. Much in the same way the Borough's youth recreation sports programs are run by volunteers, the pool has been run much the same way. Several generations of Oceanport's children have spent their summers --- whether as swim club members, swim team participants, or as part of Oceanport's summer Action Camp --- within the confines of this unique and special reminder of how special small town living can be and is. This pool has been part and parcel of the fabric of Oceanport for the better part of five decades.

Recently, however, the volunteers who have overseen the operations of the pool on behalf of the Oceanport Lions Swim Club have advised the Borough that it is no longer fiscally feasible for them to continue to maintain and operate the facility and that they were no longer going to do so. In a nutshell, a continuing decline in membership and a concurrent rise in operating costs meant that the pool club is no longer financially self-sufficient. When confronted with this news, we asked ourselves three questions: (1) Does Oceanport need to have a pool? (2) Does Oceanport want to have a pool? (3) Can Oceanport afford to have a pool? While we agreed that no municipality needs a swimming pool, we were united in our belief that Oceanport wants to have a pool. That left us with the task of finding out whether or not we can afford to have a pool. To that end, in February, the Borough Council authorized a Request For Proposals for the operation and maintenance of the Oceanport Pool and Snack Bar. Potential vendors had until March 8, 2017, to submit their proposals.

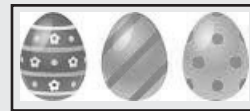
In the event that no vendors submit proposals or if the proposals are, in the opinion of the Governing Body, inadequate or insufficient, we will explore other alternatives with an eye towards keeping the pool open. But we cannot keep the pool open at any cost. Like any other municipal program, the Governing Body will have to weigh the costs and benefits in order to determine if the Borough can take on this task in a

Calendar of Events



March

- 2..... Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting
- 8..... Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
- 12..... Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 13..... Environmental Commission Meeting
- 13..... Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 14..... Planning Board Meeting
- 15..... Oceanport Board of Education Meeting
- 16..... Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
- 20..... First Day of Spring
- 28..... Planning Board Meeting



April

- 3 - 28..... Spring Leaf Cleanup
- 3 - 28..... Women's Summer Tennis Sign-ups
- 6..... Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting
- 8..... Easter Egg Scramble (Raindate: April 9th)
- 9..... Oceanport Hook and Ladder's Annual Ham Dinner
- 10..... Environmental Commission Meeting
- 10..... Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 11..... Planning Board Meeting
- 12..... Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
- 20..... Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
- 25..... Planning Board Meeting
- 26..... Oceanport Board of Education Meeting
- 28..... Oceanport PTO Casino and Auction Night
- 29..... Annual Mini Golf Tournament
- 30..... NJ Marathon Runs Through Oceanport

May

- 1..... Property Taxes Due
- 4..... Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting

Recycling

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

fiscally responsible manner. Please attend our Borough Council meetings, watch them live on Facebook, or via replay on YouTube to learn more about this and other issues impacting on our community.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Traffic Alert

NJ Marathon Runs Through Oceanport on Sunday, April 30th

The Oceanport Police Department is advising that the 2017 New Jersey Marathon and Half Marathon will be starting and running through Oceanport on Sunday, April 30th. The marathon will begin at the Monmouth Park Race Track entrance off Oceanport Avenue at 7:30 am.

The course runs from the Main Gate at Monmouth Park off Oceanport Avenue onto Crescent Place. Runners then proceed north on Eatontown Boulevard to Wolf Hill Avenue, east on Pemberton Avenue to Oceanport Avenue then south to Port Au Peck Avenue. Then proceed east to Myrtle Avenue and make a left turn north on Myrtle Avenue to Monmouth Boulevard to Port Au Peck. Runners then turn left north onto Port Au Peck Avenue, proceed north to Pocano Avenue, then south on Comanche Drive. Runners will then turn left onto Monmouth Boulevard and head over the Pleasure Bay Bridge into Long Branch.

Roadways in Oceanport will close at 7:00 am and 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 9:30 am. Roadways in the western and central sections of Oceanport will reopen much earlier. Oceanport Avenue from the Main Gate of the Racetrack to Port au Peck Ave will remain closed until 5:00 pm.

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 Avenue/Main Street. Residents who reside east of Branchport Avenue and south of Monmouth Boulevard, can travel out of Oceanport via the Branchport Creek Bridge into Long Branch.

Residents that live north of Monmouth Boulevard, and who reside in the Port Au Peck section between Monmouth Boulevard and Comanche Drive, can pre-position their vehicles and park them legally (do not block driveways or fire hydrants) on Hiawatha and Algonquin Avenues west of Port Au Peck Avenue. They can then exit Oceanport via Bayview Avenue to Monmouth Boulevard to Myrtle Avenue, and travel west or north by crossing into Little Silver.

Parking will be prohibited on Wolf Hill Avenue, Pemberton Avenue, Monmouth Boulevard, Port au Peck Avenue between Monmouth Boulevard and Pocano Avenue, outside of Blackberry Bay Park on Port Au Peck Avenue, Pocano Avenue, and Comanche Drive between Pocano Avenue and Monmouth Boulevard. 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. Emergency No Parking signs will be posted the night prior to the race.

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. Event and Race information can be found on www.njmarathon.org.

Any questions in regards to road closures, vehicle access during the race, or parking, can be addressed by calling the Police Department at (732) 222-6300, or via email at info@oceanportpolice.org.



Notes from Sustainable Jersey

New Jersey has laws which prohibit the idling of a vehicle for more than 3 minutes.

Do you know....?

- Emissions from gas and diesel powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution and can trigger an asthma attack or another respiratory problem.
- Vehicles idling by schools and play areas increase the amount of harmful pollutants that are breathed in by children and adults alike.
- Diesel vehicles emit carcinogenic chemicals, including benzene and formaldehyde, and the EPA estimates that as many as half of all outdoor related cancers are attributed to vehicle emissions.
- Idling your car for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine on and off again. In fact, a car idling for 10 minutes uses as much fuel as it takes to travel 5 miles and uses 27 gallons of fuel a year.

Be part of the solution, not the problem. Turn off your car engine when not driving, it is the law, and will help keep us all healthy!

Spring Leaf Cleanup

April 3rd – 28th

Leaves are collected only during the month of April and in the fall per the Leaf Pickup Schedule. Leaves should not be put out any other time. Please, LEAVES ONLY should be raked to the curb free of any debris, twigs, stones, branches, etc. for the Public Works Department to pick up. Please do not put leaves in plastic bags. For questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (848) 456-4668 or publicworks@oceanportboro.com



Oceanport Hook & Ladder

Fire Explorers



St. Patrick's Day Breakfast

Sunday, March 19th • 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

21 Main Street • Buffet Style

Come out and support the Oceanport Hook & Ladder's Explorers Program. Their first breakfast was such a success they are doing another one! All proceeds go towards purchasing new gear and helping enhance the program as the explorers prepare for the Fire Academy.

For more information please contact (732) 542-7297.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Senior Club Notes

The Oceanport Senior Club meets the third Wednesday of the month at Blackberry Bay Pavilion. Social time begins at 1:00 pm. The meeting is called to order at 1:30 pm.

The Club does its best to have activities at each meeting to make it interesting for the members. Currently, the club is operating without two officers. Members are thankful that some members have stepped up to the plate to arrange for the two luncheons the club has in the spring and at Christmas time, namely Lois Olsen and Jo Bartlow.

On Thursday, May 25th, the club is excited to go to Doolan's in Spring Lake Heights for lunch and a show, and on Monday, December 4th, they will be enjoy a luncheon at the Shadowbrook in Shrewsbury.

The Senior Club also has a Leisure Time Club that plays cards on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Port-au-Peck Fire House. Card playing starts at 9:00 am.

If you live in Oceanport and are at least 55 years young, you are eligible to join the Club. Please do not be shy and contact Fran Bendock at (732) 229-0278.

Oceanport Hook & Ladder's Annual Ham Dinner



Oceanport Hook & Ladder's annual delicious ham dinner is their biggest fundraiser of the year! The dinner always falls on Palm Sunday and this year it is on April 9th from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Dinner served family style includes salad, bread, coleslaw, mashed potatoes, string beans, and of course ham with their famous secret recipe raisin gravy!

Prices Under 5 - Free • Under 10 - \$5.00

Seniors & Military - \$8.00 • Everyone Else - \$9.00

The dinner will be held at the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Firehouse, 21 Main Street, Oceanport.

Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Company is completely volunteer. The firehouse is member owned and operated. They rely on the community's and its member's generous donations to continue to operate. So as always..this Palm Sunday... Don't make mom cook, bring her to the Hook!

Garden Club News

Last month at the Garden Club's February meeting Bob McGovern spoke about the topic Wake Up the Garden. The club also decided to appoint a nominating committee to recruit members to take over as officers for the next two years.

The Garden Club is jam packed with upcoming workshops to get garden ready! On March 23rd the club will have a workshop to make spring arrangements for the residents of Oceanport Gardens. Thursday, April 27th there will be a demonstration of Traditional Floral Design by Mary Hahn. Then on Thursday, May 25th, after the Business Meeting at 10:00 am the club will leave at 11:30 and head to Calgo Gardens & The Barn for a program on Butterfly & Hummingbird Containers. Thursday, June 15th will close out the season with Luncheon and Installation of New Officers at the Old Orchard Country Club starting at noon.

The Garden Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at Blackberry Bay Pavilion. If you are interested in joining please contact Penelope Gabriel at (732) 229-8274.

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Now is the time to cut a few sprigs from flowering bushes to force "early bloom". Place in a container of water. A few favorites are Forsythia, Pussy Willow, Apple, Cherry or Mock Orange. Sit back and enjoy the beauty!

Boy Scout Annual Food Drive

Please be on the lookout during the early part of April for Oceanport Troop 58's Annual Boy Scout Food Drive bags left at your front door. The Troop asks you to please donate non-perishable items such as pasta, peanut butter, soup, rice, canned vegetables and beans, etc. The troop will pick it up the following week. Items will be donated to a local food bank which helps many in need. You may already have some of these items in your pantry so any donation you make is greatly appreciated!



Cub Scout Corner

Oceanport Cub Scouts have enjoyed and kept busy these past winter months. In addition to working on their requirements, the dens have been learning about their community and Monmouth County by going on some interesting field trips, including the Oceanport Police Station, the Sandy Hook lighthouse, and touring a local bank. Being part of the cub scouts enables your son to go on fun trips and learn about interesting things!

Cub Scouts also work on service projects to better their community. One project, called the Crayon Initiative, involves collecting used and broken crayons, sending them to an organization that melts the pieces down and recycles them into new crayons which then get donated to children in hospitals. How clever and kind is that!

Be on the lookout for more exciting Cub Scout activities around town this Spring! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a scout or volunteering in any capacity, please contact nagywc@gmail.com.

RECREATION

Let the Games Begin!

WOMEN'S SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

It's that time of year again to get back on the courts so get those racquets play ready! Sign-ups for Oceanport women's recreation tennis (singles and doubles) begins April 3rd and ends April 28th. 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/Old Wharf. League play begins Monday, May 22nd.

Doubles matches are played weekday mornings beginning at 8:00 am and 9:00 am. Please check you are available for your scheduled day of play before you sign up! Singles matches are played at times arranged by players within a scheduled time frame. Double 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 Schedule

"A" league – Monday • "B" league – Tuesday
"C" league – Wednesday • "D" league – Thursday
"E" league – Friday



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/Old Wharf on the table inside to the right.

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 for pick up at Borough Hall/Old Wharf beginning May 8th. As always, the rules are attached to the back of your schedule so please review them. If you have any questions, please contact either league coordinator Kim Lamberto (VinceL07757@aol.com; call/text (732) 241-1231) or co-coordinator Sandi Bonin (Sandib1030@gmail.com; call/text (732) 804-2616). Looking forward to seeing you all on the courts!



The Parks & Recreation Committee

Invites You to

Hop on by for the Annual Easter Egg Scramble!

Saturday, April 8th at 11:00 am

Raindate: Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 pm

Community Center Park

Candy and Prizes!

Bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny too.

Oceanport Parks & Recreation Committee Presents The 5th Annual Mini-Golf Tournament

Sponsored by and held at the
Blue Grass Mini-Golf at Monmouth Park
Saturday April 30th • 12:00 – 5:00 pm

The tournament is FREE to Oceanport residents. Age groups are as follows: K – 4th grade, 5th – 8th grade, high schoolers, and adults. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. For questions and/or to pre-register, please call Mike MacStudy at (732) 859-9912.

SCHOOL/LIBRARY

Attention: Oceanport & Deal Parents

Any parent who has concerns about the development of:

- A preschool child attaining age 3 within the next year
- A child between the ages of 3-5
- A school age child between the ages 6-21



Should contact:

The Oceanport/Deal School Child Study Team

The child can be experiencing physical, sensory, emotional, communication, cognitive, or social difficulties. The Oceanport/Deal Districts are responsible to locate, identify, and evaluate all children between the ages of 3-21 who may have a disability.

Included in this Child Fine are public and nonpublic children who are highly mobile such as migrant and homeless children. Please share this information with Oceanport and Deal residents who may benefit from it.

Please contact the Oceanport School District Office of Special Services at: (732) 229-8851 x2213 with your concerns.

The Alexander Muñoz Memorial Scholarship

The Alexander Muñoz Memorial Scholarship is available to a Shore Regional High School senior attending a two or four year college after graduation. This \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded at Shore's Senior Awards Night in loving memory of Alex, and with the hope of thanking the community that embraced the Muñoz family during the most difficult time of their lives.

Please visit website at alex-munoz.org/scholarship to learn more, or see Mrs. Kathleen Moretti in Guidance. The application deadline is April 30, 2017.

SCHOOL/LIBRARY

Oceanport Library Association Sal Gentile \$1000 Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be an Oceanport resident.
2. Must be a high school senior furthering their education.
3. Must submit a high school transcript.
4. Must submit a letter of recommendation from a subject area teacher.
5. Must submit a typed 200 word essay on: How the library (school, local, county or other) contributed to your education.
6. Must submit by April 7, 2017 to: Oceanport Library,
8 Iroquois Ave., Oceanport, NJ 07757 Attention: Mrs. Risden

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Name of High School _____

College Enrolled – Fall of 2017 _____

Signature of Student _____

Date _____



Maple Place Middle School to host inaugural *My School Color Run* on April 23rd!

The students of Maple Place Middle School are excited to host the first community wide *My School Color Run* on Sunday, April 23rd at Blackberry Bay Park, to raise money for their school. The *My School Color Run* is an untimed 2.8 mile fun run for all ages and fitness abilities. Check-in is at 9:00 am, pre-race warm-up is at 9:30 am, and the race begins at 10:00 am.

Along the route, participants pass through vibrant color zones, making it a “colorful experience.” Additionally, each pre-registered participant is provided with a single powder color packet that will be thrown in the air at the final color celebration at the finish line.

“Rather than sell goods, we want to engage the entire student body in a fitness initiative that aims to encourage a life-long healthy way of living,” said Alyssa Jaronko. Participants who register by April 7th, will receive a t-shirt, race bib, and individual color packet.

You can sign up for the run by visiting MPMSmscr.eventbrite. Business sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact the event organizer, Alyssa Jaronko, at (732) 539-7592 for more information.



Save the date for the SRHS Annual Carnival!

Saturday, May 6th • Rain or Shine!
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

West Long Branch Community Center

Super Heroes of the Shore is this year's fun theme!
Great food, fun games, prizes, super hero appearances,
50/50, basket raffles.

Awesome entertainment

by DJ Alex Cameron from Elite Entertainment.

Shore Regional High School's Shore Players is Proud to Present: Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins* The Broadway Musical

Performances and Times:

Friday, March 17th at 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 18th at 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 19th at 2:00 pm
Friday, March 24th at 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 25th at 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 26th at 2:00 pm

Tickets available NOW at sp.booktix.com
Please support your local school theater
and come out to enjoy this wonderful and family
friendly show!

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SCHOOL/LIBRARY



Save the Date
**Oceanport PTO's
Annual Spring
Event.....**

Casino Night and Auction

Friday, April 28th • 7:00 -11:00 pm
Buona Sera Palazzo, Ocean Township

Come out and try your good luck at the PTO's annual but new spring casino event! This is the PTO's largest fundraising effort of the year and the success depends on charitable donations by our local businesses and families.

Do you have a business you would like to advertise? Consider being a sponsor at this well attended casino dinner and gift auction! Gain exposure, use your contribution as a tax deduction, and know that your business is enhancing the educational experience of Oceanport children. What about helping with their raffle by donating a basket, products or services, gift certificates, or a cash donation?! No gift is too small and as always, the Oceanport PTO is extremely grateful for any type of donation. For ticket and more information, please visit oceanportpto.weebly.com.

Application for Oceanport Lions Scholarship

The Oceanport Lions Club has a scholarship available for high school seniors planning to further their education by attending a college or university. Any senior high school student who resides in Oceanport, or is a son, daughter, or a grandchild of Lion member in good standing, may apply.

The award will be based on school academic achievements, school activities, community service and a TYPE-WRITTEN essay of at least 500 words. Applications may be obtained from your Guidance Counselor.

For additional information, please contact your scholarship counselor first or Dr. Joseph M. Buccieri, Oceanport Lions Club Scholarship Committee Chairman, at (732) 918-1342.



Library News

The Oceanport Library is happy to announce it has a wonderful Early Literacy Station or, as popularly known, an AWE machine. It is designed for patrons aged 2-8 and encompasses a delightful assortment of learning activities spanning all curriculum areas including art and music. The station can be used anytime the library is open. No sign up is needed. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to build on literacy skills in a fun and engaging manner.

Special Programs for March and April are as follows:

Thursday, March 2nd, 4:00 - 4:30 pm. Ages 4 and up – Dental Magic Show presented by Dr. Madeline Badalaty. Learn about good oral habits and have fun watching Dr. Badalaty perform magic. Registration required; call (732) 222-2626, stop in, or sign up online <http://bit.ly/1U702RS> beginning February 21st.

Thursday, March 9th, 10:00 - 10:40 am. Ages 6 months to 4 years. Music, Music, Music! Kim Grigoli of Lake House Music Academy will present an interactive, participatory musical program. Registration required; call, stop in, or sign up online <http://bit.ly/1U702RS> beginning February 23rd.

Thursday, March 16th, 4:00 to 4:30 pm. Ages 4 and up. Listen to rainbow stories and make a lovely rainbow craft. Registration required; call, stop in, or sign up online <http://bit.ly/1U702RS> beginning March 2nd.

Thursday, April 6th, 4:00 to 4:40 pm. Ages 4 and up. The Monmouth County Parks Department will present a program about snakes. Learn about their habitats and life style. Registration required; call, stop in, or sign up online <http://bit.ly/1U702RS> beginning March 23rd.

Thursday, April 20th, 4:15 to 5:00 pm. All ages. Back by popular demand, the Performing Arts Ensemble of Red Bank will present dance excerpts from Beauty and the Beast and Aladdin. Registration required; call, stop in, or sign up online <http://bit.ly/1U702RS> beginning April 6th.

The library is also happy to resume our Reading to a Therapy Dog program in May! There will be a new dog named Major that will visit us on May 4th. Sign up information will be on the May flyer and in the next edition of *The Oceanport Bulletin*.