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Mayor's Message

The weather is getting warmer and I am happy to announce that Oceanport's residents and Action Campers will have a place to swim this summer because the Red Bank Community YMCA has agreed to take over operations of the Oceanport Swim Club at Blackberry Bay Park! The entire governing body is incredibly excited to have the YMCA as the operator of both the pool facility and the concession stand and we hope the 2017 season is a successful one.

The summer season is when we are reminded of how special it is we live in a town like Oceanport. Monmouth Park opened its doors for live racing on May 13th and there are special events --- food trucks, classic cars, seafood, wine and chocolate, Irish, Italian, Latino, and craft beer festivals, just to name a few --- scheduled there nearly every weekend this summer. Monmouth Park is part of the fabric of our community and you owe it to yourself to spend a day there enjoying the horses, the people, and the atmosphere. And please understand that the track's operators and your local elected officials are doing everything in their power to get the State of New Jersey to return its horse racing industry and Monmouth Park to their rightful positions as the East Coast's crown jewels.

But in your rush to sign up for the pool club or visit Monmouth Park this summer, I do not want you to drive in excess of the posted speed limit. One of the hottest topics in town lately is the high rate of speed at which people are traveling along the streets of Oceanport. This is not a problem that is limited to Oceanport, but it is one we are going to address in Oceanport and we are going to address it right away. If you think the price of tickets to the Broadway show "Hamilton" are expensive, wait until you see the price of the tickets for the "Oceanport Municipal Court Show." Our mobile box offices --- you will recognize them by the red and blue lights on their roofs --- will be all over town this summer. You can order your tickets by exceeding the posted speed limit. And, the best part is the "Oceanport Municipal Court Show" requires audience participation, like the old off-Broadway show "Tony & Tina's Wedding." So, you not only get to see the show, you get to star in it! All kidding aside, those speed limit signs are there for a reason. This summer lots of kids are going to be walking and biking on the streets, there are going to be more cars on the streets now that the track, pool, and beaches are opening and the Borough of Oceanport is going to be stepping up its enforcement of the posted speed limits. Slow down and enjoy the sights!

I'd like to close by thanking "Mayor for The Day" Jake Barnwell for presiding over the May 4, 2017 Borough Council



Calendar of Events

May

- 1 Property Taxes Due
- 4 Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting
- 8 Environmental Committee Meeting
- 8 Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 9 Planning Board Meeting
- 10 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 14 Happy Mother's Day
- 18 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
- 23 Planning Board Meeting
- 24 .. Oceanport School District Board of Education Meeting
- 25 Shore Regional HS Board of Education Meeting
- 29 Memorial Day Parade, Borough Hall and
Recycling Yard Closed
- 31 Oceanport Lions Club Strawberry Fair
..... Through June 4th

June

- 8 Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting
- 12 Environmental Committee Meeting
- 12 Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 13 Planning Board Meeting
- 14 .. Oceanport School District Board of Education Meeting
- 14 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 15 Shore Regional HS Board of Education Meeting
- 18 Happy Father's Day
- 22 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
- 26 Action Camp Begins Through July 28th
- 27 Planning Board Meeting

Recycling

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

Workshop Meeting. Inasmuch as Jake was able to conclude that workshop meeting in under one hour, approximately one third the time it usually takes for me to run a meeting, he now has an open invite from the remainder of the governing body to be "Mayor for the Day" whenever he gets the urge!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 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?

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 a third party source such as the County Reclamation Center in Tinton Falls.

Please be aware of the following:

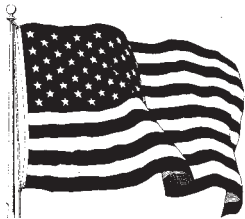
All grass **MUST** be blown back onto your property.

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.



Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29th

Begins at 9:30 am at Blackberry Bay Park with patriotic ceremonies to follow at old Borough Hall. Please support and join in on this Oceanport staple. Watch the marchers along their route from the comforts of your yards and/or attend the memorial to remember those in the armed forces who have died so we can have those comforts of home.

Thank you to Oceanport Residents and Oceanport Boy Scout Troop 58

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Christ the King Parish, Long Branch, would like to thank Boy Scout Troop 58 for the recent food collection which they donated to their pantry as well as to the Oceanport residents for the mountains of bags that the Scouts collected. A special thank you to Dean Silverberg and Chris Algeri for being the "moving forces" behind the collection.

Go Gray In May Why Gray?



The gray awareness color comes from the term "gray matter" which is the make up of a person's brain.

The Kortney Rose Foundation is expanding their awareness efforts. They want to highlight the great work The Kortney Rose Foundation did in 2009 when they collaborated with local legislators to draft a resolution signed into law by the Governor. It annually calls for the sitting Governor of NJ to declare by proclamation that May be recognized as Brain Tumor Awareness Month in the State of New Jersey.

**MAKE A STATEMENT!
DECORATE YOUR HOUSE/LAWN!
GO GRAY IN MAY!**

**The Foundation will help you get started with our
"Go Gray in May Starter Kit."**

**Visit our website to fill out an application to get
your Kit TODAY!!**

thekortneyrosefoundation.org

If you have any questions please email Kristen at Kristen@thekortneyrosefoundation.org. Thank you for your help to raise awareness to this important disease to support those of all ages that suffer from it. Thank you to Team Super Mike for being our Awareness Sponsor. Registration open for the 12th Annual Korney's Challenge 2 mile Fan/Run/Walks at Monmouth Park, Sunday August 6, 2017.

Oceanport Boat Parade of Lights

Coming in July

Everyone loves a parade! Oceanport Landing Marina is planning a Boat Parade of Lights this July for their slip customers. Interested Borough residents, please watch for future announcements and details on Facebook's Oceanport Residents page and on Oceanport Landing Marina's Facebook page.

Oceanport Boaters: You do not need to be a customer of Oceanport Landing Marina to participate in the parade. Decorate your boat with lights and join us in Oceanport Landing Marina's Boat Parade of Lights! Please contact marina at info@oceanport-landing.com for more details, or call (732) 229-4466, Ext. 1.

Not a Boater? Plan to get together with family and friends at Blackberry Bay Park, Boy Scout Park, or one of the Borough's launch areas to watch the parade pass by. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy!



Oceanport's Own Farmer's Market!

& New Produce Pickup CSA Program

Held at the First Aid Squad Building every Thursday beginning July 6th through August from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Some of the vendors include Laurino Farms and IL PANETTIERE Bread Bakery.

Order 13 weeks of fresh vegetables and fruit to pick up each week at the farmer's market and OP First Aid Squad gets a \$50 donation per order!

Support this local CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and pick up each week at the farmers market your own abundantly filled box of various fruits and vegetables as well as a bouquet of fresh flowers when in season. For every order placed Laurino Farms will donate \$50 to the Oceanport First Aid Squad!

How the CSA Program Works

In a CSA the customer's order helps prepay for a share of the seasons harvest. The vegetables and fruit are grown in over 40 acres of a wide range of crops with three generations of experience in farming so there is little risk that you will not be pleased with this offering from Laurino Farm. As a prepaying member, you will benefit by receiving more than double, sometimes triple, the dollar amount if you shopped outside the program. With your order you are getting locally grown New Jersey fresh produce!

What to Expect in a Share

Your share will likely include up to 15 items each week. In July expect corn, blueberries, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, string beans and more! In August, Jersey beefsteak tomatoes are in full swing as well as beautiful ripe Jersey peaches. Along with everything mentioned cantalope, honey dews, and watermelon will be in! While most veggies persist in September the Jersey apple season begins with 5+ varieties including gala, fuji, red delicious, and golden delicious. Also, apple cider, acorn, and butternut squash abound. Please know that weather permitting, the farm should still have sweet corn in September.

How to Order, the Cost & Donation to OP First Aid Squad

To order or for questions, please contact Laurino Farm directly by calling (732) 500-5031 or send an email to rjlaurinofarms.com. The cost of 13 weeks of fresh produce is \$499 which includes a \$50 donation to the Oceanport First Aid Squad!

As you can see, your membership will bring you a bounty of the freshest and most delicious variety of fruits and vegetables each week! It is also important to know Laurino Farms does not spray their vegetables, they are chemical free.



Cub Scout Corner

If you have been on Port- Au-Peck Avenue recently, you may have noticed creative changes to some of the fire hydrants! Oceanport Cub Scouts Pack 58 was given permission to paint six fire hydrants close to Blackberry Bay Park. Not only did the Pack do their best to use their creative skills, but they also hosted a lemonade and bake sale to donate proceeds to the Borough fire department. What a successful and fun project this was!

Besides painting fire hydrants the Cub Scouts have been super busy this spring. The Pack slept over a night in the Museum of Natural History in New York City. Some of their other activities have been hiking and biking around Monmouth County, planting seeds, and learning about nutrition during a blindfolded "Pasta Meatball Challenge". In March, they had the "crossing over" ceremony, in which the older boys in the rank Arrow of Light advanced from Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts. In April, one of their Tiger scouts won first place in a district wide Pinewood Derby which was very exciting. The boys will also finish rank requirements in their dens. During May, the pack will go to a talk about the ospreys from a representative from the Wildlife Foundation and in June they will have their advancement awards dinner called the "Blue and Gold".

The Pack will continue hosting a few fun events throughout the summer, but the regular schedule of den meetings will resume in September. If you or someone you know is interested in being a Cub Scout or being a Cub Scout Leader, please contact nagywc@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OCEANPORT LIONS CLUB STRAWBERRY FAIR



When: Wednesday, May 31 thru Sunday June 4, 2017

Where: Monmouth Park Race Track Parking Area on Port Au Peck Ave

Strawberry Fair Details:

Parking is free

Admission to the fair is \$2.00 per person • Children 5 and under free

Fair Opens 6 pm each night

Single Tickets \$1.25 • 20 Ticket sheet \$20 • 56 Ticket sheet \$50

Rides are 3, 4 or 5 tickets depending on the ride

Bracelet Nights are Thursday, June 1st and Sunday, June 4th

Bracelets \$30 (weather & conditions permitting. NO REFUNDS)

For more information, visit OceanportLionsClub.com or to contact the Fair Chairman please email Lion Peter Dellera at LionsStrawberryFair@gmail.com. Look them up on Facebook: Oceanport Lions Club.

Senior Club Notes

The Oceanport Senior's Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Blackberry Bay Park Pavilion. The social time begins at 1:00 pm and the meeting is called to order at 1:30 pm.

At many of our meetings the Club has either an informative or fun program in addition to a short business meeting. Oceanport's Police Chief will attend their May 17th meeting and give a short presentation. For their July 19th meeting, the Club is happy to have their Annual Ice Cream Social. A representative from Monmouth County's Consumer Affairs will attend our August 16th meeting and give a presentation on some new scams that have been discovered in our area and will tell us how you can protect yourself from them.

In addition to our monthly meetings, the Club also plans two yearly luncheons at outside venues. Their Spring Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 25th, at Doolan's in Spring Lake Heights. The cost of this luncheon will include the meal, entertainment, and bus service if you are unable to drive. The planning has already been started for their annual Christmas Luncheon which will be held on Wednesday, December 6th, at the lovely Shadowbrook in Shrewsbury. The Club was happy to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by having a corned beef sandwich lunch at our March meeting.

There will be a bus trip to New York City planned for November 1st to see the Broadway play "Bronx Tale". The cost of this trip is \$160 and includes lunch, matinee show ticket, and bus transportation. Please call Marie Quackenbush at (732) 229-0454 if you are interested in attending this trip. Only a limited number of tickets are available and members have the first opportunity in getting a reservation.

Why not consider joining the Oceanport Senior's Club so you are able to participate in these meetings, luncheons and trips. The Club is always looking for new members. If you live in Oceanport and are over 55 years old, you are eligible to join. Contact Fran Bendock at (732) 229-0278 for more information about joining.

In addition to our monthly Wednesday meeting, some Club members meet to play cards at 9:00 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Blackberry Bay Park Pavilion. Any club member is welcome to join them!

Oceanport Garden Club News

'Tis the Season to Garden!

The Oceanport Garden Club is busy and active, growing too! If anyone is interested in joining the Club, please contact Penelope Gabriel at (732) 229-8274.

The Garden Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month at the Blackberry Bay Park Pavilion at 10:00 am for social time. The Business Meeting starts at 10:30 am. The May 25th meeting will have the members travelling to Calgo Gardens & The Barn, at 462 Adelphia Road in Howell Township for a program on Butterfly and Hummingbird Containers.

Calgo Gardens is sprinkled with brightly painted, imaginatively decorated out buildings, lush garden walkways, colorful pottery, water features, and decorative and architectural elements. everywhere you look you'll smile. It is sure to be a great trip there!

The June 15th meeting is their last until meetings resume again in September. It will be held at the Old Orchard Country Club. The Club's installation of officers who will lead the Club for the next two years will take place. The cost for the luncheon is \$35.00. Even though the club does not meet in July and August, many of the members are still very busy around town taking care of plantings here and there!

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Prune flowering shrubs as bloom is finished, this includes deer damage and winter kill. Also, leave bulb foliage on until it has turned brown, as they will be making food for each year.

Summer's End Festival

Saturday, September 9th • Raindate September 10th

The Parks and Recreation Committee is once again gearing up for the annual Oceanport Summer's End Festival! The festival will include food, live music, children's activities, firetruck rides, and a spectacular firework show. Your continued support is needed so please consider donating to the fireworks fund and look for the envelope in the July/August Bulletin to make your donation.

RECREATION NEWS

Oceanport Youth Tennis Summer Program



This fun and instructive tennis program will be offered again this summer on Saturday mornings from 8:00 – 11:00 am at Blackberry Bay Park tennis courts. Dates are July 29th, August 5th, 12th and 19th. Your child's hourly session will take place depending on their age.

Registration will take place in July – space is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis. Please look for more information to come in the July/August *Bulletin*.



Summer Fun at Action Camp!

Looking for something fun, convenient, and close to home for your kids this summer? The Oceanport Recreation Action Camp is the answer! The camp runs June 26th through July 28th and meets Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Camp applications will be available online at the Oceanport Borough website at oceanport-boro.com on May 15th.

The camp meets at Community Center Park and is a playground based program consisting of games, sports, crafts, and special events. Camp is open to residents from Oceanport and Sea Bright for those children entering kindergarten in September 2017 and who will be 5 years old by October 1, 2017, and through 7th grade. This camp is a perfect way for incoming kindergarteners to get a head start on meeting future classmates! Also, a great way to keep your kids busy while having fun with their friends so you can have the mornings during summer time!

Be on the lookout for more information to come soon at oceanport-boro.com.

Oceanport Rising Tide Soccer News

Registration for the 2017 Oceanport Soccer Regular Fall Season is now open!

Practices start in August and games are played on Saturdays starting on September 9th. Oceanport Soccer is open to those entering 1st - 8th grade for the 2017-2018 school year. The cost of the program is \$100 per child and there is a discount for additional children.

Please register by July 15th to avoid late fees. Please note after August 1st the OSA cannot add any more teams according to league rule and can only fill open spots on existing teams (which is limited to promote fair playing time).

Registration for the Regular Fall Soccer Season is available online at:
leaguelineup.com/forms.asp?url=oceanportsoccer&sid=841633723

Registration is now open for the 2017 OSA Summer Soccer Camp!

The same camp provider from last year was amazing and the OSA is happy to have them return this year. The OSA is happy to announce that it has turned out to be the best and most comprehensive soccer experience they have ever had!

Sign up early to reserve a spot for your little kicker! Registration for the Summer Soccer Camp is available online at: <http://www.leaguelineup.com/forms.asp?url=oceanportsoccer&sid=841633723>

Registration for the OSA 2017 Kiddie-Clinic is open!

There are a limited number of spots this year and there WILL NOT be same day registration so please register early. Last year was fantastic and everyone had a ton of fun!

Registration for the Kiddie-Clinic is available online at: <http://www.leaguelineup.com/forms.asp?url=oceanportsoccer&sid=841633723>



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SCHOOL/LIBRARY NEWS

Spring has Sprung at the Oceanport Library



And, summer has too as the library's summer reading clubs get started soon!

Like the spring, the summer reading clubs are getting ready to bloom at the Oceanport Library. Sign up begins June 1st and the program ends on August 12th. The theme this year is *Build a Better World*. This theme embraces architecture, construction, recycling, gardening, and community helpers. Register, read, imagine, have fun, and earn prizes while doing it! There are two clubs, Read-To-Me and Vacation Reading Club. Read-to-Me is for children who are not reading on their own and Vacation Reading Club is for children who read independently. Read-to-Me Club children need to listen to 20 books to get a prize and if they listen to 40 books they get a Super Special Surprise! Vacation Reading Club children read four hours and get a Treasure Box prize! If they read 8 hours, which is the goal, they will get another prize. Read 16 hours and get a Super Special Surprise. There will also be weekly raffle prizes for active readers. In addition to the children's reading clubs, there are clubs for teens and adults.

The Oceanport Library is proud to announce special programs for May and June.

Read to a Therapy Dog, ages 4 and up, Thursday, May 4th from 4:00 - 4:30 pm. Come welcome our new therapy dog named Major. 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 required: call, stop in, or sign up online beginning April 25th.

Author Visit, ages 3 and up, Thursday, May 18th from 4:00 - 4:30 pm. Annie Silvestro, a local author, will read her book *Bunny's Book Club* and there will be a craft after the reading. Registration required: call, stop in, or sign up online beginning May 4th.

Make and Take Crafts, all ages, Thursday, June 8th, from 2:00 - 4:15 pm. Stop in and choose a craft you would like to make. Keep it for yourself or give it to someone special! No registration required.

Reading Clubs Kick-off Program, ages 3 and up, Thursday, June 15th from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm. Currier's Magical Mania presents Storytelling with Animal Balloons. Join us for this interactive entertainment that combines comedy, storytelling, and balloon twisting.

Registration required: call, stop in, or sign up online beginning June 1st.

Look for more details about the end of summer celebration program in the July/August *Bulletin* Library News article.

Calvary Baptist Church Presents *Maker Fun Factory* Vacation Bible School

July 31st-August 4th

Oceanport's Calvary Baptist Church is looking forward to a fantastic vacation bible school this year. Their Christian-based summer camp helps kids discover they are lovingly crafted by God. On this interactive adventure, curious kids become hands-on inventors and experience God-the ultimate maker-in new and wildly creative ways!

Kids discover important truths and dive right into the Bible. At *Maker Fun Factory* VBS 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.

Maker Fun Factory VBS takes place from July 31st through August 4th from 9:00 am - 12:30 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.

First Annual My School Color Run a Big Success!

The students at Maple Place School hosted a successful first ever My School Color Run on April 23rd! It was a beautiful day with 340 runners participating in the race. Not only was it a lot of fun for the runners, spectators, and the OP community, the Maple Place 8th grade class raised \$7600 for their annual educational trip to Washington, DC.

The Maple School Class of 2017 would like to thank the community for their support, vendors Crunchi, Nourish, RE/MAX, Tropical Sno, and LuLaRoe, as well as DJ Alex Cameron from Elite Entertainment who kept the crowd moving and shaking!

Be on the lookout next year for the 2nd annual My School Color Run to run through Oceanport!