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Mayor's Message

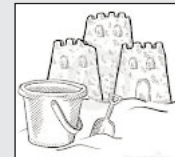
At just about the same time as this newsletter is being printed, the Borough of Oceanport should be completing the paperwork required to finalize the purchase of 13.25 acres of land and approximately 48,000 square feet of potential office space from the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority. This will be the site of Oceanport's new Municipal Complex. In short order, the Borough will be (1) demolishing the old municipal complex on Monmouth Boulevard and selling that property, (2) initiating the rehabilitation of the buildings located on the former Fort in order to house, among other things, our municipal court, recreation/senior center, library, municipal offices, community garden, Department of Public Works, and police station and (3) vacating the "temporary" Borough Hall at 315 East Main Street. When all is said and done, Oceanport will have a first class, 21st century municipal complex ready to serve a first class, 21st century community. Oceanport's new municipal complex on the old Fort property will allow us as a community to transition away from thinking of the 430 acres of land sitting behind the fences on Oceanport Avenue and Main Street as "Fort Monmouth" and, instead, think of it as being as much a part of "Oceanport" as we do Blackberry Bay Park, Monmouth Racetrack, the Summer's End Festival and, of course, Oceanport's most identifiable asset, Buddy Brocklebank.

While the Borough's municipal complex will serve as a lynchpin for the continued redevelopment of the "Fort Section" of Oceanport, substantial development has already taken place. TetherView, a technology company whose CEO, Michael Abboud, is an Oceanport resident, purchased the 42,000 square foot Russel Hall building on June 23, 2017, Triumphant Life Church purchased the Main Post Chapel in February, 117 historic Officer Housing units were sold in January and are in the process of being rehabilitated by RPM, and a closing on the Fitness Center is imminent. In a bit of ironic planning, moreover, a microbrewery is being planned for the property between the fitness center and the chapel!

On a municipal level, we received some fantastic financial news. At a recent council meeting, Business Administrator Ray Poerio advised the governing body that the Borough's outstanding \$300,000 community disaster loan has been forgiven and, based on documentation provided by our municipal staff justifying same, the Borough has now received an additional \$854,000 from that same program! Oceanport had been expecting about 4.5 million dollars from FEMA to help offset the cost of our new municipal complex. Our new administra-

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Calendar of Events



July

- 3 Borough Offices and Recycling Yard Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- 4 Happy Independence Day!
Borough Offices and Recycling Yard Closed
- 10 Environmental Committee Meeting
- 10 Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 11 Planning Board Meeting
- 12 Board of Health Meeting
- 12 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 20 Mayor & Council Regular and Workshop Meeting
- 26 Oceanport Board of Education Meeting
- 27 Shore Regional Board of Education Meeting
- 28 Last Day of Action Camp

August

- 1 Property Taxes Due
- 1 Sustainable Jersey Meeting
- 6 Kortney's Challenge Fun Run/Walk
- 8 Planning Board Meeting
- 9 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 12 Movies in the Park at Blackberry, *Finding Dory*
- 14 Environmental Committee Meeting
- 14 Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 17 Mayor & Council Regular and Workshop Meeting
- 23 Oceanport Board of Education Meeting
- 24 Shore Regional Board of Education Meeting

September

- 4 Labor Day, Borough Offices & Recycling Yard Closed
- 7 Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting
- 9 Summer's End Festival (Rain date: 9/10)
- 12 Planning Board Meeting
- 16 Movies in the Park at Blackberry, *Secret Life of Pets*
- 30 Police, Fire, OEM, and EMS Day
at Port-Au-Peck Firehouse
- 30 . . Annual Garage Sale Weekend (Rain date: 10/7 & 10/8)

Recycling

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Borough Announcements and News

Call to Service!

Mayor Coffey is seeking residents interested in serving on the Borough's Environmental Commission. If you are interested, please email your resume to mayor@oceanportboro.com.

Flood Zone Questions

Is my property in a flood zone? What is my base flood elevation? Use the FEMA.gov look up tool on the Borough website at oceanportboro.com on the Home page under Borough News and Announcements.

Phone Scam Advisory from the Oceanport Police

The Oceanport Police Department has received reports related to a telephone scam in which the caller purports to be an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) representative. Using intimidation tactics, the caller tries to take control of the situation from the beginning. The caller advises the recipient of the call that the IRS has charges against them and threatens legal action and arrest. If the recipient questions the caller in any way, the caller becomes more aggressive. For more information go to the Borough website at oceanportboro.com on the Home page under Borough News and Announcements.

Oceanport's Annual Garage Sale Weekend

September 30th and October 1st

Rain date: October 7th and 8th

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

Registration Begins: August 21st

Deadline to Register: September 20th

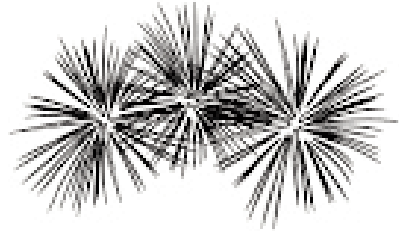
The Borough will advertise the event in the Asbury Park Press and the LINK News with an ad directing interested people to the Borough's website for list of participants and a map.

Mark your calendars for this perfect excuse to clean your house!



Oceanport First Aide's Farmers Market Back in Business!

The OP First Aide's Farmers Market will run Thursdays from 4-7pm beginning July 6th through August, at the First Aid Squad Building on Pemberton Avenue. Some vendors that will be there are Laurino Farms and IL PANETTIERE BREAD BAKERY. Take advantage of this fresh opportunity, buy your produce locally, and support your local farmers!



Oceanport's 41st Annual Summer's End Festival!

Saturday, September 9th, 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 & Corn Hole Tournaments during the day

5:00 pm the Festival Begins!

8:30 Spectacular Fireworks Display!

Entertainment & Participants:

Live Band: Evolution X

Food Vendors

Civic Organizations

Balloon Art & Face Painting

Kids' Moon Bounce & Attractions

Dance Demonstration

Fire Truck Rides

Sponsored by:

Oceanport Residents

Oceanport Park & Recreation Committee

Additional Community Sponsors to be listed at the Festival

Special thanks to major sponsor:

**Monmouth
Medical Center
RWJ Barnabas
HEALTH**

Support 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 9th. Your continued support is needed for its spectacular fireworks display so please consider donating to the fireworks fund by sending in the enclosed envelope. Please make checks payable to the Borough of Oceanport Summer's End.

Thank you for your continued support of this Oceanport pastime!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kortney's Challenge 2 Mile Fun Walk/Run Sunday, August 6th Monmouth Park

12th ANNUAL Kortney's Challenge 2 Mile FUN Run/Walk at Monmouth Park is an event that brings the community out to support pediatric brain tumor research and gets everyone moving for a great cause. This flat 2 mile course caters to people of any age and every exercise ability; beginning runners, advanced runners, and walkers. Strollers are welcome too!

The top 3 boys and girls, 12 & under, top 3 men and women, 13-39, and top 3 men and women, 40 and over will receive a trophy. All children 12 & under will receive a custom Kortney's Challenge medal. At 8:30 am, registration and check-in begins. Also, starting at 8:30 am before the event, FREE tattoos and face painting are available. At 9:00 am watch the Dance Plus Performance Team and join us for our group stretch. At 10:00 am ready, set, and go and the race begins!

There will be free food, drinks, and more fun at the finish area after the race! Bring a few dollars for great prizes in our basket raffle and 50/50. All paying entrants to Kortney's Challenge will receive FREE grandstand entrance to the track for the day of racing and FREE family fun events will be offered in the track picnic area after Kortney's Challenge.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

-TEAMS. When you register you will have the option to set up a team just for fun or to fundraiser. You may fundraise as an individual or a team. It's fun to bring friends and ask them to support research for the #1 disease cause of death in children 19 and under.

Thank you for all of your support over the years. Your support has helped the KRF to donate over 1.5 million dollars to brain tumor research and is responsible for over \$2 MILLION dollars in donations to CHOP in the past 10 years. KRF has accomplished so much in Kortney's name, but there is more to be done for other kids suffering from brain and central nervous system tumors. Please be sure to come out for a great event to support a great cause.

Visit the KRF website at thekortneyrose-foundation.org for more information and for link to register for the Kortney's Challenge. Start a team, bring your friends, come and have fun!

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

Oceanport's very own Fire Explorers are 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.



Have you heard the good news? The Oceanport Swim Club is open!

The Community YMCA is pleased to announce that it is now serving Oceanport and surrounding communities this summer at our very own Oceanport pool club! The YMCA has taken over operations for the pool and the concession stand.

Please look online for more information about memberships, swim programs, and hours at cymca.org/locations/oceanportswim/.

The Oceanport swim club has single, senior, couple, and family memberships, swim instructors and swim lesson programs, swim team, and a snack bar. All this plus you can avoid the beach traffic!



Oceanport Daisy Troop 710 had a project planting bulbs at Blackberry Bay Park. Just another way our local scout troops help beautify our community!

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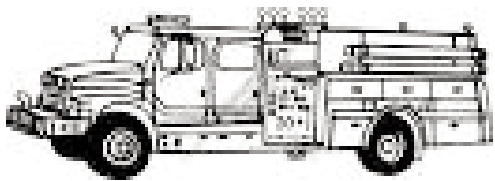
The Green Team is Back in Action!

Oceanport has teamed up with the Sustainable Jersey Program to help give our community a chance to build a greener future for our residents and wildlife. The Borough is celebrating the return of the Green Team with their introductory event at the Summer's End Festival. Please stop by the Green table, learn more about the Oceanport Green Team, sign the campaign pledge, and take the Green Team challenge.

Why Sustainable Jersey? Not only will Sustainable Jersey help provide resources to our community, but it will also enable Oceanport to earn Action Points towards a financial incentive to further promote the benefits of green living.

Recently, this program has benefited Middletown Township with a \$20,000 Sustainable Jersey Project Grant for Poricy Park's new Green Pavilion. This pavilion boasts a LiveRoof (modular green roof) and irrigation system that doubles as an outdoor teaching classroom and showcases the benefits of sustainable living. In addition, the Highlands Borough received a \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey Capacity Building Grant to help advance their Recycling Center. Other projects that Sustainable Jersey promoted include: installing bike racks to encourage bike riding instead of driving, building school gardens to advance educational learning, and cleaning up local waterways.

The Green Team is always looking for volunteers and new ideas to help Oceanport thrive. The Oceanport Sustainable Jersey meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Blackberry Bay Pavilion. More information on Sustainable Jersey can be found on their website at sustainablejersey.com. Please contact kimberlytienza@hotmail.com for further details and/or any questions.



Fire Department News

On Saturday, September 30th from 12:00 – 5:00 pm Port Au Peck Chemical Hose Company will host a Police, Fire, OEM, and EMS Day! This is a chance to meet some of the professionals and volunteers that protect and serve our community. There will be interesting demonstrations and information provided from all agencies involved. Important fire prevention materials will be handed out as well. Music will be played, and food, ice cream, and refreshments will be served. Raffles will be sold and at the end of the day a winner will be drawn! Come by to meet your police, fire, and other emergency management personnel and volunteers, and neighbors too.

Senior Club Notes

Membership in the Oceanport Seniors Club is open to any Oceanport resident who is 55 years old or older. The Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Blackberry Bay Pavilion. The social time begins at 1:00 pm and the meeting is called to order at 1:30 pm. Contact Fran Bendock at (732) 229-0278 for more information about joining.

At many of their meetings they have either an informative or fun program in addition to a short business meeting. At the meeting on July 19th, the Club will have its Annual Ice Cream Social. A representative from Monmouth County's Consumer Affairs will attend the August 16th meeting and give a presentation on some new scams that have been discovered in our area and give tips to members on how they can protect ourselves from them. And at the September meeting there will be a delicious catered BBQ lunch.



In addition to the monthly meetings the Club also plan two yearly luncheons at outside venues as well as trying to arrange for two trips. Also, some of the 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.

Why not consider joining the Senior Club so you can meet with, socialize, and have fun with your Oceanport neighbors!

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tive team, however, was able to work with FEMA to justify an increase of an additional \$1 million dollars, bringing our total credit from FEMA to an amount in excess of 5.4 million dollars. All told, the hard work of our administrative staff resulted in an offset to the cost of the new municipal complex of about 2 million dollars!

On a personal note, we'd love to have a little more attendance at our Borough Council meetings. We're a small town with some big city issues and the governing body needs input from our citizens. There is a public comment section at every meeting and, as anybody who has ever been to one of our meetings, we will pretty much let anybody ask questions or make comments at any time during a meeting. For those of you who cannot make our Borough Council Meetings, however, please note that we try to live stream all of our meetings on Facebook on the Oceanport Residents page and we post video copies of our meetings on YouTube. We are also in the process of establishing our own Municipal station through Verizon so that we can televise our council meetings --- and other events --- live on cable.

Finally, I'd like to thank Cub Scouts Jared Rhodes, Finn Eigenrauch, Alex McMillen, Marco Molino, and Matteo Molino for cleaning up the grounds of the old Municipal Building with our tireless DPW workers in advance of our Memorial Day ceremonies. Their combined efforts were considerable and the results were absolutely astounding! See you all at The Haskell!

RECREATION NEWS



Oceanport Parks & Recreation Committee Presents its 6th 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) but there will be refreshments for the sale by the 2017-18 8th grade class.

Saturday, August 12th *Finding Dory*
Saturday, September 16th *Secret Life of Pets*
Mark your calendars!

The 5th Annual Miniature Golf Winners are as Follows:

Wolf Hill:

- 1st Place - Dylan Lawrence
- 2nd Place - Gabby O'Brien
- 3rd Place - Lucy Hester

Maple Place:

- 1st Place - Riley Lawrence
- 2nd Place - Ryan Turner
- 3rd Place - Kevin Barfield

Shore Regional:

- 1st Place - Jimmy Donohoe

Adults:

- 1st Place - Todd Barfield
- 2nd Place - Scott Newbert
- 3rd Place - Jill O'Brien

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all of those who participated!

The Oceanport Youth Tennis Program Awards Student Athletes College Scholarships

Congratulations to Shore Regional High School Class of 2017 seniors Lily Anderson and Kelly McNicholas, both residents of Oceanport, for winning scholarships in the amount of \$250 each at the Shore Regional High School Senior Awards Ceremony on June 7th. The scholarships were provided by the Oceanport Tennis Association (OTA) for the first time and presented by its founders - Bette and Dan Smith of Oceanport. The OTA is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization. Great job Lily and Kelly and good luck in college!



Parks & Recreation's Oceanport Tennis Association 2017 Summer Youth Program

Tennis lessons will be available for children who reside in Oceanport or attend school in Oceanport through the Oceanport Tennis Association. This instructional program will consist of one hour lessons on Saturday mornings at Blackberry Bay Park tennis courts for four weeks. The instructors for the 2017 program are Bette Farber Smith, Melanie Lipinski, Jess Moro, and Dan Smith.

Lessons will be held from July 29th through August 19th. The rain date is August 26th. The cost is \$40 per child for the program. All necessary equipment will be provided except for racquets. The lessons will run as follows:

- Incoming Pre-K, K, and 1st graders – 8 to 9 a.m.
- Incoming 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders – 9 to 10 a.m.
- Incoming 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders – 10 to 11 a.m.

Space is limited so please mail in the registration form. Have your child take advantage of this local and inexpensive program! Tennis is a lifelong sport and can be easily played with family and friends at the many courts Oceanport has to offer.

Availability is on a first come, first serve basis. Classes are capped at 14 students. The registration deadline is July 20th. If you have any questions, please email or telephone Bette Farber Smith at tennisbette@yahoo.com or (732) 757-2547.

Oceanport Tennis Association - Summer Youth Program

- Child's Name _____
- Address _____
- Phone _____
- Grade completed as of June 2017 _____
- Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
- Parent/Guardian(s) Email(s) _____

T-Shirt Size (please circle one):

Youth Sizes: YS YM YL
Adult Sizes: AS AM AL AXL AXX-L

Please make a \$40.00 check payable to:

Oceanport Tennis Association

Please mail form with payment to:

Oceanport Tennis Association

C/O Bette Farber Smith

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SCHOOL/LIBRARY NEWS

Beat the Heat this Summer at the OP Library!

The *Read To Me* and *Vacation Reading Clubs* are in full swing and will run through August 12th. There is still plenty of time to register and finish the program which is all online. Go to the library's website at monmouthcountylib.org and find Summer Reading to create your own reading account. *Vacation Reading Club* 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 12th so start logging in minutes and books!

The theme this year is Build a Better World! Children in the *Vacation Reading Club (VRC)* who read 240 minutes and children in the *Read To Me Club* who have listened to ten books get to pick a prize from the library's Treasure Chest. When the VRC children have read 480 minutes, they get a headband with construction-type headlamp; the *Read To Me* children will get a tool shape squirt toy after they have listened to 20 books. There are 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 raffles and this year's raffle prizes are terrific! The Wolf Hill School has required reading this summer and the minutes that the children must read can also be used for the VRC..

There are also reading programs for Young Adults (Grades 6 - 12) and Adults. Just consult the Monmouth County Library homepage for more information about requirements for those programs.

The library has some wonderful and 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.

Thursday, July 13th, 4:00 - 4:30 pm. Ages 4 and up, Toothpick Buildings. Build your own structure using toothpicks and gumdrops. How high can it go? Registration begins June 29th.

Thursday, July 20th, 4:30 - 5:30 pm for Tweens, grades 3-6, Kids Can Make a Difference: Building a Better Tomorrow. The American Swedish Historical Museum will present a program in which the children will do hands-on activities while learning about sustainable energy and environmentally conscious architecture to "build a better world". Registration begins July 6th.

Thursday, July 27th, 4:00 - 4:30 pm. Ages 3 and up. Read to Major our therapy dog. Bring a favorite book from home or choose one from the library. If you're not reading yet, tell Major a story or talk about the pictures in a book. Registration begins July 13th.

Thursday, August 3rd, 4:00 - 4:30 pm. Ages 5 and up.

Catapults. A catapult is a device used to launch objects. It was used as a siege weapon during the Middle Ages. Listen to stories and create your own catapult. Registration begins July 20th.

Thursday, August 17th, 10:30 - 11:15 am. *Read To Me Club & Vacation Reading Club* Celebration. Oceanport Library is pleased to welcome Presley and Melody Interactive Concerts who will present a live program with singing, dancing and continuous audience participation based on our summer reading theme Build a Better World. A pizza lunch and beverage will be served after the presentation. All are welcome. Please register beginning August 3rd in person or by phone.

Thursday, August 31st, 2:00 - 4:15 pm. Make and Take Crafts. All Ages! 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.

Don't forget the Oceanport library as a big selection of books for all ages! The summer is a great time of year to relax and read a book. Please come in and take advantage of all the library has to offer with books, programs, and DVDs too!

Maple Place 8th Grade Fundraiser

It's their last year of middle school, it went so quick!

So now we must prepare for their special trip!

Let's start and celebrate the 8th grade class

On a pub crawl, we can all raise our glass!

We can toast each other for making it this far

As we walk through Red Bank from bar to bar

Join us on August 19th at 5' o'clock

Our first stop is the Red Rock!

\$40 per person includes pub crawl fee, wristband, map of route, and swag bag for first 75 people!

Drink and appetizer specials at every bar, giveaways, and a 50/50. **Open to all OP parents and friend of OP!**

Please make check payable to Maple Place School Class of 2018. Mail or drop payment with the names of pub crawlers to one of the following:

Elizabeth Coyne, 14 Comanche Drive, Oceanport, NJ 07757

Jen Macioch, 12 Burnt Mill Circle, Oceanport, NJ 07757

Amy White, 18 Burnt Mill Circle, Oceanport, NJ 07757

