# The Oceanport Bulletin



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# Mayor's Message

On August 16, 2017, the Borough of Oceanport and the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority (FMERA) finally completed the complicated and drawn out purchase and sale of 13.25 acres of property that, in a little over a year, will become the home of Oceanport's new municipal complex. I don't think anybody could have realistically predicted this turn of events a few years ago. The Borough spent \$1,053,000.00 to purchase 13.25 acres of land and close to 48,000 square feet of potential usable space. As those of you who have either attended our public meetings or watched them on YouTube already know, FMERA's willingness to provide the Borough with a substantially discounted purchase price and our ability to rehab the existing buildings rather than build anew has saved the Borough millions of dollars. This tract will be the site of, among other things, the Borough's municipal court, police station, senior community center, library, recycling facility, community center, public works department, municipal offices, and council meeting chambers. Oceanport has been "A Great Place To Live" for close to a hundred years and it's going to be just a little bigger great place to live for the next hundred.

We have come a long, long way, but we still have a long, long way to go. But by "we", I don't mean Oceanport and the 430 acres of the old fort that lie within it. I mean FMERA, the County, the State, the developers, Eatontown, Tinton Falls, the people of Oceanport, and ALL the towns we know as "the Peninsula." Because the Fort's development doesn't just impact the three towns with seats on the FMERA board (Oceanport, Eatontown, and Tinton Falls). No, the redevelopment of the Fort, like its closure, will have a profound and lasting impact on the entire Peninsula and Monmouth County in general. And they all better start paying attention to what is going on here.

The Fort's redevelopment will determine, to a great extent, our collective economic and social destinies and we're both burdened and privileged to have a front row seat as we watch our future play out before us. In fact, we have a unique opportunity in that we can actually have a say in how our future plays out, IF and only if we choose to avail ourselves of that opportunity. You can be certain that Oceanport isn't going to sit idly by as somebody else decides our destiny. That isn't the Oceanport way. Welcome to Oceanport, FMERA.

Since I last wrote, the Mini-Golf U.S. Open Championship was held at BlueGrass Miniature Golf at Monmouth Park and this two-day mini-golf marathon was not for the faint hearted! I had the opportunity to meet, speak with, and get to know a good number of the players who came from all over the United States (and one, the eventual champ, Olivia Propakova, from the Czech Republic) to play here in Oceanport. Todd "The

# Calendar of Events

September		
4 Labor Day, Borough Offices & Recycling Yard Closed		
7 Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting		
8 Oceanport & Shore Regional School Districts		
First Day of School		
9 Annual Summer's End Festival (Rain date: 9/10)		
11 Environmental Commission Meeting		
11 Water Watch Committee Meeting		
12 Planning Board Meeting		
13 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting		
16 Movies in the Park at Blackberry, Secret Life of Pets		
21 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting		
26 Planning Board Meeting		
27 Fall Leave Collection Begins		
27 Oceanport District Board of Education Meeting		
28 Shore Regional Board of Education Meeting		
30 Police, Fire, OEM, and EMS Day at		
Port-Au-Peck Firehouse		
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30 Annual Garage Sale Weekend (Rain date: 10/7 & 10/8)

### October

1 Annual Garage Sale Weekend (Rain date: 10/7 & 10/8)
4Board of Health Meeting
5 Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting
9 Environmental Commission Meeting
9 Water Watch Committee Meeting
10 Planning Board Meeting
11 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
18 Oceanport District Board of Education Meeting
19 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
19 Shore Regional Board of Education Meeting
21 Oceanport PTO Annual Fall Festival
24 Planning Board Meeting
29 Halloween Parade & Party
29 Hook & Ladder Fire Explorers' Halloween Breakfast

### Recycling

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

Pride of Oceanport" Barfield finished 19th out of 52 players. Every competitor, especially Todd, raved about the golf course, Monmouth Park, and Oceanport. I told them next time they hold the U.S. Open here they are all invited over to Buddy Brocklebank's house for a barbeque. They are going to hold me to that promise.

See you at Summer's End!

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# **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 of Events:

2:30 pm Horse Shoe Tournament Begins, call Lee Poole at (908) 433-6973 or email leeg.poole@gmail.com. Please get there by 2:00 pm to go over rules, play, etc. Courts will be set up for practice by 1:00 pm.
5:00 pm the Festival Begins!
8:30 pm Spectacular Fireworks Display!

### **Entertainment & Participants:**

Live Band: Evolution X Fireworks at Dusk Food Vendors Civic Organizations Chili & Salsa Contest Pie Throwing Fundraiser Balloon Art & Face Painting by Calvary Baptist Church Kids' Moon Bounce & Attractions Rock Wall and Games 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

### **Sponsor Information**

If you are a local business and would like to help sponsor the Festival please email Jay Silverman at jay.w.silverman@gmail.com.

# It's not too late to donate to Fireworks Extravaganza!

It's not too late to donate to Fireworks Extravaganza! The Parks & Recreation Committee is still seeking donations for the fantastic fireworks display. If you want to make a donation please make check payable to: Borough of Oceanport's Summer's End and mail to: Borough of Oceanport Summer's End, PO Box 252, Oceanport, NJ 07757. Thank you!



# Oceanport Community Garden's 4th Annual Chili and Salsa Contest

Bring your prized chili and/or salsa to the Summer's End Festival! Compete or Just Eat!

\$10 Preregistration, \$15 at the Festival. Registration forms can be found at Borough Hall or it can be printed online at www.oceanportboro.com. Please bring your entry to the garden table. All chili entries must be submitted in a crockpot and salsa must be submitted in an ice bath.

Need community involvement as well - \$1.00 sampling vote / \$5 family sampling vote.

Chili and Salsa will be judged by a distinguished panel of judges. Town wide contest. All varieties are welcome. Prizes will be awarded to the TOP 3 WINNERS!

Always a delicious and fun event!

Contest winners will be announced right before the fireworks.

## Police, Fire, OEM, & EMS Day

Saturday, September 30th 12:00 – 5:00 pm

### Port Au Peck Firehouse

The Port Au Peck Chemical Hose Company is excited to host a Police, Fire, OEM, and EMS Day! This is a chance to meet some of the professionals and volunteers that protect and service 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.

## **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 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!

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Explorers' 2nd Annual Halloween Breakfast

Sunday, October 29th, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire House 21 Main Street

Come out and support the Explorer's Program and their 2nd Halloween Breakfast! All proceeds go towards training, gear, and enhancing the program as the Explorers prepare for the Fire Academy.

Adults - \$7 Seniors & Kids 5 to 11 years - \$5 Children under 5 - \$4

Buffet Style: Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pork Roll, Muffins, Coffee/Tea, and Juice.



### **Cub Scout Corner**

Oceanport Cub Scouts Pack 58 had a fun summer and they are ready for another successful scouting school year! The Cubs finished out June with a western themed Blue and Gold dinner, which awarded the boys their next rank. Cubs also attended a lecture on the local ospreys, taught by a wildlife expert. Some of the boys even attended a primitive shelter building class and loved it! In July, the pack held a beach night, complete with playing in the waves, surfing, and a group sandcastle competition. Then finished the night with s'mores and a bonfire. August was the annual pool party and recruitment of new scouts. Some scouts attended a super special solar eclipse session as well. In September, the Cubs will have their annual campout at Blackberry Bay Park.

Please be on the lookout for their fall fundraising which includes delicious holiday cheesecakes and dessert sales. Your community support as always is very appreciated.

Over the next few months, Cub Scouts will be active around Oceanport! They have lots of fun events and activities as well as some interesting community projects in the works. If you or someone you know is interested in joining or volunteering, please contact nagywc@gmail.com.

# Your Donations Will Help a Local Community!

### Eagle Scout Project - Mission Backpack

Oceanport Boy Scout Troop 58's Miles Lessa will be conducting his Eagle Scout project during the month of September. His project is titled *Mission Backpack* and involves the collection of donated backpacks and school supplies for children in need in the Long Branch community. Backpacks can be new or gently used (clean with all zippers working). Miles and fellow troop members, along with the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Trinity Church in Long Branch, will help children in need with school supplies, focusing this year on backpacks.

Please look around your homes for unused supplies and/or backpacks and keep this project in mind as you backto-school shop. There is a drop box at Miles' house, 25 Willow Court, Oceanport, through September 22nd. You may also drop donations at Holy Trinity Church, 408 Prospect Avenue, Long Branch on Wednesdays only.

Please donate to this worthy cause as it can help make a positive difference in a child's education!



## **Garden Club News**

The Oceanport Garden Club will resume their monthly meetings on September 28th with a demonstration of Nurturing Patriotism with Flowers - presenter will be Lois Kiely. The October 26th meeting is a Demonstration of Ikebana - Japanese Flower Arrangement with presenter Marina Kerber. November 16th will be Fall Holiday Arrangements with Nancy Poole.

The Officers for the balance of 2017 and the upcoming 2018 were sworn in at the June Luncheon at the Old Orchard and they are:

President	Maureen Chenoweth
1st Vice President	Debbie Smith
2nd Vice President	Linda Dennis
Treasurer	Cathie Maccioli
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Pat Stevens
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Maureen Stevens

The Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month at Blackberry Bay Pavilion and the dates are changed when a holiday falls on that day. You do not have to be an Oceanport resident to belong to the Club and if interested in joining, please contact Penelope Gabriel at (732) 229-8274.

# COMMUNITY NEWS Leaf Collection Guidelines & Schedule

To serve residents better, leaves will be picked up four different times in each zone. Please refer to the street listing to see what zone your street is in and mark your calendars with your leaf pickup weeks.

When can I put out my leaves? Leaves can go out the weekend before your pick up week and must be out no later than Monday of your week. This allows residents (or their landscaper) two weekends to get leaves out for their pick up week. If someone services your property other than yourself, please be sure they have registered with the Borough as a copy of the schedule below is mailed to all registered landscapers every September.

### Leave Collection Guidelines

1. LEAVES ONLY to be places at the curb. And should be free of branches, stones, hay, and other debris. These items make it difficult for vacuum to pick up the leaves. More importantly, the flying debris can cause injury to the Public Works employees and can also damage equipment. Any piles that contain such debris will be left behind, not cleaned up, and you will receive a notice.

- 2. Please keep piles straight, neat, and in the street as close to the curb as possible. Try not to make the piles any larger than four feet wide and four feet high if possible. Please be careful not to block off too much of the road with your piles. Cars must go around these piles sometimes going into the oncoming lane which can cause accidents. Cars also tend to drive through these piles scattering leaves all over the road which can create hazardous road conditions when it rains.
- 3. Do not place leaf piles on top of storm drains. This will impede proper storm water runoff and create flooding in the roadways. The leaves get inside the catch basin the will eventually clog pipes. Also, if you live on a corner lot, please try to place leave piles on the

street that has less traffic.

4. Please remember the Public Works Department does not pick up branches or sticks. The garbage contractor will pick up 3 tied and bundled branches and tree limbs each trash pickup day for that site. For bundles to be picked up they must be tied and bundled and not to exceed 5 feet long by 3 feet in diameter piles. The garbage collector will also take branches placed in garbage can as long as they do not stick out of the can and the can is able to be dumped easily and not jammed in. Contractor is not required to pick up any tree stumps nor individual tree limbs or branches that exceed 3 inches in diameter.

Following these simple guidelines will help the operations run smoother and will help the Public Works Department better serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact them at (848) 456-4668 or by email at publicworks@oceanportboro.com if you have any questions.

# FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaf Pick Up Dates: Sept. 27th - Oct. 3th Oct. 18th - Oct 24th Nov. 8th - Nov. 14th Nov. 29th - Dec. 5th Arcana Avenue Branch Avenue Brookview Drive Burnt Mill Circle Center Street Dwayne Street Eatontown Blvd. East Main Street WEST of Pemberton Ave. Elizabeth Drive Evergreen Lane Fairfield Avenue Gold Street Haskell Way Hedge Drive Hill Court Horseneck Point Road Irma Place Iselin Lane Main Street Maple Court Maple Avenue Massaro Court Monmouth Road

Zone 1

Monmouth Park Place Oceanport Avenue Orchard Lane Osprey Lane Park Street Pemberton Avenue Pine Tree Lane Pleasant Place Port Au Peck Avenue WEST of East Main St Riverside Avenue South Pemberton Avenue Springfield Avenue Summerfield Avenue Trinity Place Turf Drive Willow Court Whitehall Circle Wittenburg Court Wolf Hill Avenue Woodbine Way Zone 2 Leaf Pick Up Dates: Oct. 4th - Oct. 10th Oct. 25th - Oct 31st Nov. 15th - Nov 21st Dec. 6th - Dec. 12th Adrian Avenue Allenhurst Avenue Arnold Avenue Asbury Avenue

Avon Avenue Belmar Avenue Blackberry Bay Drive Bradley Avenue Branchport Avenue Bridgewaters Drive **Bungalow** Avenue Centennial Drive Colonial Drive Deal Avenue Doreen Drive Driveway East Main Street EAST of Pemberton Avenue Elliot Place Gooseneck Point Road Lake Drive Leeward Court Long Branch Avenue Milton Avenue Monmouth Blvd. WEST of Myrtle Avenue Morris Place Myrtle Avenue Onandaga Avenue Port Au Peck Avenue between Myrtle and Branchport Aves. Relwof Place

Revere Place River Bend River Street Riverview Road Rossiter Place Sea Girt Avenue Shapen Way Shore Road Spring Lake Avenue Vreeland Place Windward Court Woodside Place Zocco Lane Zone 3 Leaf Pick Up Dates: Oct. 11th - Oct. 17h Nov 1st - Nov. 7th Nov. 22nd - Nov. 28th Dec. 13th - Dec. 19th Algonquin Avenue Ausable Avenue Bay View Avenue Blue Point Cove Cayuga Avenue Comanche Drive Elinore Avenue Fiore Court Genesse Avenue Herbert Place Hiawatha Avenue Horicon Avenue

Iroquois Avenue Itaska Avenue Ithaca Avenue Manitto Place Maple Place Mohawk Avenue Mohican Avenue Monmouth Blvd. EAST of Myrtle Avenue Nicholson Place Oneida Avenue Pocahontas Avenue Pocano Avenue Port Au Peck Avenue EAST of Branchport Avenue Sagamore Avenue Seawaneka Avenue Seneca Place Serand Avenue Shrewsbury Avenue Smith Street Tecumseh Avenue Ticonderoga Avenue Tohican Place Wardell Circle Werah Place Winhar Place Wyandotte Avenue

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



## Kortney's Challenge a Sweet Success!

It was a beautiful day for the 12th Annual Kortney's Challenge! The Kortney Rose Foundation is happy to announce that the Kortney's Challenge 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at Monmouth Park on August 6th was a great success raising over \$63,000 for pediatric brain tumor research. The day began with a show by the Dance Plus Performance Team and

the National Anthem sung by brain tumor survivor, Brett Roysdon. Kristin Gillette, founder of the Kortney Rose Foundation, recognized two students from Monmouth Beach whose designs were featured on the front of the participant and volunteer t-shirts. Riders from the Blue Nights New Jersey XV International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club kicked off the race. Children enjoyed the attractions including tattoos, face painting, and balloon animals and the fun continued after the race with refreshments served from Strollo's Lighthouse and Rook Coffee. Many attended the Day at the Races Event at our very own Monmouth Park Race Track at which the jockeys wore pink to honor the Kortney Rose race.

Thank you to the more than 500 participants, corporate sponsors, volunteers, and all of you who supported the event!

# **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 third Wednesday of each month at the Blackberry Bay Pavilion. 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 the Club has either an informative or fun program in addition to a short business meeting. A representative from Monmouth County's Consumer Affairs attended the August meeting and gave a presentation on some of the new scams that have been surfaced in this area and explained to members how they can protect themselves from them. At the September 20th meeting, there will be a delicious catered BBQ lunch.

In addition to our monthly meetings, the Club also has two yearly luncheons (one in the spring and a Christmas luncheon in early December) at outside venues. Members also try to arrange for two trips. A group of members will be going to New York City on November 1st to see the Broadway show, *A Bronx Tale*.

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

Why not consider joining the Oceanport Seniors Club so that you can meet with and socialize with your Oceanport neighbors? If you have questions or are interested in joining, please contact Penelope Gabriel at (732) 229-8274.



## Oceanport Parks & Recreation Committee Presents its 6th Annual Movies in the Park

There is still a chance to enjoy a free and fun movies night under the stars at Blackberry Bay this summer! On Saturday, September 16th join your friends and neighbors for Secret Life of Pets. The movie will begin at dusk. 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.

Come out and enjoy this last bit of summer!

### Parks & Recreation Committee Presents: Its Annual Halloween Parade & Party! Sunday, October 29th

**Parade begins at 11:00 am at Charles Park** March to Port Au Peck Firehouse on Myrtle Avenue for a festive Halloween party! Wear your costumes! (parents too!)

Costume contest for kids in the following categories: Funniest, Most Original, Scariest, & Family (2 or more). Refreshments and giveaways for all – Free!

## The Oceanport Lions Club Needs Your Help!

New members willing to Join the Lions club will help the club to continue to do the good work the Lions do! The Lions Club is about doing their part to keep Oceanport a great place to live and raise a family. Since 1952 the Oceanport Lions Club has dedicated the talent of its members and the funds raised from its activities to promoting for all the citizens of Oceanport.

If you have an interest in finding out more about the Oceanport Lions Club please contact John M Bonforte Sr. There is no obligation to see what they do and why you may be interested in looking further into the Club activities. John can be reached at (908) 489-9090 or via email at johnsr@monmouthrubber.com.

For more information check out the Lions Club website at www.oceanportlionsclub.com/. Facebook Oceanportlionsclub

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# SCHOOL/LIBRARY NEWS

## SAVE THE DATE!

### **Oceanport PTO's 6th Annual Fall Festival**

### Saturday, October 21st. 12:00 - 4:00 pm, Maple Place School

The festival includes pumpkin picking/painting, children's games, a haunted hallway, caramel apple station, food by Enzo's, baked goods, 50/50, gift basket raffle, scarecrow contest, fall and junior vendors...and so much more!!!

Back by popular demand...a PETTING ZOO and other surprises!

### Annual Oceanport PTO Scarecrow Contest

All around the town they will grow! Who will win? We don't know!

Join the fun and build your best scarecrow!

Guidelines for contest are as follows:

### Three categories:

Traditional - Most traditional scarecrow designs Scariest - Scarecrows that are most likely to scare a crow or the judges

Most Creative - Scarecrows that evoke smiles and spark your imagination, a scarecrow that makes someone say, "What a great idea, why didn't I think of that!"

- \* \$10.00 for new wood scarecrow cross or \$5.00 if using one from previous years.
- \* Return form below with check made payable to Oceanport PTO to "Maple Place School, c/o PTO Scarecrow Contest, 2 Maple Place, Oceanport, NJ 07757 by Thursday, September 28th
- \* Pick up your new cross on the weekends of September 30th and October 6th at 19 Tecumseh Avenue, Oceanport
- \* Display your scarecrow by Thursday, October 12th
- \* Judging to take place starting weekend of October 14th
- \* Winners will be announced at the Oceanport PTO Fall Festival on Saturday, October 21st
- \* Contact for information: Marybeth Kopec at mbkopec@comcast.net.
- \* Please cut on line and return form with check:

### **Oceanport PTO Scarecrow Contest Entry Form**

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Name Phone

Address

Email

# **Library News** The reading clubs at the Oceanport Library had another

productive summer filled with jam packed adventures, action, and going to faraway places which reading books can do! Many children in the Vacation Reading Club program read beyond the required 480 minutes and there was also an increase in the number of children who listened to 20 books. As always, thank you to Linda Risden and the Library Association for providing the pizza and beverage for the end of summer celebration.

Starting back in September library programs are as follows:

Baby Storytime – Ages 6 to 23 months with parent/caregiver, Thursdays, 9:30 - 9:50 am

Toddler Storytime - Ages 2 to 31/2 with parent/caregiver, Thursdays, 10:00 - 10:20 am

Family Storytime - Ages 3 and up with parent/care giver, Thursdays, 11:00 - 11:30 am

After School Adventures - Ages 4 and up,

Thursdays, 4:00 - 4:30 pm

The Library's special programs for September and October are:

LEGO® Storytime - Ages 4 and up

Thursday, September 14th from 4:00 - 4:30 pm Listen to stories and make your own LEGO® creation.

The library will provide DUPLO® and LEGO® bricks. Registration required; call at (732) 229-2626, stop in, or sign up online http://bit.ly/1U702RS beginning September 5th.

What Good are Bugs? - Ages 4 and up Thursday, September 28th from 4:00 - 4:40 pm

Monmouth County Master Gardeners will talk about all the ways insects help plants and the environment. There will be a follow-up bug craft!

Registration required; call, stop in, or sign up online http://bit.ly/1U702RS beginning September 14th.

Otto the Auto – Ages 3 and up

Thursday, October 5th from 4:00 to 4:30 pm After a few years, Otto, the remote control talking car,

is back with traffic safety tips. Registration required; call, stop in or sign up online

http://bit.ly/1U702RS beginning September 21st.

Remember, young or old, you can always count on your local library for a good book! Stop in and utilize this wonderful resource right in your backyard.