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Mayor's Message



Pictured here are, Dale E. Burd, Alfred W. DeSantis, Sr., and Clarence D. "Buddy" Brocklebank. Together these three dedicated and brave men served 159 years as volunteer Oceanport firemen for the Borough of Oceanport

Oceanport, being no different than most small towns across America, runs on the backs of volunteers who take time out of their lives to make the rest of our lives easier. Oceanport's youth sports programs, senior social programs, emergency services, governing body, school system, parks and waterways are all, in some form or fashion, heavily dependent upon members of our community who volunteer their time, energy and capital for the betterment of the Borough. Every volunteer organization has its place in Oceanport and each volunteer's unique contribution --- no matter how large or small --- contributes to the beautiful, intricate, layered fabric of this little town that we call home.

Members of the Garden Club, Oceanport Soccer Association, or the Ladies Auxiliary Oceanport Hook & Ladder Company are just as committed to their specific causes and contribute as much to the wonderful quality of life we enjoy in Oceanport as those who give their time freely to the Oceanport Recreation Committee, Water Watch Committee, or Board of Education. From all walks of life, new to town or fifth generation residents, young, old or somewhere in between, these volunteers are the lifeblood of this community. The Senior Club is run with as much enthusiasm by Barbara Josselyn as the First Aid Squad is run by Doris Agaman. The Parks and Recreation Committee is as invested in Oceanport as the Lions Club. Joe Irace keeps Oceanport updated on Facebook and Paul Hester captures Oceanport in pictures. It is amazing how all these seemingly disparate groups and people operate independently, yet cohesively to provide a scope of

Calendar of Events

November

1 (0 (01110 01
1Quarterly Property Taxes Due
2 Mayor & Council Workshop & Regular Meeting
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
7 Election Day
8 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
11 Veterans Day, Veterans Day Ceremony
13 Environmental Commission Meeting
13 Water Watch Committee Meeting
23-24 Happy Thanksgiving, Borough Offices
& Recycling Yard Closed
28 Planning Board Meeting
29 Oceanport Board of Education Meeting
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December
3 Christmas Tree Lighting at Old Borough Hall
9 Oceanport First Aid Squad Holiday Bazaar
11 Environmental Commission Meeting

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11 Water Watch Committee Meeting
12-14 Holiday Decorating Contest
12 Planning Board Meeting
13 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
14 Mayor & Council Workshop & Regular Meeting
15 Oceanport Boy Scout Troop 58 Spaghetti Dinner
25 & 26 Borough Offices & Recycling Yard Closed
for Christmas Holiday

January

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

social, community, and governmental services even big cities do not provide. We are incredibly blessed to have such a deep well of caring, committed people from which to draw and they all deserve our profound thanks and praise.

On October 23rd, I had the privilege of being part of a ceremony held by Port Au Peck Chemical Hose Company #1 in honor of Alfred W. DeSantis, Sr. in celebration of his FIFTY-FIVE years of service as a volunteer fireman with the Port Au Peck Fire Company. As I stood to make my presentation it struck me that "Mr. D" has been a volunteer fireman in Oceanport for as long as I have been alive. Fifty-five years. Over half a century. As a volunteer. In a position where every time they go to do their job they

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Call to Service!

The Borough Needs You!

Mayor Coffey is seeking residents interested in serving on the Borough's Green Team Advisory Committee, Environmental Commission as well as other committees like the Oceanport Historical Committee. Please consider one of the many Borough committees to give your time to. As the Mayor mentioned in his message, Oceanport runs on the backs of volunteers and each volunteer's unique contribution, no matter how large or small, contributes to the beautiful little town that we call home. Go to oceanport.com and take a look!

Tis The Season!

Oceanport's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Sunday, December 3rd 5:00 pm at Old Borough Hall

Get in the holiday spirit and come out for the Annual Borough Christmas Tree Lighting! Sing some carols and enjoy refreshments too afterwards at the Port -Au-Peck firehouse courtesy of the Parks & Recreation Committee. Kids, naughty or nice, can hop on Santa's lap for a memorable photo and give Santa a gift wish or two!

Annual Home Decorating Contest Deck the halls with boughs of holly....

Please leave your lights on December 12th – 14th to be included in the Borough's annual decorating contest. Dust off those decorations and plug in those lights! Awards are given for 1st and 2nd Place in: Best Overall, Best Yard/Trees, Best Door/Windows, Best Condominium/Townhouse, and Most Original.

Veterans Day Ceremony

The Borough is honored to hold its Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11th at 11:00 am at Maple Place School. All are invited to attend to honor military veterans.



Oceanport's First Aid Squad's **Holiday Gift Auction & Tree Sales**

Saturday, December 9th First Aid Building on Pemberton Avenue Doors open at 9:00 am!

Don't forget the First Aid Squad will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths, and grave blankets at their First Aid Building as well sometime beginning in November. Days and times will be posted on their sign outside the building so please be on the look out! Thank you!

Overnight Parking Ban

Please be aware overnight parking on Borough streets is prohibited when the streets are covered in snow – whenever snow has fallen, and the accumulation is such that it covers the streets. The parking prohibition shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.



Oceanport Boy Scout Troop 58 Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, December 15th 5:00 - 8:00 pm Maple Place School Tickets are available at the door or through Scouts. \$9 for person

All you can eat spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, refreshments including coffee/tea, and delicious desserts! An inexpensive and fun family night out which benefits your local Boy Scout Troop. For donations, tickets, or to purchase space in the ad journal please contact Sue O'Neill at (732) 757-7572.

100% of the profits go directly to the troop as food is donated by local businesses and made by Boy Scout parents. The Boy Scouts will be your fine waiters at the dinner as well. The troop is a great group of boys who with the help of scouting will grow up to be fine young men! Please consider attending the dinner with your family and friends, it will be a nice way ring in the holiday season!

The Oceanport Parks and **Recreation Committee thanks the** following for a successful 2017 Summer's End Festival!

RWJ Barnabas Health - Monmouth Medical Advisor's Mortgage Group ProCraft Auto Body **TetherView** Denholtz Associates Oceanport Quality Dental The Marina at Oceanport Maser Consulting Mesa Verde Inc. O'Brien Realty Millennium Strategies Boynton & Boynton Insurance Beacon of Life

Oceanport Police, Fire, First Aid, OEM, and DPW And, most of all, the residents of Oceanport!



The Alexander Munoz Memorial Fund's Annual Holiday Gift Drive

Lifting Hearts and Raising Teen & Childhood Cancer Awareness

"Champ" was Alex's nickname, and his wish was to provide teens on the oncology floor with distractions to take them away from their discomfort and situation. Teen gifts are the some of the most needed gifts in the hospital.

Some of the highly requested items are beanie style knit caps, ear buds, hats or baseball hats, pjs in range of adult sizes, sports team apparel in adult sizes, fleece or quilt blankets, slippers, adult coloring books, sketch books, journals, and stationary, colored pencils, markers, scrapbooks (albums, decorative paper, stickers) model magic, manicure sets, teen-specific crafts, large lego sets, Nooks, Kindles, gift cards from Target, Netflix, iTunes, and Amazon in denominations of \$25 or less, and new or gently used DVDs, Playstation 3 and 4 games, and Xbox 360 and Xbox One games. Please see the complete Teen Wish List and Teen Wish List on Amazon (to shop from home) at alexmunoz.org.

Collection dates are November 1st – 22nd. Drop off points are Oceanport Boro Hall, Oceanport Library, Shore Regional High School, Rogue Hair Salon at the Oceanport Village Center, and Tommy's Tavern & Tap in Sea Bright. Or, you can arrange for a pickup by emailing alexmunozfund@gmail.com.

All items are tax deductible and please note all cloth items must be new with original tags to meet hospital infection control deadlines. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Garden Club News

The Oceanport Garden Club will be meeting on December 7th with a theme *While the Music Plays*, which is their holiday workshop and pot luck luncheon. All members bring their specialty and share with everyone. They also make beautiful and festive holiday baskets for the school offices and library's in Oceanport and West Long Branch.

The January 2018 meeting will be held on January 25th and the theme is *Craft and Garden Show*. Members will display craft projects and garden pictures.

The meet and greet for their meetings starts at 10:00 am and the Business Meeting starts at 10:30 am. The Club meets at the Blackberry Park Pavilion in Blackberry Bay Park on 440 Port-au-Peck Avenue.

If anyone is interested in joining the Club you can do so by contacting any of the these three people: Penelope Gabriel @ (732) 229-8274, Mary Lou Chase @ (732) 299-1837, or Sandy Crome @ (732) 741-4080. You need not be a resident of Oceanport to join the Club. Membership is open to anyone. **Fall Gardening Tips:**

Fall is the now or never time to plant spring bulbs. Plant now for beautiful flowers in the spring! Fall is also the best season to plant fruit trees such as pear, plum, cherry, and fig. Young trees should be staked for prevent roots from being pulled by fall and winter winds.



Cub Scout Corner:

Oceanport Pack 58 has started off another wonderful new scout year. Boys that are 6 years old and in first grade are eligible to join the Cub Scout pack. They are grouped into dens by grade. Each den works on their rank's requirements and also participates in pack wide events. The pack activities welcome scout siblings and families. These boys form lasting friendships, learn life skills, and better this wonderful town of Oceanport. Oceanport is very fortunate to have so many members of this community that have been generous and help to provide these kids with so many opportunities. The Pack thanks all that volunteer, donate, and gives their time to these boys!

In September, the cubs held their annual pack campout in Blackberry. The day started with knot tying stations, bottle rockets, and games taught by older Boy Scouts. There was also a park wide scavenger hunt, leader versus kids tug of war, fishing clinic (bait provided by Red Bank Marine), cookout, and then the cubs watched a movie in the park! They ended their night with s'mores over a big bonfire and had a flag burning ceremony (thanks for the wood, Rysers)! Many of the boys from the pack participated in cheering on runners from "New Jersey Run for the Fallen" in September as well.

In October, some of the pack attended a centennial celebration at Quail Hill scout camp. The pack held a dessert fundraiser during October that will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. Great job by all the boys! The November pack event is a survival skills day, taught by wilderness experts. In December, look for our scouts participating in the flag ceremony at Oceanport's tree lighting ceremony.

The individual dens have also been learning a lot from "Go-Sees". One of the dens went to The Peddler in Long Branch. They were taught bike maintenance and proper helmet fit during a "fix a flat clinic" taught by Oceanport resident Mike Schaivo. This den also learned some Hip Hop moves from Kick Dance Studio in Rumson! Another den worked on their 3-mile hike requirement at the South Mountain fairy trail and another one learned about casting fossils and spent an afternoon on the beach with kites. In addition to the fun, these dens are also preparing service projects to better our community and learning ways to become good citizens.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining or volunteering in our pack, please contact nagywc@gmail.com.



Leaf Collection Guidelines



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.

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, hav, 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
- When can I put out my leaves? Leaves 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
 - 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

Itaska Avenue

FALL LEAF REMAINING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Blackberry Bay Drive

Zone 1 Leaf Pick-Up Dates: 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 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:** Nov. 15th - Nov 21st Dec. 6th - Dec. 12th Adrian Avenue Allenhurst Avenue Arnold Avenue Asbury Avenue Avon Avenue Belmar Avenue

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

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:** 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

River Bend

River Street

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

Thank you!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Christ the King Parish in Long Branch would like to thank Miles Lessa and the other Boys Scouts from Oceanport Troop 58 for a tremendous job well done. Miles came to us in June and proposed a project where he would collect backpacks and school supplies to distribute to the children who come to our Food Pantry. He collected 145 backpacks and handed out 90 at the pantry. Then Harvey struck and the idea to send the remaining backpacks to a school in Texas became a reality. Miles and his team packaged all the backpacks and school supplies and our society paid the postage. We would also like to thank Jack Donahoe, Hunter Ward, Kyle Crochet, and Dean Silverberg for their fantastic assistance to Miles in this project. The Boy Scouts are to be congratulated for working with these fine young men. We would also like to extend our thanks to the residents of Oceanport who donated the majority of the supplies. Sincerely,

Jo Button

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Christ the King Parish

Eagle Scout Project, Mission Backpack, a huge success thanks for Oceanport Residents!

Troop 58's Miles Lessa would like to extend a great big THANK YOU to all the residents who helped support his Eagle Scout project which collected over 100 backpacks and hundreds of pounds of school supplies for the St. Vincent de Paul Society for Christ the King Parish in Long Branch and the Hopkins Elementary school in Victoria, TX. Special thanks to his team members: his mom, Sue O'Neill, Jack, Hunter, Kyle, Dean, and his awesome neighbors on Willow Court and Arcana Avenue.



Congratulations to Summer's End Festival Chili and Salsa Winners

Thank you to everyone who participated either by entering or eating! The entries as always tasted delicious! The contest benefits the Oceanport Community Garden and is run by its gardeners. The community garden will be moving to Fort Monmouth next year and will be taking on new members. Look for application in the spring.

The winners for salsa:

- 1. Summers End Salsa- Melina Stock
- 2. Mango Madness Shelby MacRae
- 3. Unicorn Salsa Kyla Johnston and Kate Ruane **For Chili:**
- 1. Sexy Chili Sigmund Walker
- 2. Cowboy Chili Ellynn Kahle
- 3. Jackie's Famous Chili John Ruane

Congratulations to the winners and the Garden Club looks forwards to next year's contest!

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. The social time begins at 1:00 pm when refreshments are available and our members have time to talk to and visit with their Oceanport neighbors.

The business meeting is called to order at 1:30 pm. Contact Fran Bendock at (732) 229-0278 for more information about joining.

The Club will have its next meeting on November 15th. There are two events planned for December. December 4th is the date of their annual Christmas Luncheon at the Shadowbrook in Shrewsbury, and their December 20th meeting will be their annual Wine & Cheese Party.

Some of our 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.

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are putting their lives at risk. Think about that.

And while you are thinking about that, think about this: In Oceanport, the fact that Al DeSantis has served over half a century as a volunteer fireman isn't even unique. Standing on either side of Mr. DeSantis that evening were two other firemen with over a half century of volunteer fire service with Oceanport, Clarence D. "Buddy" Brocklebank (53 years) and Dale E. Burd (51 years). That Mr. DeSantis isn't unique is what makes Oceanport so unique. These three humble, wonderful men - people who have collectively volunteered 159 years to the Borough of Oceanport - are what Oceanport is all about today and what Oceanport should aspire to be tomorrow.

I usually take an opportunity to crack a joke about Buddy Brocklebank in my monthly message. This month I am just going to say "Thank You" to Buddy, Dale, and Mr. DeSantis (I just can't bring myself to call him "Al," he's Al and Katie's dad!) and to all those who volunteer their time for Oceanport, and I would ask everybody to please thank a volunteer this month just to let them know Oceanport appreciates their efforts.



Scariest Scarecrow!

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SCHOOL/LIBRARY NEWS



Congratulations to Lily Anderson, the winner of the Oceanport Library Association Sal Gentile \$1000 Scholarship. Lily will attend High Point University. Best of luck to her!

Shore Regional High School's Shore Players is Proud to Present: Heaven Can Wait

Performances and Times:

Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm • Friday, December 8th at 7:00 pm Saturday, December 9th at 7:00 pm • Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 pm Tickets available NOW at https://sp.booktix.com.

Please support your local school theater and enjoy a show close to home this holiday season.

The Oceanport PTO is happy to announce its Scarecrow Contest Winners!

Scariest: Greyson & Griffen Dalatush, 14 Burnt Mill Circle **Tradition:** Emma & Joey Schottlander, 1229 Eatontown Blvd

Most Creative: The Lang Family, 1206 Turf Drive

Honorable Mention: Krista & Joe Casella, 22 Asbury Avenue

Congratulation to the winners! Thank you to all of those who participated and made it fun to drive around Oceanport to see your creative masterpieces!

The OP PTO would also like to thank all those who attended and helped in anyway at this year's Fall Festival. The beautiful weather added to this amazing day of fun with family and friends!



The staff at the Oceanport Library has done some rearranging and has taken the Easy or Beginning Reader paperbacks out of the basket and placed them on our Easy Readers shelf. Also, there is now a special section on our shelf for the paperback Superhero Easy Readers which are very popular!

Florence, the children's librarian encourages children three years and up to join her for the 11:00 Family Storytime. The program has stories read, songs sung, fingerplays, and crafts. There are also toys to play with after storytime.

Below is a list of special programs for November and December.

Eyes of the Wild – All ages

Thursday, November 2nd from 4:00-4:45 pm Meet amazing rescued critters for an interactive entertaining show! There may also be a surprise animal in addition to a porcupine, wallaby, alligator, rabbit and macaw. Registration required; call the library at (732) 229-2626 or stop in beginning October 19th.

Special LEGO® EVENT – Grades 1 to 4
Thursday, November 16th from 4:00 – 4:30 pm
Build a LEGO® Thanksgiving project with Melina
Stock from Bricks 4 Kidz. Registration required; call or

stop in beginning November 2nd.

Magic Mania – All ages

Thursday, December 14th – 4:00 – 4:45 pm Currier's Magical Mania is proud to present a oneman circus starring Kevin Carr. Kevin is a talented performer who juggles on a unicycle and performs magical illusions. Registration required; call or stop in beginning November 30th.

Make and Take Crafts - All Ages

Thursday, December 21st – 2:00 to 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.

The Oceanport Library Staff wishes you a happy holiday season!