

# The Oceanport Bulletin



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## Mayor's Message

We've gotten through our first real Nor'easter of the fall and, while the flooding was about as bad as anything we've had since Sandy, Oceanport weathered the storm fairly well. Those of us whose houses became riverfront properties for a few hours on October 27th are acutely aware of how fragile our existence is on this peninsula and even those who weren't threatened by the flood waters were restricted in their movements because so many roads in town were impassable. Given the fact this latest storm didn't bring all that much rain, the incredible volume of water our streets had at high tide was the result of water backing up from the Shrewsbury River through the Borough's 55 storm drains. This is, in all likelihood, the new norm. The Borough is in the beginning stages of installing check valves on approximately 3 dozen of those storm drains. It is expected that these check valves (which are designed to close off the storm drain to prevent river water from backing up into the system) will lessen the volume of water on our streets during severe weather events. In the interim, Oceanport's Fire, Police, First Aid, OEM and DPW personnel will continue to keep our residents as safe as possible and our streets as debris free as possible. But they need our help to do so. If we're having a severe weather event and flooding is predicted, stay off the roads in the hours leading up to and following high tide. If you see a downed tree or electrical line, calling the police is much more effective than posting on the Oceanport Resident's Facebook Page.

Although, to be fair, the Oceanport Resident's Facebook Page is still the place to post if you see a fox, deer, or camel in your yard, if you've lost your dog, cat or pig and, most importantly, if you want to argue publicly with other people in town in an uncivil, humorless fashion without any hope of compromise. Politics, especially on a local level, isn't life and death. Facebook, on any level, isn't life and death. Life's too short and death's too final to be screaming at each other instead of talking to each other. Overall, we really need to lighten up on the vitriol at our public meetings and on our public forums. And that's coming from the Mayor who was made by public meetings and social media. □

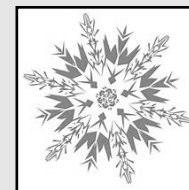
Given all we have going on at the Fort, the racetrack and in town, there is no shortage of things we should be talking to each other about. At the Fort, the State of New Jersey passed legislation in August allowing for four liquor licenses to be sold by the Borough of Oceanport in order to foster development opportunities and it looks like restaurants and a brewery are in the cards for Oceanport as a result. RPM had its first closings on the units at Eastgate (the old officer's housing) and

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## Calendar of Events

### November

- 1..... Property Taxes Due
- 1..... Mayor & Council Regular & Workshop Meeting
- 4..... Daylight Savings Ends
- 6..... General Election
- 11..... Veterans Day Ceremony
- 12..... Environmental Commission Meeting
- 12..... Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 14..... Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 13..... Planning Board Meeting
- 22-23..... Happy Thanksgiving, Borough Offices & Recycling Yard Closed
- 27..... Planning Board Meeting
- 28..... Oceanport Board of Education Meeting
- 29..... Shore Regional Board of Education Meeting



### December

- 2..... Christmas Tree Lighting
- 6-9..... Shore Regional HS Shore Players Presents *The Outsiders*
- 7..... Oceanport Boy Scout Troop 58 Spaghetti Dinner
- 10..... Environmental Commission Meeting
- 10..... Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 11..... Planning Board Meeting
- 11-13..... Holiday Decorating Contest
- 12..... Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 13..... Mayor & Council Regular & Workshop Meeting

### January

- 1..... Happy New Year!  
Borough Reorganization Meeting
- 8..... Planning Board Meeting
- 17..... Mayor & Council Regular & Workshop Meeting
- 22..... Planning Board Meeting
- 31..... Dog & Cat License Renewal

### Recycling

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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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.

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## Oceanport's Centennial Celebration

The Oceanport Historical Committee is asking for help from members of the community as it prepares for Oceanport's Centennial Celebration in 2020. The Committee is looking for pictures, newspaper articles, historic maps, and old programs from days gone by, as well as anecdotes from residents and former residents, to augment the "Oceanport in Retrospect" book that was published in 1970 to commemorate Oceanport's 50th anniversary. If you have anything - including memories and stories about all things Oceanport, please contact Jeanne Smith, Borough Clerk, at Borough Hall (732) 222-8221, [jsmith@oceanportboro.com](mailto:jsmith@oceanportboro.com) with all submissions.

## Tis The Season!

### Oceanport's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Sunday, December 2nd at 5:00 pm Port-Au-Peck Firehouse

Usher in the holiday season, light the tree, and sing some carols at this Oceanport traditional event. Santa will arrive via firetruck thanks to the Oceanport Fire Department. Kids, naughty or nice, can hop on Santa's lap for a memorable photo and give Santa a gift wish or two! Refreshments will be served by the Parks & Recreation Committee.



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

Please leave your lights from 4:00 – 9:00 pm on December 11th – 13th to be included in the Borough's annual decorating contest. Dust off those decorations and plug in those lights! An area restaurant gift card will be given for 1st Place in: Best Overall, Best Yard/Trees, Best Door/Windows, Best Condominium/Townhouse, and Most Original.

## Borough FYI's

- NO Trash Pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day
- Reorganization Day - The Mayor and Council invite all residents to attend the Reorganization Day Meeting at Maple Place School, 12:00 pm on January 1st, 2019.
- Dog and Cat License Renewals are Due by January 31, 2019
- FREE Rabies Clinic will be held sometime in January 2019. Be on lookout for date!

## Oceanport Boy Scout Troop 58

**Please support their largest event of the year!**

**Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

**Friday, December 7th**

**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 Megan Fleming at [meganhnj@gmail.com](mailto:meganhnj@gmail.com).

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 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!



## Oceanport's First Aid Squad's Annual Holiday Bazaar

**Saturday, December 8th**

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**First Aid Building on Pemberton Avenue**

Christmas trees, wreaths, holiday decorations, and food will be available for sale. Also, there will be a special raffle for all Star Wars fans, a limited edition, child driven motorized Luke Skywalker Landspeeder. A \$400 value – a perfect gift for the child that has everything.

**Christmas Tree Sales Begin Thanksgiving Weekend**

The First Aid Squad will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths, and grave blankets at their First Aid Building beginning Thanksgiving weekend. Days and times will be posted on their sign outside the building so please be on the lookout! Thank you!

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## The Alexander Munoz Memorial Fund's 2018 Holiday Gift Drive

### Let's Lift the Hearts of Teens Fighting Cancer!

"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.

Collections dates are 11/1 through 11/21

Some of the highly requested items are beanie style knit caps, ear buds, headphones, 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, stationary, colored pencils, markers, scrapbooks (albums, decorative paper, stickers) Model Magic, manicure sets, teen-specific crafts, large Lego sets, teen-friendly board games, play cards and Uno cards, Nooks, Kindles, gift cards from Target/Visa/Netflix/iTunes/Amazon in denominations of \$25 or less, new release or gently used DVDs, PlayStation 3 and 4 games new or gently used, Xbox 360 and Xbox One games new or gently used, and game systems, laptops, and tablets for the oncology floor which will be purchased by donations made to the [www.alexmunoz.org](http://www.alexmunoz.org).

Gift drop off point is Rogue Salon, Oceanport Village Center. Or, you can arrange for a pickup by emailing [alexmunozfund@gmail.com](mailto:alexmunozfund@gmail.com).

You can also shop from home by visiting their Amazon 2018 Teen Wish List site at <http://a.co/67AGicW>

Please note all cloth items (knit caps, blankets, apparel) must be new with original tags to meet hospital infection control deadlines. ALL donations must be new for oncology patients and in original packaging except for gently used video games and DVDs.

All gifts will be delivered to the oncology unit at the Children's Hospital at Philadelphia, Valerie Center at Monmouth Medical Center, and K. Hovnanian Children's at JSUMC, with love.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

## The Oceanport Parks and Recreation Committee thanks the following for a successful 2018 Summer's End Festival!

RWJ Barnabas Health Monmouth Medical Center

Advisors Mortgage Group

ProCraft Auto Body

Maser Consulting

Denholtz Associates

The Marina at Oceanport

Mesa Verde, Inc.

Ryser's Landscape Supplies

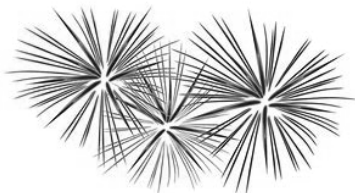
Millennium Strategies

Alliant Insurance Services / Boynton & Boynton

Oceanport Police, Fire, First Aid, OEM, and DPW

And, most of all, the residents of Oceanport!

The 2019 Oceanport Summer's End Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th with a rain date of Sunday, September 8th.



## Senior Club Notes

Membership in the Senior Citizens Club of Oceanport is open to any Oceanport resident who is 55 years old or older. The Club generally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Blackberry Bay Pavilion. Many meetings include a guest speaker, entertainment, or an informative presentation.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for November 14th at 12:30 pm which will be a Thanksgiving hot plate luncheon, and December 19th at 12:30 pm which will have wine, cheese, and sandwiches. There will be no charge for the food and refreshments at these meetings.

The Senior Club's Annual Holiday Luncheon is open to both members and non-members at the Shadowbrook, 1 Obre Place in Shrewsbury, on December 12th at 12 noon with live entertainment. For information and reservations, please call Jo Bartlow at (732) 229-1129 or Lois Olsen (732) 299-9986.

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

Join the fun by becoming a member of the Senior Citizens Club of Oceanport! Please contact Fran Bendock at (732) 229-0278 for information about joining. Annual membership dues are only \$20. The Club has much to offer and is social too.

## Congratulations to Summer's End Festival Chili and Salsa Winners



1st Place – Spicy Turkey Chili made by Colette Tabor

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.

### Chili Winners

1st Place – Spicy Turkey Chili made by Colette Tabor

2nd Place – Summer's End Chili made by Ellynn Kahle

3rd Place – Mama's Turkey Chili made by Kim Atienza  
Fan Favorite went to Summer's End Chili!

### Salsa Winners

1st Place – Tropical Cucumber Salsa made by Shelby MacRae

2nd Place – Fat Boi Salsa made by John Ruane and Aaron Sigmund-Warner

3rd Place – Just Salsa made by Margie Hicks  
Fan Favorite went to Fat Boi Salsa!

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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Oceanport Garden Club News

The Oceanport Garden Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at Blackberry Park Pavilion. Social time is from 10:00 - 10:30 am with a business meeting to follow running until 11:30 am. An interesting, fun, and informative program starts at 11:30 and runs until 12:30 pm. The only change to the dates is if a holiday falls on a meeting date, then it is moved back a week.

The December meeting will be held on the 13th which is the Club's annual Holiday Workshop and Luncheon. The luncheon will be catered this year and the members can concentrate on the decorations that will be made for Borough Hall and the school's offices and libraries in Oceanport and West Long Branch.

The January 2019 meeting will be held on the 24th and the program will be given by Jeannie Ceremaia. She will be speaking about a flowering winter plant "The Hellebores. On February 28, 2019, there will be Members Craft & Hobby Fair. Every month four members are chosen to bring refreshments and four members are chosen to make an arrangement, and for the month of February it will have the theme The tradition of giving Valentines.

If you or a neighbor would like to join the Oceanport Garden Club, please contact the following to get more information: Penelope Gabriel at (732) 229-8274, MaryLou Chace at (732) 299-1837, and Sandy Crome (732) 741-4080.

\*Please note this correction from the September/October Oceanport Bulletin. Members of the Oceanport Garden Club DO NOT have to be a resident of Oceanport to belong to the Club. The Club has members from other communities including Middletown and Manchester.



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sales will continue to occur as the year progresses. New Jersey City University is moving forward with the development of a satellite campus at the old Squier's Hall property and both the Allison Hall (mixed use) and Lodging District (residential units) properties have identified developers. All of these projects will bring additional tax and other revenue to the Borough. The McAfee Center (hi tech) and the 400 District (residential) are the next two properties to be offered for development. (The 400 District is where the barracks are on the right side of Oceanport Avenue as you head to Little Silver).

In town, the redevelopment of the old Borough Hall site is about to begin, the repaving of Myrtle Avenue is just around the corner, and the results of the BOE's resident survey about the future of our school infrastructure will soon be available.

At the track, the continuing success of the William Hill Sports Book and the proposed legislation supplementing horse racing purses both bode well for the continued viability of Oceanport's largest taxpayer.

The thing that EVERYBODY is talking about, however, is the Borough's recent appointment of Frank Baricelli as the Borough's Historian. Frank is spearheading the Oceanport Historical Committee's efforts in connection with Oceanport's 100th birthday celebration in 2020. He will, of course, be relying heavily on the eyewitness account of the only man believed to have been present at Oceanport's birth, Buddy Brocklebank. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Happy Chanukah, and a Merry Christmas.

## Oceanport's Finest Are Honored



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Oceanport's Port-Au-Peck Chemical Hose honored their volunteers at the Annual Old Timers' Night on October 22nd. Please help us congratulate these members, some with over fifty years of continual volunteer service. With heavy heart, Port-Au-Peck Chemical Hose also mourns the passing of some of our finest. Dale Burd was a 52-year Life Member, Ex-Chief, Fire Police Captain, and Treasurer. Joseph Glavasich was a 43-year Life Member. Paul Hanish was Oakhurst Ex-Chief and social member. Sal Marsico was a 50-year Life Member. Although their journey here on earth has been completed, they shall live on in our hearts and memories forever.

# SCHOOL/LIBRARY NEWS

## Vaping Me Crazy!

Presented by Michael Deleon  
Maple Place School  
Thursday, January 10, 2019  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

In today's digital, social-media driven, Generation Z world, misinformation is rampant and "Fake news" isn't just limited to the NEWS! Kids are getting bad information, misinformation, and agenda driven propaganda from profit-driven companies. Middle and High School Students have absolutely no idea how dangerous the e-cigarette, vaping and JUULing trend is to their brains and bodies or the long-term health consequences they subject themselves to and the compounding increase in the likelihood of addiction. They need to understand that they are being targeted by an industry which will succeed long-term on profit from addiction.

Parents we are in the worst public social health crisis America has ever seen and with vaping/JUULing, marijuana legalization, and a culture that literally grew up with pills marketed as the solution for every human ailment, the threat to our youth is greater than ever. The chasm between what parents need to know and the current trends necessary to understand now, the importance of parental education and awareness can't be overestimated. It is vital! The threats to youth years ago have changed, and the terminology you thought you understood needs new understanding. What are the conversations you need to have? Where does connection fit in with this digital world? Where do we go from here?

### Some statistics to think about:

A recent survey of kids resulted in 37% of kids stating they did not even know that it was nicotine they were inhaling when they were vaping.

11.3% of high school students & 4.3% of middle school students (over 2 million youth) were current e-cigarette users.

Youth who use multiple tobacco products are at risk for developing nicotine dependence.

Contact Betsy Schuff for more info: (732) 539-4104 or at [betsyschuff@gmail.com](mailto:betsyschuff@gmail.com)

## Warm up at the Oceanport Library!

Please come to our library and join them for a program or two. The schedule is on the Monmouth County Library website at [www.monmouthcountylib.org](http://www.monmouthcountylib.org) and on the flyers in the library too. There are some exciting and special programs for November and December. Please try to attend one or more. You may register by coming to the library or calling (732) 229-2626.

### The Magic of Matt Cadabra!

Thursday, November 15th, 4:00 - 5:00 pm – All ages are welcome! Come see magician Matt Cadabra perform amazing feats of magic and make a rabbit and a dove appear out of thin air! Registration begins November 1st.

### Music Together with Miss Amanda

Thursday, November 29th, 10:00 - 10:45 am – Ages 2 and up. Sing along, dance, and play rhythm instruments with Miss Amanda from Music Together Coastal Melodies! Registration begins November 15th.

### Special Lego® Program

Thursday, December 6th, 4:00 - 4:30 pm – Ages 3-7. Melina Stock of Bricks 4 Kidz will guide the children in making a winter themed Lego® creation. Registration begins on Monday, November 26th.

### Tweens – Special Lego Program

Thursday, December 13th, 4:00 - 4:45 pm – Ages 7-10. Melina Stock of Bricks 4 Kidz will do an advanced Lego® project with the children. Registration begins Monday, December 3rd.

Don't forget to take a look at the library website at [www.monmouthcountylib.org](http://www.monmouthcountylib.org) for additional information about library programs.

The OP Library staff wishes the community a happy holiday season!



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

Scariest - The Casella Family  
Traditional - The Migliaccio/Canessa Family  
Most Creative - The Miano Family

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. It was a day of fun with family and friends!

## Shore Regional High School's Shore Players is Proud to Present:

### *The Outsiders*

#### Performances and Times:

Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 pm  
Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, December 8th at 7:00 pm  
Sunday, December 9th 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!

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Cub Scout Corner

Oceanport Pack 58 kicked off the Scout year with a pack meeting dedicated to welcoming new Tigers. The meeting started with a powerpoint presentation to show the kids and parents important information about the Pack. This was followed by skits performed by the individual dens, a fun barrel game for Tigers, and stations of activities, such as knot tying using licorice ropes, team-work cup stacking, make your own trail mix, and making rain sticks. Tigers were also invited to attend a Wolf den meeting.

The last Sunday in September, members of our pack provided a very important service to support runners from New Jersey's Run For the Fallen. This run is dedicated to fallen soldiers from NJ and there are mile markers the entire length of the state. The boys got to cheer on the runners, offer water, and hold the flags that the runners carry as they provided runners with a quick break. What a rewarding and humbling experience to all who attended.

Members of the pack had a dessert fundraiser in October. These frozen treats, pies and cheesecakes are expected to be delivered before Thanksgiving. Thank you for all of the community support! Also in October, there was the annual Blackberry overnight. This year there was a wilderness expert teaching beneficial outdoor survival skills. Scouts and siblings had a great experience!

Each den has also been working on their required advancements as well as going on interesting Go-Sees. Oceanport's community and local business owners are always so welcoming to hosting the scouts. Oceanport's First Aid Squad provided a tour and lesson on first aid to the Webelos den. This den also had an exciting experience while on a walk. The goal of their hike was to give each boy a chance to be the den "leader" and teach their peers something related to the Outdoor Code. While on the beach, they spotted an injured seagull near the water that was tangled in fishing line. They assessed the situation and contacted the park ranger to free the bird. Great job, Webelos!

The dens have many more plans scheduled the next few months, such as touring Grounds for Sculpture, painting more fire hydrants, presenting a homemade "Little Free Library" to Oceanport, volunteering with Pick Your Paw dog rescue, learning about bagels, making ice cream, and personal fitness!

This is a successful Pack because of the dedicated parent volunteers and the welcoming community we live in. Thank you to all who participate. If you are interested in Cub Scouts as a member or a volunteer, or have a great idea you would like to share, please contact just.elk@gmail.com

### The Lion Roars

The Oceanport Lions Club needs your help! Please give the gift of service to help us help others. The Lions Club needs new members to help us continue the service work that we do.

The Oceanport Lions are asking all Oceanport residents to help in their membership drive. If you think, you might have an interest talk to us. Come to one of our meetings, dinner will be on us.

#### For more information:

Contact Lion John M Bonforte Sr.

Cell (908) 489-9090

Email: johnsr@monmouthrubber.com

For more than 50 years The Oceanport Lions have been helping Oceanport residents.

#### Here are a few of the projects:

- In 1971 The Lions built the Oceanport swim club at no cost to Oceanport taxpayers.
- Donated money over several years so the Borough could buy a new copier.
- Donated \$25,000 for the purchase of the digital sign at Borough Hall.

#### Oceanport Lions Vision Screening Program

In 2015, the Oceanport Lions began to donate their time and energy to perform Annual Vision Screenings for pre-k and early elementary children in Monmouth County schools, including:

- Wolf Hill School in Oceanport
- St. Jerome's School in West Long Branch
- Lenna W. Conrow School in Long Branch
- Morris Avenue School in Long Branch
- Joseph M. Ferraina ECLC in Long Branch.

Since 2015 we have performed Vision Screenings to over a thousand students. For Vision Screening information please contact Joan Lennon at (732) 759-8776.

#### Where your donations go...

Oceanport Lions club donates all funds raised in its charitable activities.

- It does not use publicly raised funds towards administrative costs or facility overhead costs, such as buildings, etc.
- 100% raised 100% donated.
- Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. Founded in 1917, the association's motto is "We Serve."