# The Oceanport Bulletin



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## Mayor's Message

I joined about 50 Oceanport residents for a bus tour of Fort Monmouth on Saturday, March 16th and I believe that if there are more bus tours of this type more Oceanport residents should take advantage of this unique opportunity to get a first-hand look at what has --- and what hasn't --- taken place in furtherance of the Fort's redevelopment since the Fort's closure. By all accounts, those who participated were pleased with what they saw and heard.

The Fort Monmouth property is comprised of approximately 1100 acres, all of which are within the borders of Oceanport, Tinton Falls, and Eatontown. About 430 acres are located within the Borough of Oceanport. When the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority was created by our state legislators in 2010 (over Oceanport's objections), FMERA was designated as the entity charged with the duty of redeveloping the entire parcel. Boiled down to its essential elements, the net effect of this legislation was that FMERA became the property owner (subject to numerous restrictions) of what was formerly as Fort Monmouth. FMERA's development of the property is subject to what is known as the "Fort Monmouth Reuse and Redevelopment Plan" which was drawn up and approved in 2008 by another state- created agency called the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority (FMERPA). If you've been here a while, you may remember the series of public charettes conducted by FMER-PA in Oceanport, Tinton Falls, and Eatontown as this Reuse Plan was being constructed. The final document is mindnumbingly long and data intensive. What is most important to remember about this Reuse Plan, however, is its mandate that 720 residential units have to be built in the Oceanport section and that the State of New Jersey's affordable housing regulations - requiring that 20% of the units must be affordable housing units - apply to the entirety of the property.

The Oceanport section, also known as the Main Post, includes the "400 District" (which is the right hand side of Oceanport Avenue as you head towards Little Silver), the Marina Parcel (where the restaurant is), Barker's Circle (the dormitory like buildings across the street from Riverside Avenue which includes the site of our current police station), the Allison Hall Parcel (where the big "golf balls" used to be along Oceanport Avenue), the Lodging Parcel (to the west of Allison Hall and scheduled to be sold by FMERA to Somerset Development for the development of 185 residential living units), East Gate (68 old officers' quarters units which are being offered for sale right now), Liberty Walk (48 rental units

## Calendar of Events Apri1

1-30	Spring Leaf Collection
1-30	Women's Recreation Tennis Signups
3	Board of Health Meeting
4	Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting
8	Environmental Commission Meeting
9	Planning Board Meeting
11	Water Watch Committee Meeting
13	Easter Egg Scramble @ 11:00 am
	(Rain date 4/14 @ 2:00pm)
17	Oceanport Board of Education Meeting
17	Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
18	Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
23	Planning Board Meeting
28	NJ Marathon Runs Through Oceanport

## May

1 Quarterly Property Taxes Due
1 Action Camp Registration Begins
2 Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting
2 Shore Regional Board of Education Meeting
3 Parks and Recreation Mini-Golf Tournament
4 3rd Annual Oceanport Color Run
8 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
12 Happy Mother's Day
Recycling
Zone 1 First and Third Wednesday of the Month
Zone 2 First and Third Thursday of the Month

### "Go Gray in May" For Brain Tumor Awareness Month

In, 2009, The Kortney Rose Foundation (KRF) worked with the NJ legislators to craft and pass a resolution that annually calls upon the NJ Governor to proclaim, by the proclamation that May is Brain Tumor Awareness Month.

KRF's offering a limited number of "Go Gray in May" starter kids to help you decorate your house. Why Gray? The gray awareness color comes from the term "grey matter" which is the makeup of a person's brain. Order on the website at thekortneyrosefoundation.org. Feel free to add the KRF colors of pink and purple to the mix. Have fun but just remember to highlight the gray so its not confused with other awareness programs. This is a very visible way to bring attention to this important issue that affects children and adults.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**



## **Spring Leaf Collection**

April 1st – 30th

Leaves ONLY are collected during the month of April. LEAVES only should be raked to the curb free of any debris, twigs, stones, branches, etc. for the Public Works Department to pick up. Please do not put leaves in plastic bags. For questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (848) 456-4668 or publicworks@oeanportboro.com

## **Metal Items and Tires**

### Metal pickups are made on Mondays.

Appliances, tires, and metals will be picked up by the Oceanport Public Works Department. Items must be placed at the curb with all doors removed. To schedule a metal pick-up, please call (848) 456-4668 or (732) 222-8221. Place items at the curb by Sunday evening.

## **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 third Wednesday of each month, weather permitting, at the Blackberry Bay Pavilion. Social time with refreshments begins at 1:00 pm followed by a meeting at 1:30 pm. Luncheon meetings start at 12:30 pm. Many meetings include an informative presentation by a guest speaker or entertainment.

The March 20th meeting will begin at 12:30 pm with a corned beef and cabbage lunch, followed by an educational program presented by the Monmouth County Department of Consumer Affairs. At the April 17th meeting a representative from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department will present the IDENT-ADULT emergency photo identification care program.

A special trip is planned for April 3rd to Stony Hill in Hackensack for "A Little Bit of Country and A Little Bit of Rock and Roll", departing from the Port-au-Peck Fire House at 9:30 am. Tickets are \$50 for members and \$75 for guests. Please 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, a bargain considering that some meetings include free or low-cost lunch, and refreshments are served at all the others.

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. Please call Marie Quackenbush at (732) 229-0454 for more information.

## Oceanport Takes the Trex Plastic Film Challenge!

March 1 – August 31, 2019

The goal is to collect 500 lbs of recyclable plastic film in the next six months. If the community successfully completes this challenge, Oceanport will receive a Trex bench! Recycling bins are located inside at Wolf Hill School, Maple Place School, Borough Hall, and Oceanport's First Aid Squad. Clean, dry plastic bags, and film packaging can be dropped off during business hours. An additional bin is located at residential address 144 Monmouth Blvd. Help our students complete their challenge by August 31st!

#### Examples of plastic film:

Grocery bags Bread bags Case overwrap Dry cleaning bags Newspaper sleeves Ice bags Ziplock and other reclosable bags Produce bags Bubble wrap Salt bags Cereal liners Pallet wrap or stretch wrap Bags on clothing

For questions, please contact Kim at kimberlyatienza@hotmail.com or Kathy at kathy380@verizon.net. Status updates can be found on the Oceanport Residents Facebook page.

## **Election/Voter Information**

In order to vote in the Primary Election on June 4, 2019, one must register on or before May 14, 2019. For more information concerning registration, voting, or vote by mail ballots, please visit the Borough website at oceanportboro.com and click on the tab Voter Information.



May 29th – June 2nd 6:00 – 10:00 pm Monmouth Park Parking Area • Bracelet Night Specials Great food, games, animals, rides, and fun! OceanportLionsClub.com

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# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### Oceanport Police Traffic Advisory NJ Marathon Runs Through Oceanport on Sunday, April 28th

The Oceanport Police Department advises that the 2019 New Jersey Marathon and Half Marathon will start and run though Oceanport on Sunday, April 28th. The marathon (full and half marathons) will begin at the Monmouth Park Race Track entrance off Oceanport Ave at 7:30 am.

The course runs from the Main Gate at Monmouth Park off Oceanport Ave onto Crescent Pl. Runners then proceed north on Eatontown Blvd. to Wolf Hill Ave., east on Pemberton Ave. to Oceanport Ave. then south to Port Au Peck Ave. Then proceed east to Myrtle Ave. and make a left turn north on Myrtle Ave to Monmouth Blvd to Port Au Peck. Runners then turn left north onto Port Au Peck Ave., proceed north to Pocano Ave., then south on Comanche Dr. Runners will then turn left onto Monmouth Blvd. and head over the Pleasure Bay Bridge into Long Branch.

Oceanport Ave. between the Main Gate of the Track and Port au Peck Ave will close at 5:30 am. Roadways in Oceanport, along and near the marathon route, will close at 7:00 am and will reopen to traffic as the last runners run from west to east, and eventually cross the Pleasure Bay Bridge. All roadways within Oceanport will open to vehicle traffic by approximately 9:30 am. Roadways in the western and central sections of Oceanport will reopen much earlier. Oceanport Ave. from the Main Gate of the Racetrack to Port Au Peck Ave. will remain closed until 5:00 pm.

All residents are asked to plan ahead, as vehicles will not be able to move through the many sections of Oceanport during this time. Residents who reside from Myrtle Ave. and points west can travel out of town via Bridgewater's Dr. to Oceanport Ave./Main St. Residents who reside east of Branchport Ave. and south of Monmouth Blvd., can travel out of Oceanport via the Branchport Creek Bridge into Long Branch.

Residents that live north of Monmouth Blvd., and who reside in the Port Au Peck section between Monmouth Blvd. and Comanche Dr., can pre-position their vehicles and park them legally (do not block driveways or fire hydrants) on Hiawatha and Algonquin Aves west of Port Au Peck Ave. They can then exit Oceanport via Bayview Ave. to Monmouth Blvd. to Myrtle Ave. and travel west or north by crossing into Little Silver.

Parking will be prohibited on Wolf Hill Ave., Pemberton Ave., Monmouth Blvd., Port au Peck Ave. between Monmouth Blvd. and Pocano Ave., outside of Blackberry Bay Park on Port Au Peck Ave., Pocano Ave., and Comanche Dr. between Pocano Ave. and Monmouth Blvd. The Police Department asks that all parked vehicles be removed from the above listed roadways the night prior to the event. Any vehicles that remain the morning of the race will be towed. *Emergency No Parking* signs will be posted the night prior to the race.

If an emergency requires you to drive through the marathon area during this time, contact the Police Department at (732) 222-6300 for instructions and assistance. Event and Race information can be found on www.njmarathon.org. Any updates to this traffic advisorycan be found on the Oceanport Borough website at oceanportboro.com.

Any questions in regard to road closures, vehicle access during the race, or parking, can be addressed by calling the Police Department at (732) 222-6300, or via email at info@oceanportpolice.org.



## **Gardening Club News**

The Oceanport Garden Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month at the Pavilion in Blackberry Bay Park on Port-au-Peck Avenue. Meet and Greet is at 10:00 am. The meeting is called to order at 10:30 am. Speaker/Program starts at 11:30 and continues until 12:30 p.m.

At the March 28th meeting we will be joined by Alicia Vacchiano who will talk about and demonstrate the latest popular succulents which is a such a trend right now and looks lovely anywhere in the home and once warmer outside too! The April 25th meeting will consist of a trip to the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center in Howell NJ. The Club will leave at 12:30 pm for a 2:00 boat ride and tour. The cost is \$7.00 per person. The May 23rd meeting will be the creation of 108 arrangements in mugs for the Oceanport Gardens Senior Citizens Housing. And, in June, there will be the Installation of Officers at a place and time not yet determined.

You do not need to be a resident of Oceanport to join our Club. All are welcome. Please contact Penelope Gabriel at (732) 229-8274; MaryLou Chace at (732) 299-1837; or Sandy Crome at (732) 741-4080 for information.

### 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 f ormer 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 the Historical Committee at historical@oceanport.com with all submissions.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## **Cub Scout Corner**

Winter did not hold back Oceanport's Cub Scout Pack 58! The Pack was jam packed with activity. February's highly anticipated Pinewood Derby was a huge success! It brought many smiling faces as you can see here from the photo. The Pack meeting for the month of March was dedicated to the Webelos II boys to congratulate them and wish them luck as they became Boy Scouts. This crossing over ceremony

was celebrated with a dinner catered by Cluck U Chicken, a scout favorite! During April, the Pack plans to be around town to help clean up our community.

Some of the special events within the dens included the Tigers attending a basketball game at Monmouth University. The

Wolves have been working hard on many den activities. The Bear Den partnered with Red Bank Veterinary Hospital to work on one of their requirements. And, Webelos I have been active visiting the Paterson Great Falls National Park for a history lesson, as well as a visit to AFC Urgent Care in West Long Branch to learn about preventing sports injuries.



Scouting is a great way to get involved in the community, build confidence and leader skills, and create wonderful memories. In our community, you can join scouts as a first grader. If you or someone you know is interested in joining or volunteering in Cub Scouts, please contact our Cubmaster at just.elk@gmail.com

# SCHOOL/LIBRARY NEWS

## Oceanport Library Association Sal Gentile \$1000 Scholarship

#### Requirements

- 1. Must be an Oceanport resident.
- 2. Must be a high school senior furthering their education.
- 3. Must submit a high school transcript.
- 4. Must submit a letter of recommendation from a subject area teacher.

5. Must submit a typed 200 word essay on: How the library (school, local, county or other) contributed to your education.

6. Must submit by April 12, 2019 to: Oceanport Library, 8 Iroquois Ave., Oceanport, NJ 07757 Attention: Mrs. Risden

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Phone
Name of High School
College Enrolled – Fall of 2019
Signature of StudentDate

## **3rd Annual Oceanport**

Color Run! May 4th @ 10:00 am Blackberry Bay Park

Maple Place Middle School will host the annual community wide Color Splash FUNDrun on May 4th to raise money for their school 8th Grade Class of 2019 for their trip to Washington D.C. The Color Splash FUNDrun is an untimed 3.2 miles fun run for all ages and fitness abilities. Walk, jog, or run to the finish line! Along the route, participants pass through vibrant color zones, making it a "colorful experience". This event is fun for all ages and a great way to making running fun and exciting! Rather than sell goods, this fundraiser engages the entire student body and the community in a fitness initiative that encourages a healthy way of living.

You can sign up for the run by visiting secure.getactivefundraising.com and searching for Maple Place Middle School. Register by April 21st to guarantee a race bib, color pack, and t-shirt. Prerace fun begins at 9:00 am with a DJ, warm-up, bagels, and vendors!

Business sponsorship opportunities are also available. This is a great way to promote for any business and support your community. Please contact Sue Torchia at (732) 890-0744 for any questions.

## **SCHOOL/LIBRARY NEWS**

## **Oceanport Library News**

#### News from Branch Manager Barbara Eckert

The Oceanport Library is looking for creative, local people to participate in a club or group at the library on Tuesday afternoons once a month. Are you interested in setting up, organizing or just joining in an activity such as a game day – playing board games like scrabble, chess, backgammon or even bridge? Does knitting or crocheting appeal to you or simply doing a craft? Perhaps going to the library to see a movie would interest you? Do you know of someone who has a special skillset who might be interested in presenting a program at the library? Please call Barbara at (732) 229-2626 or drop an email at beckert@monmouthcountylib.org and let her know if you have any thoughts.

#### **Oceanport Children's Librarian News**

The Library has started a family storytime at 2:00 pm for children 2 years and older. If a child goes to preschool in the mornings, he/she is very welcome at the 2:00 pm storytime. In addition, the library welcomes children four years and over at the 4:00 pm storytime. There are fun stories read and wonderful crafts created!

#### Special Events during March and April -

Animal Presentation - Ages 3½ and up. Thursday, March 28th from 4:00 to 4:45 pm The Monmouth County Parks System brings live insects, amphibians, and reptiles and shares fascinating facts about them! Registration begins March 11th.

**Snow White and Friends -** Ages 2 and up. Thursday, April 4th from 4:30 to 5:15 pm. Back by popular demand, the Performing Arts Ensemble of Red Bank will present dance excerpts from Snow White and Friends. Registration begins March 21st.

Make Your Own Paper Bag Animal Puppet – Ages 4 and up. Thursday, April 11th from 4:00 to 4:40 pm. Choose either a cow, lion, parrot, elephant or frog for your puppet. Space is limited. Registration begins April 1st.

As always, please check the library website at monmouthcountylib.org for information about additional programs.



During the month of May, In Oceanport Schools **Kortney's Cash for a Cure** Fundraiser will take place.

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comprised of what was previously non-commissioned officers housing), the Squier Hall parcel (proposed site of a satellite campus of New Jersey City University), the MacCafee Complex (45 acres and a 100,000 sf building which is set to go out for bid shortly as a Green Tech Campus or Research Park), the Nurses' Quarters (3.75 acres just off of Main Street that is slotted for 24 residential units), the Warehouse District (8 acres for non-residential use), the Post Office District (6 acres for non-residential use).

Several parcels have already been sold and, because they have been sold, they are considered to be part of Oceanport and can be found on our tax rolls. These properties include Russel Hall, Liberty Walk, East Gate, the Oceanport Municipal Complex, Everlasting Life Church, Family Promise and Acute Care. Right now, the Fort Monmouth property is a hodge-podge of County owned property, Army owned property, FMERA owned property and privately-owned property. When it is complete, because of the great number of commercial properties and the large number of residential units within the 430 acres, it will most likely have a different feel and different vibe than the rest of Oceanport. Given the fact that its full development will increase our town's land mass and housing stock by a third, it is important that Oceanport's citizens be aware of what is happening on the Fort property. To that end, more of us should be attending planning board, municipal council and FMERA meetings. Change is not always good, but its not always bad, either. The more we educate ourselves about these changes, the better prepared we will be to shape them and ensure that our community continues to thrive.

Finally, I would like to apologize to Ryan Chiavo, the second-place award winner in the Borough's annual calendar contest. Her name was printed incorrectly on the back of our Borough calendar and for that we are sorry. Next year, we will put Buddy Brocklebank in charge of the contest to ensure that a similar mistake is not made.



### APPLICATION FOR OCEANPORT LIONS SCHOLARSHIP

The Oceanport Lions Club has a scholarship available for High School Seniors planning to further their education by attending a college or university. Any senior high school student who resides in Oceanport or is a son or daughter or grandchild of a Lion member in good standing may apply.

The award will be based on school academic achievements, school activities, community service, and a TYPEWRITTEN essay of at least 500 words. Applications may be obtained from your Guidance Counselor.

For additional information, please contact your high school scholarship counselor first or you may contact Mark Barreca, Lions Club Scholarship Committee Chair, at (201) 563-2948 or at mjbarreca@comcast.net.

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## POSTAL PATRON OCEANPORT, NEW JERSEY 07757

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## **RECREATION NEWS**

### WOMEN'S SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

#### Let the Games Begin!

Whether you are a veteran tennis player or have been meaning to start/restart playing, this is a league for you! The Oceanport Women's Tennis Program is a fun league (with some mild competition) where you get out on the courts, possibly meet new people, and get some exercise.

Sign-up (singles and doubles, evening and daytime) begins April 1st and ends April 30th. Participants must be Oceanport residents. This year, we will have both online sign up at http://bit.ly/OCPtennis and paper sign up at the Borough Hall. League play begins Monday, June 3rd for nine weeks, with last scheduled matches the week of July 29th.

Daytime doubles matches are played weekday mornings beginning at 8:00 am and 9:00 am. Evening matches are played on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. **\*\*Please check that you are available for your sched-uled day of play before you sign up!\*\*** Singles matches are played at times arranged by players within a scheduled time frame. Double matches scheduled during the weeks when school is still in session are played at either 4:00 pm or 5:00 pm. All daytime matches are played at the Community Center tennis courts on Port au Peck Ave. Evening matches are played at both Community Center and Blackberry Bay Park, if needed.

\*\*If you have vacation scheduled for two weeks or more during June and July, please do not sign up as rescheduling is burdensome for all players.\*\* Doubles League Schedule

> A league – Monday B league – Tuesday C league – Wednesday D league – Thursday E league – Friday

Daytime doubles league play will be limited to 60 players. Evening doubles league play will be limited to 16 players. League positions will be assigned first to those who played last year. New players are added in order of their sign-up and will be called if we are unable to accommodate you. Also, one scorekeeper is needed for each league. If interested, please indicate on the sign-up sheet. Please also indicate if you are available to play as a substitute or are a new player. You will be called prior to league play to advise if there will be a new player meeting.

Match schedules will be emailed and also be available for pick up at Borough Hall beginning May 14th. The rules will be attached to the back of your schedule so please review them. If you have any questions, please contact either league coordinator Debbie Peterson at 4xpeterson.ddtj@comcast.net; call/text (401) 474-6477 or co-coordinator Natalie Zilincar at natalie1@gmail.com; call/text (908) 309-3664.

To sign up online: http://bit.ly/OCPtennis



The Parks & Recreation Committee Invites You to Hop on by for the Annual Easter Egg Scramble! Saturday, April 13th at 11:00 am Community Center Park Candy and Prizes!

Bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny too. Raindate: Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 pm (please note time change),

Oceanport Parks & Recreation Committee Presents the 7th Annual Mini-Golf Tournament

Sponsored by and held at the Blue Grass Mini-Golf at Monmouth Park Friday, May 3rd at 5:00 pm The tournament is FREE to Oceanport

residents. Age groups are as follows: K – 4th grade, 5th – 8th grade, high schoolers, and adults. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. For questions and/or to pre-register please call Mike MacStudy at (732)859-9912.

### For Summer Planning Purposes... Action Camp 2019 June 24th - July 26th

Registration forms will be available May 1st on the Borough website at oceanportboro.com Contact the Recreation Coordinator via email at OPRec@oceanportboro.com for any questions.



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