

# The Oceanport Bulletin



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## Mayor's Message

The kids are out of school, summer is barreling along, and our little borough of Oceanport is in full bloom. Monmouth Park Racetrack has had a prosperous meet so far (with a 7% increase in attendance and a 2% increase in its handle as of the end of last month) and the State of New Jersey had a greater sports betting handle than Nevada in the month of June! Of course, New Jersey biggest racing day -- which includes The Haskell and the Oceanport Stakes -- takes place at Monmouth Park and will serve to make the 2019 meet an even bigger success.

But horseracing and sports betting aren't the only reasons to visit Monmouth Park. On August 4th, the 14th Annual Kortney's Challenge 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk will start behind the gates at the main entrance of the track and this very Oceanport event promises to be the biggest and best one to date. Registration and check-in start at 8:30 a.m. and the race starts at 10:00 a.m. sharp. The rest of the summer offerings at Monmouth Park include a Picnic Pig Roast, a Mardi Gras Festival, a BBQ & Craft Beer Festival, Trucktemberfest, Oktoberfest and Rockfest. The only thing missing is a Buddy Brocklebankfest!

The Borough is also making headway with both the new Borough Hall Complex at the Fort (bids are being taken this month) and the development of the old Borough Hall Complex. It is hoped that both will be under way before the end of 2019.

With Action Camp in full swing and with the kids out of school, I need to remind everyone to drive a little bit slower on the streets of Oceanport. This is a year 'round issue for us, but it is especially important that we slow down and take our time when we drive during the summer months. Roll your windows down, take your foot off the gas and enjoy the sights and sounds of Oceanport at a slower speed.

It has been an especially hot summer and, as many of you are aware, the Oceanport Pool at Blackberry Bay Park is not open for business for the first time in since it was built. Not many people know that the pool facility was financed and built mostly by members of the Oceanport Lions Club in the 1970s so that Oceanport could have its own little chlorinated oasis within Blackberry Bay Park. Beginning in the late 70s, the facility was operated and managed by the Oceanport Lions Swim Club (an entity unrelated to the Oceanport Lions Club) pursuant to a lease agreement with the Borough of Oceanport (the pool is on borough property). Much in the same way that the Borough's youth rec sports programs are run by volunteers, the pool was run by volunteers.

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## Calendar of Events

### July

- 4 . . . . . Happy Independence Day, Borough Offices Closed
- 5 . . . . . Borough Offices Closed
- 8 . . . . . Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
- 8 . . . . . Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 9 . . . . . Planning Board Meeting
- 10 . . . . . Board of Health Meeting
- 10 . . . . . Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 18 . . . . . Mayor & Council Regular and Workshop Meeting
- 24 . . . . . Oceanport School District  
Board of Education Regular Meeting
- 25 . . . . . Shore Regional High School  
Board of Education Meeting
- 26 . . . . . Last Day of Action Camp

### August

- 1 . . . . . 3rd Quarter Property Taxes Due
- 4 . . . . . Kortney's Challenge Fun Run/Walk
- 10 . . . . . Movies in the Park at Blackberry,  
*Ralph Breaks the Internet*
- 12 . . . . . Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
- 12 . . . . . Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 13 . . . . . Planning Board Meeting
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- 22 . . . . . Shore Regional High School  
Board of Education Meeting

### September

- 2 . . . . . Labor Day, Borough Offices Closed,  
Trash will be picked up
- 5 . . . . . Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting
- 7 . . . . . Summer's End Festival (Raindate: 9/8)
- 10 . . . . . Planning Board Meeting
- 14 . . . . . Movies in the Park at Blackberry
- 19 . . . . . Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- 24 . . . . . Planning Board Meeting
- 28 & 29 . . . . . Annual Garage Sale Weekend

### Recycling

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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Borough Notes and Reminders

- Please note August has 5 weeks - NO recycling pick up the last week of August
- Please do not blow grass in the street
- Please no parking on the grass
- Garbage cans should only be placed out after 6:00 pm the night before your collection day and should be removed from the curb before end of collection day.

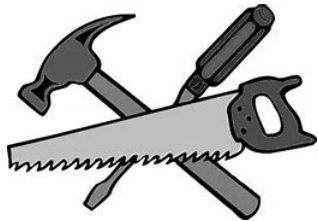
## Mark Your Calendar!

### Annual Garage Sale Weekend

**Saturday, 9/28 and Sunday, 9/29**  
**Rain date: 10/5 and 10/6**

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

Registration begins September 4th and ends on September 25th. The Borough will advertise the event in the *Asbury Park Press* and the LINK News with an ad directing those interested to the Borough's website for the list of participants addresses and map.



## Home Improvement Reminder

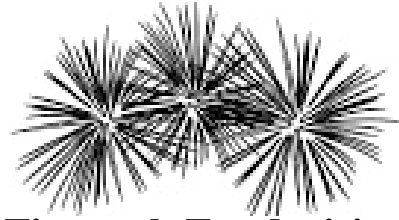
Warmer weather is here and brings a busy time for Oceanport! Residents are eager to start cleaning up after the long, cold winter. Sometimes, a little too eager, and before making sure the improvements they want to complete do not require approval from the town.

This is a friendly reminder that before work gets started give the Construction Department a call to see if any town approvals are required. If you have a contractor, he or she should do his/her due diligence as far as town approvals before proceeding with the work.

Below is an example of work that would need prior approval from the town:

- Any changes to the grading of your property
- Building a patio and/or a deck
- Installing a driveway, curbing, walkway, retaining wall
- Installation of pavers, mailboxes, fences
- Landscape along the road (Borough Right of Way)

When in doubt, just give the Construction Department a call at (732) 222-0641. Please know that any work done without prior approval, may be subject to fines and penalties. Let's all do our



## Annual Firework Fundraising Drive

### Please Give Your Support to the Annual Summer's End Firework Fund

The Oceanport Parks and Recreation Committee is once again gearing up for their annual Summer's End Festival on September 7th. Your continued support is needed for the spectacular fireworks display! Please consider donating to the fireworks fund by sending in the enclosed envelope. Please make checks payable to the Borough of Oceanport Summer's End.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this Oceanport pastime!

## WANTED:

### Your Gently Used Plastic Toys

Donate your outgrown toys to help deserving children and keep plastic toys out of landfills. Eatontown Department of Public Works and Second Chance Toys have teamed up to collect your gently used plastic toys for children in need.

**When:** Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Where:** Eatontown Public Works Office  
250 Pinebrook Road, Eatontown

**What:** Plastic Toys

- Clean
- No missing parts
- Batteries work



Contact Emily at Eatontown Public Works with any questions at (732) 389-7651 or at [dpw@eatontownnj.com](mailto:dpw@eatontownnj.com).



## Oceanport Community Garden's 6th Annual Chili and Salsa Contest

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

**Saturday, September 7th, Blackberry Bay Park**  
**6:00- 7:00 pm. (Rain date: Sunday, September 8th)**

Registration forms can be found at Borough Hall or can be printed online at [oceanportboro.com](http://oceanportboro.com)

Just eat for \$1 sampling vote/\$5 family sampling vote.

Chili and salsa will be judged by a distinguished panel of judges. Town-wide contest. Prizes will be awarded to the Top 3 Winners. All varieties of chili and salsa are welcome.

All chili entries must be submitted in a crock pot and all salsa entries must be submitted in an ice bath.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



The Oceanport Garden Club was happy to make and deliver more than 100 flower arrangements to the Oceanport Garden Seniors last May.

## Garden Club News

The Oceanport Garden Club closed out this season with a delicious luncheon at the picturesque Salt Creek Restaurant in Rumson on June 14th. The Club bid farewell to outgoing President Maureen Chenoweth and welcomed their incoming President Debbie Smith and her Executive Board. They are working hard getting the programs ready for our session that resumes in September.

Some of the programs the Club is looking forward to and has in place are:

- In September, the Club will travel to Seabrook to view the gardens there hosted by Jackie Cole.
- In October, Ellen from Pleasant Valley Lavender will make a presentation.
- In November, Monmouth County Recycling will meet with the members.

Starting in October the Club will be meeting at the First Aid Building. More information about that will be in a future OP Bulletin issue. Even though the Club does not meet in July and August, members will be attending to areas in and around town to make sure the plants and flowers are watered, etc.

You do not need to be a resident in Oceanport to join the Oceanport Gardening Club. Anyone is welcome! Dues are only \$25.00 a year. A bargain – so join up now!! Please contact any of the following to learn more about the Club. Penelope Gabriel at (732) 229-8274; MaryLou Chace at (732) 299-1837 or Sandy Crome at (732) 741-4080.

## Oceanport's 43rd Annual Summer's End Festival!

**Saturday, September 7th from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Rain date: Sunday, September 8th**

Join your community to celebrate this Oceanport staple with family and friends!

### **Schedule events include:**

5:00 pm the Festival Begins

8:30 Spectacular Fireworks Display

### **Entertainment & Participants:**

Live Band: The Breakdown

Kids' Moon Bounce & Attractions

Rock Wall

### **Food Vendors**

### **Civic Organizations**

### **Balloon Art & Face Painting**

Horseshoe Tournament during the day (contact Lee Poole at leeg.poole@gmail.com or (908) 433-6973).

Chili and Salsa Competition (Contact Ellynn Kahle to register at (732) 614-2317).

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**

## Calvary Baptist Church Presents Roar Vacation Bible School

**from July 22nd - 26th**

Calvary Baptist Church is looking forward to a fantastic vacation bible school this year. Their Christian-based summer camp helps kids discover that they're lovingly crafted by God. This year students will experience an African adventure. Through the lessons, the kids will discover a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Kids discover important truths and dive right into the Bible. At Roar Vacation Bible School, kids learn one important Bible Point each day and it's reinforced often through Bible adventures, key Bible verses, songs, snacks and hands-on explorations that help children know they were created by God and built for a purpose. At the end of the week, join us for a Friday night family BBQ including songs and lessons that the campers learned!

Roar Vacation Bible School takes place from July 22nd through July 26th from 6:00-8:00pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 1305 Eatontown Blvd., Oceanport, NJ. The camp is free, and all campers must be age 4 through those entering 7th grade. All children from the community are welcome! For further information and to pre-register for the camp, please contact Calvary Baptist Church at (732) 542-2226. Please leave a message with each child's first and last name and birthdate, with the grade your child is entering this fall plus your phone number, email and postal address.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Water Droplets: Tips from Oceanport WaterWatch

Oceanport is almost surrounded by water – being bordered by Parker’s, Oceanport, and Branchport Creeks and the Shrewsbury River. Did you know that your individual actions on your property affect the health of these waterways?

Water – whether it be from rain, or the use of water for washing cars, power-washing, landscaping, gardening, or pool draining – washes or runs off lawns, driveways, parking lots, and streets and roadways into storm drains (the metal grates in streets to alleviate road flooding) that lead directly to these waterways. Much to many residents’ surprise, this “stormwater runoff” does not get treated or filtered. Anything that is on these surfaces can be washed into our creeks, rivers, bays, and, ultimately, the ocean.

That’s right: so whether it be when Fido’s waste doesn’t get picked-up and put in the garbage, or when someone throws a cigarette butt or garbage out their vehicle window or on the ground, or when homeowners and businesses spray pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers on their properties, this can all find its way into our coastal waters, thereby posing harm to the wildlife in and around these waterways, and possibly impacting human health as well. Pollutants in this runoff – such as bacteria, nitrogen, and phosphorus – can lead to the following impacts: closed beaches and shellfish beds, algal blooms which can lead to fish kills, contaminated sediments in waterways (which can be problematic and costly if dredging is needed), alterations in the life cycles of aquatic organisms, public health risks and fish consumption advisories for humans, and hazards to wildlife through ingestion of and entanglement with litter.

Though people and their everyday habits are often the source of this pollution, we can easily be the solution: don’t litter, cleanup after pets whether walking around town or on your own property; follow state guidelines for using fertilizers (and remind your landscapers as well); reduce or eliminate use of fertilizers and pesticides; inform your neighbors and friends; and be mindful of what you are using on your property as it directly can impact the waters that surround our town, and beyond.

*Kari Martin is a resident and member of the Oceanport WaterWatch Committee. The Committee meets monthly, on the second Monday of the month at Borough Hall at 7pm. Committee members perform monthly water quality tests at multiple locations.*

## Oceanport Parks & Recreation Committee Presents:

### 8th Annual Movies in the Park!

Enjoy a free and fun night at the movies under the stars at Blackberry Bay this summer! Movie begins at dusk. Please bring a blanket and chair to be comfortable. You are also welcomed to bring your own food and beverages (no alcohol permitted).

**Saturday, August 10th - Ralph Breaks the Internet**

**Saturday, September 14th - Movie TBD**

*Mark your calendars!*

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## Senior Club Notes

Membership in the Senior Citizens Club of Oceanport is open to any Oceanport resident who is 55 years or older. The club meets on the third Wednesday of each month, weather permitting, at the Blackberry Bay Pavilion. Social time begins at 12:30 P.M. followed by a business meeting at 1:30. Many meetings include informative presentations by guest speakers or have entertainment. Dessert is served at each meeting, and some also include lunch.

Our annual “Ice Cream Social” will take place on July 17 with lots of ice cream and cookies plus a music performance by Kim D’Amico Dalton. A delicious barbecue lunch will be served at the August 21st meeting, and the September 18th meeting will cater to “gamblers” with “Casino Day.”

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 all meetings include dessert and beverages, and some also include free or low-cost lunch.

Some Club members meet to play cards at 9:00 A.M. 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.

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Following the 2016 summer season, however, the volunteers who had overseen the operations of the pool on behalf of the Oceanport Lions Swim Club advised the Borough that it was no longer fiscally feasible for them to continue to maintain and operate the facility and that they were no longer going to do so. In a nutshell, a continuing decline in membership and a concurrent rise in operating costs meant that the pool club was no longer financially viable. For the next two years, the pool was operated and managed by the YMCA, the only entity that responded to the Borough’s RFP for the pool concession. This past winter, the YMCA advised the Borough that it would not be able to operate the pool for the 2019 summer season and, despite the Municipal Council’s best efforts, the Borough did not get any credible responses to our RFP for the pool concession this year.

The Oceanport Pool has been a part of the fabric of Oceanport for several generations, but we can’t keep the pool open at any cost. Like any other municipal program, the Municipal Council will have to weigh the costs and benefits in order to determine what the future holds for this amenity. In its absence, I hope we can all enjoy our backyard pools, beach clubs, and the Shrewsbury River to keep cool and have fun this summer. Enjoy every moment of it because Labor Day weekend is right around the corner!

# SCHOOL/LIBRARY NEWS



Pictured here is Hailey Katzenberger, the 2019 Oceanport Library Association's Sal Gentile \$1,000 Scholarship. Beside her is Linda Risden, President of the Oceanport Library Association. Hailey will attend George Washington University in Washington D.C. this fall. Best of luck to her!

## Summertime Library News

The Read-to-Me and Vacation Reading Clubs are well under way and will run through August 10th. There is still plenty of time to register and finish the program which is all online. Go to the library's website at [monmouthcountylib.org](http://monmouthcountylib.org) and find Summer Reading to create your own reading account. Vacation Reading Club (VRC) members need to read 480 minutes (8 hours) to finish the program and Read-to-Me Club members need to have 20 books read to them. The program ends August 10th so start logging in minutes and books. The theme this year is *A Universe of Stories*. Children in the VCR who read 240 minutes and children

in the Read-to-Me Club who have listened to ten books get to pick a prize from the Treasure Chest. When the VRC children have read 480 minutes they get a spy agent pen; the Read-to-Me children will get a glitter balloon ball after they have listened to 20 books. There is a paperback of choice prizes for children who have read 16 hours or more and for those who have listened to 40 books. There will also be weekly drawings and the prizes are terrific! The Wolf Hill School has required reading this summer and the minutes that the children have to read can also be applied to the VCR. There are also programs for Young Adults (Grades 6 – 12) and Adults. Just consult the Monmouth County Library homepage for more information about requirements for those programs.

The Oceanport Library has some wonderful and special programs planned for July and August. Please try to attend one or all of them. Registration is required for all programs. Register in person or call (732) 229-2626 during library hours.

**Engineering Awesomeness!** – Ages 4 and up, Thursday, July 18th, 4:00 - 5:00 pm Build some super cool STEM projections using LEGO® bricks and motors! Catapults, windmills, and more LEGO® engineering projects will make this summer super fun. Have a blast with this workshop from Snapology! Registration begins July 5th.

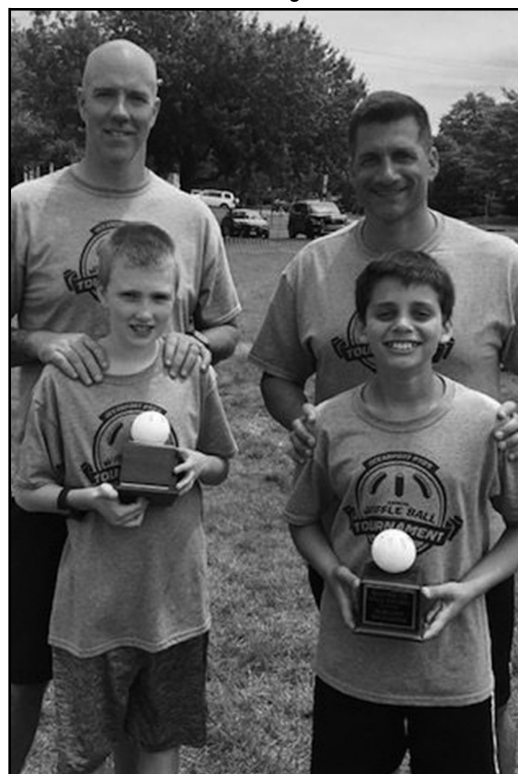
**Read to Spice** – Ages 3 and up, Thursday, August 1st from 4:00 - 4:30 pm Practice oral reading and storytelling skills with our therapy dog Spice. If you are reading, bring a book from home or choose one from the library. If not yet reading, tell Spice a story or talk about the pictures in a book. Registration begins July 22nd.

**Read-To-Me Club & Vacation Reading Club Celebration – All are welcome!** Thursday, August 15th, 10:30 - 11:15 am.

Travel Up, Up and Away...Into Space! With Mad Science of West New Jersey. Enjoy a hands-on show featuring astronomy, planets, rockets, and more, followed by a pizza lunch and beverage! Registration begins August 1st.

The summer season is a perfect time to come to the library and take out a book or two or more or just browse! Lots to look at.

## Let's Play Ball!



Oceanport PTO is proud to Announce this year's winners of the 11th Annual PTO Whiffle Ball Tournament. Pictured here are Steve & Owen Solan with Chris & Joey Ilvento, winners of the Maple Place tournament. The winners of the Wolf Hill tournament are Kevin & Jack Cullen and Devon Monteferrante & Michael Ilvento. Congratulations to these guys!

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Oceanport Centennial Celebration Plans

On December 8th the Historical Committee will hold a Holiday Home Tour. The Committee is asking for residents from the community to volunteer their homes for tours, and in addition to some of the beautiful newer homes in town, they would love to include some of the Borough's classic older homes on the tour. This will be held from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm before the Borough's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. If you would like to volunteer your home for a tour please email the Committee at [oceanportcentennial@gmail.com](mailto:oceanportcentennial@gmail.com).

Looking a bit ahead to 2020, the Committee will have an Oceanport Day at Monmouth Park. A picnic area will be reserved for Oceanport residents, and there will be a race named after our celebration called "The Oceanport Centennial Race". It's scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2020, with a rain date of June 14, 2020. This will be a fun day for Oceanport's families, so please plan to come!

On Saturday, October 17, 2020, a Centennial Gala to be held at the Turf Room at Monmouth Park. This will be a Roaring '20's themed event, with guests requested to dress either in semi-formal attire or in Roaring '20's costume. So much excitement about this grand event! It will be a wonderful evening out right here in beautiful Oceanport!

There are other activities planned, and as soon as they are finalized, it will be featured in The *Oceanport Bulletin*, on the Borough's website, and on the Oceanport Residents Facebook page.

The Historical Committee is looking for sponsors for their Centennial Flags, which will be displayed on the light posts on Main Street in January 2020 after the Christmas wreaths are taken down. It would be a pleasure to have local businesses and business owners and/or families in town sponsor a flag in honor of the Centennial. Please contact Committee at [oceanportcentennial@gmail.com](mailto:oceanportcentennial@gmail.com) if you'd be interested in sponsoring a flag.

To volunteer for the Holiday Home Tour, for any questions or suggestions, if you have any information or photographs to share, or to volunteer to participate, please send an email to [oceanportcentennial@gmail.com](mailto:oceanportcentennial@gmail.com).



**Oceanport's very own superheros, better known as the Oceanport Volunteer First Aid Squad, pose here with Batmobile at the Strawberry Festival in June.**

### 911 News

The Oceanport First Aid Squad's fund drive is in full swing! Help them help you! They are volunteer and depend on the generosity of their friends in the community. The Club would like to thank all their neighbors who have already graciously donated.

As of June 11th, the Squad was dispatched to 248 calls. Total "man hours" for the month of May was 348.

If you have had the opportunity to drive by the first aid building, you may have noticed the beautiful plants and flowers graciously donated and planted by Oceanport resident volunteers. The Oceanport Volunteer First Aid Squad would like to thank:

- Oceanport Boy Scout Troop 58 - Brandon Weiss, Aiden Weiss, Nick Rhodes, Trevor McNicholas, Cameron Fleming, and John Fleming, Assistant Scout Master
- Oceanport Garden Club - Sigrid Lenzing, Maureen Chenoweth, and Christina Grimley
- Molzon Landscape Nursery - Jerry and Jackie Molzon, owners.
- Breakwater Title Agency - Timothy Chenoweth
- Richard Juliano

The Oceanport Volunteer First Aid Squad would also like to thank the following restaurants for the food they graciously donated to the squad while on "stand-by" during the Strawberry Fair: Rooney's, Long Branch, Nicky's Pizza and Subs, Oceanport, Marina Restaurant, Oceanport, and Scala's Pizza, Long Branch.