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Mayor's Message

I have answered a great number of questions about the redevelopment of the Fort Monmouth property over the past two months, so I thought it would be a good idea to provide everybody with the facts about the proposed residential development on the site.

The Fort Monmouth property covers just over 1100 acres in three different municipalities (Tinton Falls, Eatontown and Oceanport). The Oceanport section of Fort Monmouth is comprised of 419 acres. Approximately 85 acres are going to be dedicated to residential development, 188 acres are going to be dedicated to commercial development (office space, hi-tech space, warehousing, restaurants, schools, retail space) and 146 acres are going to be dedicated to open space (parks, roadways, greenspace, waterways, etc..) upon full build out.

Pursuant to the Fort Monmouth Reuse and Redevelopment Plan (which can be viewed on FMERA's website), there seven separate residential sites within Oceanport's section of the Fort. These seven sections take up about 85 acres and are now known as follows: The Lodging District, Barker Circle, the 400 Area, RPM North, RPM South, Acute Care, and the Nurse's Quarters.

The Lodging District, about 15 acres, is slated to have 180 residential units built on it. 143 of these units are to be high-end townhomes for sale, priced anywhere from \$700,000 to \$900,000, and 37 additional units are slated (as required by law) to be affordable housing units, which will be rentals. The affordable housing units will be housed in two existing buildings on the site that cannot be knocked down because they are within the historic district.

Barker Circle, about 19.5 acres in total, has about seven acres dedicated to residential housing, six acres dedicated to commercial development and 6.5 acres dedicated to open space. It is proposed that 75 residential units will be built there. 60 residential units will be high-end market rentals and 15 residential units will be set aside for affordable housing, as is required by law.

RPM North (the old officer's housing) is comprised of 22.5 acres, 17 of which has residential housing on it and 5 of which is open space. RPM North has 68 for sale residential units on it. All units sold to date have been sold for amounts far in excess of their projected sale price and/or assessed value. You can go look at these units and view the development at any time.

RPM South (the old non-com quarters) is about nine acres in size and is comprised of 48 rental units, 24 of which are dedicated to affordable housing as required by law. You can look at these and view the development at any time.

Acute Care is where the Beacon of Life Facility is currently located. It is the site of the old hospital. The residential buildout calls for 81 total units on the three-acre site. These 81 units are pretty much completed, and you can go look at the development at any time. These units are designed to compliment the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) offered by Beacon of Life. PACE is a Medicare and Medicaid program that provides elderly citizens the option of meeting their health care needs in their community instead of going to a nursing home or other care facility.

The Nurse's Quarters are located on 3.5 acres of land just off of Main Street and are projected to have 35 residential units, seven

Calendar of Events

November

- 21..... Shore Regional Board of Education Meeting
- 26..... Planning Board Meeting
- 28 - 29..... Happy Thanksgiving, Borough Offices Closed

December

- 5..... Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting
- 6..... Oceanport Boy Scout Troop 58 Spaghetti Dinner
- 6 - 8..... Shore Regional HS Shore Players Presents
Frosty the Snowman and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*
- 7..... Oceanport First Aid Squad Christmas
Bazaar & Gift Auction
- 8..... Christmas Tree Lighting
- 8..... Oceanport Holiday House Tour
- 9..... Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
- 9..... Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 10..... Oceanport School District Referendum
- 10..... Planning Board Meeting
- 11..... Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 17 - 19..... Holiday Decorating Contest
- 18..... Oceanport Board of Education Meeting
- 19..... Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- 25..... Merry Christmas, Borough Offices Closed

January

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

of which will have to be affordable housing units as required by law.

The final property designated for residential development is the 400 Area. This is the property located on your right as you drive on Oceanport Avenue towards Little Silver. The 400 Area is just under 80 acres in size. 25 acres are going to be designated for residential use, 25 acres are proposed to be used for commercial/mixed use, and 30 acres will be dedicated to open space. All existing buildings on this property are to be demolished.

The 400 Area is slated for up to 233 residential units within the 25 acres allotted for residential development, of which 20% have to be affordable housing units. Despite what you may have heard, there is no plan (or money) to move the Little Silver Train Station to this site. That proposal was shot down a DECADE ago. Instead, what is proposed is a "transit village" type development allowing for easy access to the Little Silver Train Station.

Sorry for the dry nature of this message, but these are facts everybody should know. Even Buddy Brocklebank.

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.



Oceanport Boy Scout Troop 58

Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser
Friday, December 6th
5:00 – 8:00 pm
Maple Place School

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, and Assorted Drink and Desserts. All for \$9! Please come support the Troop's largest fundraising event of the year!



Tis The Season!

Oceanport's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 8th 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 to 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 note a change to this year's decorating contest. To be considered for an award, register by emailing your address to: oceanportdecorating@gmail.com. And, then please leave your lights from 5:00 – 9:00 pm Tuesday, December 17th through Thursday, December 19th to be included in the Borough's annual decorating contest. Dust off those decorations and plug in those lights! Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Best Overall, Best Yard/Trees, Best Door/Windows, Most Original and a new category this year is Best Centennial/Traditional Home.

BOROUGH FYI's

- NO Trash Pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day
- November has five weeks – NO recycling pick up the last week of November
- 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, 2020.
- Cat and Dog License Renewals are Due by January 31, 2020
- FREE Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Port-Au-Peck Chemical Hose Co., on Myrtle Avenue from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Dogs must be on a leash and cats should be in a carrier.

Oceanport's First Aid Squad's Annual Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 7th
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 gift auction and a 50/50. Come by for festive holiday fun with friends and neighbors!



Christmas Trees, Wreathes, and Grave Blanket 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!

PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED for the NEW Borough Website

Borough Hall is looking to our resident photographers, amateur or otherwise, to submit photos of Oceanport for use on the Borough's new website. Please note by submitting an entry, the person agrees the Borough of Oceanport will become the rightful owner of the image and any likeness of the image and may alter and reproduce the image at its discretion. Submit your photo(s) in JPG or PDF format to the Borough Clerk at jsmith@oceanport-boro.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS



We are the Oceanport Lions Serve

For more than 50 years the Oceanport Lions Club has donated time and money to serve all the people of Oceanport. The club now needs your help. They have a goal to have 10 new members join the club to help them in their service to the Oceanport community. If you think you might be interested or would like to learn more about the Oceanport Lions Club, please contact:

John M. Bonforte Sr. at (908) 489-9090 or by email at johnsr@monmouthrubber.com. Visit the Oceanport Lions Club website at oceanportlionsclub.com/contact/ for more information. Please help them to continue to help serve this beautiful community and its residents!

Oceanport Garden Club News

The Garden Club opened their season on September 26th at Seabrook Village-Town Square where they were hosted by long-time club member, Jackie Cole. They viewed the gardens created by a self-taught gardener Sandra Sanders. It was a delightful day for the Club.

On October 24th, Ellen Karcher, The Lavender Lady, regaled the club with stories about the many kinds of Lavender and brought a delicious Pumpkin Lavender Cake which she baked.

Moving forward the Club will be meeting on November 21st. Please note this will be a week earlier than usual meeting day due to Thanksgiving. Paula Lombardo of the Oceanport Centennial Committee will speak about the history of Oceanport and the upcoming plans for the Centennial Celebration. The Garden Club will enthusiastically assist the Committee by making the arrangements at the upcoming Oceanport Holiday House Tour.

The Club will close out 2019 on December 12th with their Holiday Workshop and Luncheon. The members will also be making decorations for Borough Halls in Oceanport and West Long Branch and for the schools as well.

Please note the Club is now meeting at the Oceanport First Aid building at 2 Pemberton Avenue. The meetings start with a Meet and Greet at 10:00 am with Business Meeting starting at 10:30 am. Speakers and programs run usually from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. You do not need to be a resident of Oceanport to be a member of the Club. Please contact Penelope Gabriel at

Oceanport Volunteer First Aid 911 News

SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, December 7th the Squad will host their Annual Christmas Bazaar and Gift Auction from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Come join the holiday fun at the squad building, 2 Pemberton Ave. Take a chance to win gift baskets, gift certificates, and 50/50. Christmas trees, wreaths, and grave blankets will also be for sale. Breakfast and lunch will be available too. Come and join the holiday and festive fun with friends and neighbors!

The Squad would like to thank Matthew Conte and brothers Marco and Matteo Molino photographed here below for their generous donation of the Trex bench which now resides at the first aid building. It would not have been possible to receive this gift without the boys' civic minded plastic challenge that they dedicated themselves to with total commitment. Thank you to the Oceanport community as well for their diligence in gathering and donating over 500 pounds of plastic.

Help the Squad help you! In an emergency it is easy to forget important medical information. Please email or reach out to a squad member to get new orange information cards. These important cards should be updated and posted on your refrigerator so medical information is available in the case of an emergency. In addition to basic information make sure to include significant medical history as well as current medications and allergies to medications. Emergency responders know to look on the refrigerator! Please email the Squad at oceanportfas@gmail.com with your name, address, and the number of people in your household.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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 meets on the third Wednesday of each month, weather permitting, at the Blackberry Bay Pavilion. Unless otherwise noted, the meetings begin at 12:30 pm followed by a formal agenda at 1:30. Many meetings include informative presentations by guest speakers or entertainment.

On November 20th the Club will have their annual "Thanksgiving Lunch" beginning at 12:30 pm. At the December 18th meeting wine and cheese will be served starting at 12:30 pm.

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 many meetings include lunch, and dessert and beverages are always served.

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.

SENIOR NEWS BULLETIN: At the October meeting, Oceanport School's Superintendent Anne Facendo and the Board of Education architect described the proposed Oceanport Schools District-Wide Facilities Program Referendum. Proposed improvements include the following:

- New media centers to support 21st century curriculums including S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics).
- Facilities upgrades and classroom additions and renovations at both schools.
- Upgraded and expanded security measures and capital renovations.
- ADA accessibility improvements and expansion of parking lots and playgrounds.

These projects are eligible for up to 40% of State funding and debt service aid if the Referendum passes. To find out the details and costs, visit www.oceanport.k12.nj.us.



Oceanport Holiday House Tour

Sunday, December 8, 2019

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Check in at the Blackberry Bay Park Pavilion & receive your map of the participating homes. Please send \$35 check- payable to Borough of Oceanport and mail to

Borough of Oceanport

315 E. Main Street, Oceanport, NJ 07757

Please attach below form with remit

Name: _____

of Tickets: _____

Email: _____

For additional information please contact Robin Kelly (732) 245-9008 or oceanportcentennial@gmail.com

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Proceeds go to offset Oceanport Centennial celebrations as well as a book being published for the centennial.

Notice Publicizing the Map Information Service

NOTICE TO: Public, Lending Institutions

and Real Estate and Insurance Agents

SUBJECT: Flood Insurance Rate Map Zone Information

The Borough of Oceanport currently participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The CRS administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides that a community, who performs specific activities related to flood protection, flood awareness, and flood prevention, can secure reduced flood insurance premiums for all property owners within the community.

As a public service, the Borough of Oceanport will provide you with the following information upon request:

- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) of the City.
- Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the FIRM zone and the base flood elevation or depth, if shown on the FIRM.
- Oceanport Borough has a handout on the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help people who need a mortgage or loan for a property in the SFHA.
- Oceanport Borough has copies of completed FEMA Elevation Certificates for buildings built in the floodplain over the past several years.

If you want to make an inquiry, please provide the street address and, if available, the lot, and block number. Just drop by the Tax Office in Borough Hall located at 315 East Main Street. Staff in the office can provide the needed information. There is no charge for this service.

Oceanport Borough staff within the Construction Office and Office of Emergency Management will be able to provide you with information; however, the staff will not decide for you as to whether you need the coverage.

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 only wish was to provide a dolescents and teens on the oncology floor with distractions to take them away from their discomfort and situation. Teen gifts are some of the most needed gifts in the hospital. Collection dates 11/1 through 11/20.

*Also Collecting Grocery Store Gift Cards to Help Struggling Onco Families

The 2019 Teen Wish List

- Beanie style knit caps
- Hats or baseball caps
- Pajamas in a range of adult sizes
- Sports team apparel (adult sizes)
- Sports Team room decorations and memorabilia
- Slippers
- Fleece or quilt blankets
- Adult coloring books, sketch-books, journals and stationery
- Colored pencils, markers
- Model Magic
- Scrapbooks (albums, decorative paper, stickers)
- Manicure sets
- Teen-specific crafts
- Earbuds, Headphones
- Teen-friendly Board Games
- Decks of playing cards & Uno cards
- Large Lego sets
- Gift Cards-Target /Visa /Netflix/iTunes/ Amazon (denominations of \$25 or less)
- New release or gently used DVDs
- Xbox 360 and Xbox One games new or gently used
- PlayStation 3 and 4 games new or gently used
- Nooks or Kindles

• Game systems, laptops and tablets for the oncology floor—these will be purchased by donations made to www.alexmunoz.org. All donations are tax deductible

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

All gifts will be delivered to the oncology unit at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Valerie Center at Monmouth Medical Center, and K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at JSUMC, with love. You can also shop and send from home by visiting us at our Amazon 2019 Teen Wish List site: amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3HXQR22PETEWA?ref=wl_share

Any questions? Contact Laura Muñoz at alexmunozfund@gmail.com. For more information please visit alexmunoz.org. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Oceanport Centennial 1920 - 2020

The Oceanport Historical Committee has commissioned banners to be displayed in the center of our town during our centennial year. There will be one banner that will allow for business or family sponsorship: The cost to sponsor this banner is \$200. If there is enough participation, there may be a need to switch out the banners; depending on how many sponsorships are received.

SPONSORSHIP FORM:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

(email or cell# - important if there are any questions about your banner)

What do you want to say on the banner?

Please print very clearly

Sponsored by: Name of Business or Name of Family.

Please send a \$200 check, with this form payable to
Borough of Oceanport and mail to:

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315 E. Main Street, Oceanport, NJ 07757

For additional information please contact

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Cub Scout Corner

Oceanport Cub Scouts Pack 58 has been having fun and an interesting few months. September was the annual campout at Blackberry Bay Park and Run for the Fallen. In October, the kids and their families went to a Scout Day at Field Station Dinosaurs. November has the boys learning local history, and in December the boys participate in Oceanport's tree lighting ceremony. The boys also participated in their cheesecake and dessert

fundraiser, which will be delivered mid-November. Thank you to everyone in our community for donating and purchasing these yummy treats which will be delivered to you in time for the holidays. January will be an exciting month, when the boys and families get to sleepover on the Intrepid in New York City!

On den levels, the boys earn their required skills, hike, and volunteer for community service. The senior den,

Webelos II has been working on some electives such as yo-yo skills and physics, personal safety, and even made a silly video using a green screen! The pack is thriving thanks to so many great volunteers and families. The kids are having a lot of fun and at the same time actually learning necessary life skills. Thank you, Pack 58!

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering or being a cub scout, please email just.elk@gmail.com

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LIBRARY NEWS

Warm up at the Oceanport Library!!

When you come to the library please take a moment to look at the Library's TV which displays current programs and is updated in a timely manner. In addition, the library is happy to note that it received a new public copier which will be operational shortly.

Please consider bringing your children to the Library's Family Storytime which is at 2:00 pm on Thursdays. The more the merrier!! If you have children three years old and up who attend a morning preschool or do not go to preschool on Thursdays, take them to the library. There are always fun stories read and crafts to make too.

The special programs for November and December are as follows: Registration is required for some programs; call at (732) 229-2626, stop in, or sign up online <http://bit.ly/OceanportKids>

Leaf Printing: A WILD Jersey Workshop – Ages 4 and up
Thursday, November 14 from 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Learn how and why leaves change color with Debbie Hadley of WILD Jersey. A few crayons and a lot of leaves are all it takes to make a colorful print to celebrate Fall! Space is limited; Registration begins October 31st.

Read to Teddy – Ages 3 and up
Thursday, November 21st from 4:00 - 4:30 pm
Let's give a big Oceanport Library welcome to our new therapy dog, Teddy! If you are reading, choose a book from home or the library. If you are not yet reading, tell Teddy a story or talk about the pictures in a book. Registration begins November 12th.

Special Sweater Craft – Ages 3 and up
Thursday, December 12th from 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Listen to sweater stories and create your own paper sweater using pompoms, jewels, stickers, buttons and other items. Registration begins Monday, December 3rd.

Make and Take Crafts – All Ages
Thursday, December 19th from 2:00 - 4:15 pm

Stop in and choose a craft that you would like to make. Keep it for yourself or give it to someone special! No registration required.

The staff of Oceanport Library wishes you a Happy Holiday season. See you in 2020!



Shore Regional's Surf Teams Paddles Their Way to an Impressive Finish!

In October, 200 of the northeast's top high school surfers competed in Spring Lake at the NSSA Regionals Surf Competition. Shore Regional's Surf Team finished at an amazing 5th place out of 23 teams! Awesome for an only three-year-old program.

Representing Shore Regional were captains Casey Flaherty and Carter Riebe and other team members included Ari Binns, Jack Coyne, Zac Mansfield, Drew Macioch, Cole Riebe, Mitchell Cullen, and Will Botcher. Carter and Jack made it to the quarterfinals and Casey and Zac advanced to the semi-finals. Ari made it to the long board final and place 5th overall. The team along with Coach Chris Macioch and Assistant Coach Brian Zinski worked hard throughout the season at practice and in competitions with other local high school teams as well which was evident with this strong finish. The Shore Surf Team is hoping to compete at the National Level in California next June. Congrats to the team and coaches!

Shore Regional High School's Shore Players is Proud to Present: A Charlie Brown Christmas and Frosty the Snowman

Performances and Times:

Friday, December 6th at 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 7th at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 pm

Tickets available NOW at <https://sp.booktix.com>. Discounted prices for advance tickets purchased by Thursday, December 5th, \$10 general admission. On Friday, December 6th all general admission tickets are \$15. Tickets may also be purchased at the door before the show. Please support your local school theater and enjoy a show close to home this holiday season!