

# The Oceanport Bulletin



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## Mayor's Message

And, just like that, summer is over. But what a summer it was for Oceanport. Early on, we were faced with an unprecedented fish kill and an equally unprecedented cleanup of 6,000 pounds of fish along our 11 miles of Shrewsbury River shoreline. Just a few days after that, over 100 volunteers gathered together and, by hand, removed so much debris from our shoreline that it ended up filling a 30 yard container. On May 31st, the Borough's biggest Memorial Day Parade in years took place, followed by a memorial ceremony at the Borough's new municipal complex. On June 5th, four Oceanport residents – Chris Macioch, Jeremy Julio, Bryan Zinski and John Majeski – paddleboarded thirty miles from The Marina in Oceanport to Battery Park in New York City to raise money for local charities. At about the same time, OPort Partners, LLC (a company owned by Denholtz Properties) began the first phase of its transformation and redevelopment of Parcel A on Fort Monmouth (this includes the former Commissary and PX, the Post Office and Warehouse District) which will end up as a 26 acre mix of commercial uses, including a micro-brewery. On June 16th, the Borough of Oceanport entered the 21st century when we launched our own Facebook page and two weeks later renovations began at Maple Place School and Wolf Hill School in furtherance of the 33 million dollar referendum passed overwhelmingly by Oceanport's residents in 2019 so that Oceanport's schools could be transformed into 21st century learning environments.

In July, the Borough returned to "in person" Council meetings and Planning Board meetings at our new municipal building (although they can still be watched live on FIOS's Channel 28 and via the internet through the Borough's website). Then, on July 31st, the Borough of Oceanport honored the most important civil servant in our Borough's history by renaming Borough Hall the "Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building" as part of a day-long celebration of his incredibly full life. Over 225 residents and dignitaries attended the dedication ceremony, and we are sure Clem was smiling down on everybody in attendance.

On August 18th the Borough approved the sale of the first two of four liquor licenses available for new facilities located in the Fort Monmouth section of Oceanport (bringing in \$500,000 of much needed revenue). On August 25th, New Jersey City University officially opened its 76,000 square foot college campus in the renovated Squier Hall building in the Oceanport section of Fort Monmouth. NJCU will maintain a state-of-the-art nursing education center and will offer degrees in cybersecurity, fire science and business.

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## Calendar of Events

### September

- 2 . . . . . Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting
- 8 . . . . . Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 11 . . . . . Summer's End Festival (Rain date 9/12)
- 13 . . . . . Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
- 13 . . . . . Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 14 . . . . . Planning Board Meeting
- 16 . . . . . Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- 18 . . . . . Movies in the Park at Blackberry, *Trolls*
- 22 . . . . . Oceanport Board of Education Meeting
- 23 . . . . . Shore Regional Board of Education Meeting
- 25&26 . . . . . Annual Garage Sale Weekend
- 25 . . . . . Paper Shredding @ Allenhurst
- 28 . . . . . Planning Board Meeting



### October

- 2 . . . . . Paper Shredding @ Freehold Township
- 7 . . . . . Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting
- 11 . . . . . Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
- 11 . . . . . Water Watch Committee
- 12 . . . . . Planning Board Meeting
- 13 . . . . . Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 16 . . . . . Centennial Gala
- 17 . . . . . Paper Shredding @ Marlboro
- 21 . . . . . Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- 21 . . . . . Shore Regional Board of Education Meeting
- 23 . . . . . Halloween Trunk or Treat Parade/Party
- 26 . . . . . Planning Board Meeting
- 30 . . . . . Paper Shredding @ Marlboro

### November

- 1 . . . . . Quarterly Property Taxes Due
- 4 . . . . . Mayor & Council Workshop & Regular Meeting
- 9 . . . . . Planning Board Meeting

#### Recycling

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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Summer's End is Back!

Saturday, September 11, 2021  
Oceanport Parks & Recreation Presents:  
**44th ANNUAL**

### SUMMER'S END FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 11th, 5:00 – 9:00 pm  
Rain date: Sunday, September 12th, 5:00 – 9:00 pm  
Children's Activities, Live Band, Food Vendors, Fireworks,  
**Chili & Salsa Cookoff, & more!**

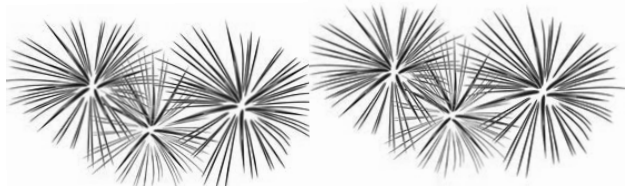
Lots of fun with your Family, Friends, & Neighbors!

**Monmouth County Light Up the Shore – Honoring the  
Heroes of 9/11 – Oceanport**

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, in conjunction with the 53 municipalities in Monmouth County, will host "Light Up the Shore" in honor of the lives lost and the fearless display of heroism by rescue teams and citizens who responded to the tragedy on September 11, 2001.

Join our Oceanport community at the Summer's End Festival on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 8:46pm to light up the skyline, using our cell phones, to honor these heroes.

Fireworks in honor of the 20th Anniversary will follow immediately at 8:50 pm.



## Summer's End Fireworks are Back!

Please give your support to the Annual Summer's End Firework Fund. The Oceanport Parks and Recreation Committee is thrilled to be gearing for their annual Summer's End Festival on September 11th. Your continued support is needed for the spectacular fireworks display! Please consider donating to the fireworks fund by sending in the enclosed envelope which was enclosed in the June/July OP Bulletin or send your own addressed to:

**Borough of Oceanport Summer's End**  
910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757.

Please make checks payable to the Borough of Oceanport Summer's End. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this Oceanport pastime!

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## Oceanport Parks & Recreation Committee Presents the 8th Annual: Movies in the Park

**Blackberry Bay Park at dusk**  
**Saturday, September 18th: Trolls**

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



## 7th ANNUAL CHILI/SALSA COOK-OFF CONTEST At the Summer's End Festival

Calling all chefs! Enter your prized chili or salsa dish in our Community Garden's Annual Contest. Please fill out the entry form found on the on the Oceanport Borough website at oceanportboro.com or at the day of event. Bring your dish ready to present: chili hot in a crock pot, salsa in an ice bath at 5:30 pm to the Community Garden table at Blackberry Bay. All varieties of chili and salsa are welcome. Prizes awarded to the top three winners! Questions, please call Ellynn at (732) 614-2317.

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## Save the Date!

**Oceanport Centennial Gala**  
**Saturday, October 16th**



**Turf Room, Monmouth Park**

The Oceanport Historical Committee is proud to announce that our Centennial Gala will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021, in the Turf Room at Monmouth Park. This event will be a semi-formal Gala with roaring 20's costumes optional. There will be a cocktail hour, open bar, buffet dinner, and dancing!

Tickets will be available soon at a cost of \$115 per person.

Please contact Mike MacStudy at (732) 859-9912 or Toni Sverapa at (732) 539-1620 for information regarding the purchase of tickets. If you're interested in attending, please purchase your tickets quickly as they are limited in number and



## Mark Your Calendar!

**Oceanport's Annual  
Garage Sale Weekend**

**Saturday, 9/25 and Sunday, 9/26**

**Rain date: 10/2 and 10/3**

Clean out made easy! Residents will not be required to obtain a permit for the event but will need to register their address on the Borough website at oceanportboro.com home page. Once there scroll down to News and Announcements and click on Annual Yard/Garage Sale Weekend to register. The Borough will advertise the event in the *Two River Times* and the *Asbury Park Press* with an ad directing interested persons to the Borough's website for a list of participants and map.

**Registration began on August 15th and ends on  
September 23rd.**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Senior Club Notes

Good News from President Barbara Josselyn: The Senior Citizens Club will be meeting on Wednesday, September 15, at 11:30 AM at the Blackberry Bay Pavilion. Lunch will be served followed by Bingo. There is no charge, but registration is required by calling Marie Quackenbush at (732) 229-0454.

Membership in the Senior Citizens Club of Oceanport is open to any Oceanport resident who is 55 years old or older. Meetings include informative presentations by guest speakers, entertainment, or other special events. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Senior Citizens Club of Oceanport, please contact Fran Bendock at (732) 229-0278 for information about joining. Membership dues have been waived for 2021.

Cards: Seniors interested in playing cards are invited to gather every Tuesday and Thursday at the Port Au Peck Fire House, 433 Myrtle Avenue, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.



## Cub Scout Corner

CALLING incoming first grade boys!!! The 2021-2022 Tiger Den is forming! Pack 58 is an active group of 1st – 5th grade boys. Oceanport Cub Scouts is completely run by volunteer parents.

They have wonderful kids and adults that make the pack a success. The experiences and friendships formed are long lasting! The focus is on outdoor activities, community service projects, and fun! Siblings are always welcome to join in, too.

The scout year kicked off the last Sunday in August with the annual beach bonfire! This popular event included a tug of war, sandcastle contest, and of course, s'mores! Other planned events for September are the Black Berry camp out the end of the month and cheering on the runners that honor fallen NJ servicemen. One of the new service projects will be to help with garden cleanups around Oceanport. Each den also plans their own events to achieve rank specific goals.

Please be on the lookout for our Fall desserts and coffee fundraiser in October. Orders will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

If you are interested in learning more or joining Pack 58, please contact just.elk@gmail.com.

## Boy Scout Buzz

In August, most of Troop 58 Boy Scouts traveled 6 1/2 hours to Camp Massawepie where they learned cool skills and earned multiple merit badges. There are merit badges for every interest imaginable! This summer interests ranged from rifles, shotgun shooting, and archery to lifesaving, cooking, and small boat sailing. Some of the older scouts spent the week on a wilderness trek across the forest, where they had to survive in the wild. They also attended and assisted Mayor Coffey to dedicate the new municipal building to former Boy Scout and firefighter Clem Sommers.

Lucky for them, in September, they will all go back to our normal meetings, which = fun!

Special thanks to the Scout Masters and adult volunteers! If anyone is interested in joining Boy Scouts or would like to learn more, please contact oceanporttroop58@gmail.com.

## Bulk and Metal Pickup Scheduled Through Oceanportboro.com

Bulk and metal pickup can now also be scheduled through the Oceanport Borough website directly by clicking on "Citizen Request" in the middle of the home page or at [www.oceanportboo.com/departments/dpw](http://www.oceanportboo.com/departments/dpw) and clicking on "Bulk Pickup Request".

Just a reminder bulk items are furniture, carpeting, mattresses, etc. if bundled correctly. Please note bulk items are limited to three items (bundles, bags, etc.) no matter the size. Building materials are NOT considered bulk. Building materials are anything used to construct the home such as cabinets, vanities, sheetrock, tile, wood, windows, doors, etc. Construction debris, wood, windows or doors will NOT be collected and can not be placed at the curb with your bulk. Contractors are responsible for the removal and disposal of their debris. Items shall not be placed at the curb until dusk the night preceding your scheduled collection date but MUST be at the curb by 7:00 AM on the day of the scheduled pick-up.

### Metal Pickups Are Mondays

Appliances, tires, and metal will also be picked up by the Oceanport Public Works Department. To schedule a metal pick-up follow the same procedure noted above through [oceanportboro.com](http://oceanportboro.com), call (732) 222-8221 or email [publicworks@oceanportboro.com](mailto:publicworks@oceanportboro.com). Please item(s) at the curb by Sunday evening.

## Looking for class members of the Long Branch Class of 1960!

The Long Branch High School class of 1960 is having their 60th reunion on Saturday, September 18th at the home of John M. Bonforte Sr., 111 Horseneck Pt. Road, Oceanport, NJ, 07757. Trying to reach any class member that has not been contacted. Please send John your contact information to get on the list. If you know any class member, please let him know because the class wants to invite them! Contact John M. Bonforte Sr. at (908) 489 9090 or email him at [johnsr@mon-mouthrubber.com](mailto:johnsr@mon-mouthrubber.com).



## Library News

Oceanport Library is open on Mondays from 1:00 – 5:00 pm and 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Come on in for a variety of books to choose from!

Outdoor Family Storytime in August was fun! Starting in September it will be back to inside story time! Registration is required online at <http://bit.ly/OceanportKids>, by phone at (732) 229-2626) or in-person. Please check out the Kids Page online and the September flyer for dates and times.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Important information from the Oceanport Police Department

### TRAFFIC SAFETY

“Be Alert, Save a Life” Motorists are reminded schools are reopening and to be extra careful when driving in or near school zones! Watch for crossing guards, stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks, be aware speed limits are 25mph in or around school zones, allow for extra travel, and do not drive distracted.

Oceanport Police officers continue to conduct speed enforcement details on targeted streets throughout the Borough. We have, and continue to issue summonses, hand out informational pamphlets regarding the dangers of speeding, but most importantly, show a presence in problem areas so that drivers are aware of their speeds and are cognizant of their driving habits and the hazards around them.

### CRIME PREVENTION

“Knock, Knock, Whose There?” The Borough has in place a No-Knock ordinance for solicitors and Companies who registered and have background checks completed by the Police Department. Solicitors who apply for a solicitor permit through the Borough, once checked, are given the No Knock List, and are given a Permit which they must visibly have on their person along with a company ID.

Many times, companies come into town and solicit without a permit and the Borough and Police Department are unaware of this until a complaint is received or the police are called.

Residents should:

- When observing a subject soliciting on their property and the resident is on the No-Knock list please contact the police department of the incident, including a description of the person(s) soliciting.
- Contact the police of any suspicious incidents, vehicles, or subjects.
- Log onto the Oceanport Borough Website at [www.Oceanportboro.com](http://www.Oceanportboro.com) to add your address to the No-Knock List.

“Lock it or Lose it”-The Oceanport police remind residents to lock your vehicles, remove key fobs and valuable items from within your parked vehicles. We continue to respond to vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts remain a problem in our area. It only takes a second to lock your car. Do not give the criminals the opportunity to steal your car and place other people at risk.

If you see someone or something suspicious in your neighborhood, please call the police at (732) 222-6300, or if the matter is serious in nature call 911. (An active car burglary, theft in progress...etc.)

“Don’t Be Scammed” There have been reports of many types of scams occurring where the scammers are attempting to gain personal information from people. Scammers have been calling posing as the IRS, bail bondsman, utility companies, the FBI, you owe money for a bill, or that a relative has been arrested and needs bail money, that social security number is “locked” or compromised. They attempt to obtain personal information from the victims. There are the ongoing “Grandparents Scam”

when someone calls to claim to be a relative and they have been arrested. They hand the phone to a “bail bondsmen” who request you wire or draw money out of the bank and that they will meet you to retrieve the “bail money”. They sometimes use real relatives’ names.

Some helpful tips to avoid being scammed:

- Know who you are talking to, do not be rushed into giving information.
- Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or click on links of unknown emails or attachments.
- Keep your personal details secure, never give personal information to an unknown source, or suspicious source.
- Hang up on the suspicious call and verify with the suspected calling agency, department, source and/or entity that they are seeking information.
- Notify the Police of any suspicious scams, calls, transactions, or visits.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

“Don’t Be the Dealer”- Do not leave prescription drugs around the home. The Oceanport Police utilized a Drug Drop off Box located at Police headquarters. Drop off unwanted and unused pills and prescription drugs. No paperwork needed to be filled out and no questions asked. \*\*\*\*\*SYRINGES AND LIQUIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE DROP OFF\*\*\*

The Police Department is receiving a large number of requests from residents for Firearms Permits and Purchase Cards. The process is automated and for firearms permit process information and forms log onto [www.njsp.org/firearms](http://www.njsp.org/firearms).



## Oceanport Volunteer First Aid 911 News

The Oceanport Volunteer First Aid & Rescue Squad continues to support Oceanport in various ways. Since the last Bulletin the Squad supported the Maple Place School graduation, the July 4th WLB EMS fireworks, and a boat fire where our firefighters required rehab. Many of the current events are updated on the OPFAS Facebook page. Please keep a close look at this important resource.

As recent events have demonstrated it is important to be prepared! Consider joining the Squad, taking CPR, or a First Responder class to learn how to help friends and family! If friends and family are interested in coming to the building to have CPR or basic first aid training reach out to the Squad’s email, [oceanportfas@gmail.com](mailto:oceanportfas@gmail.com). Remember you are never too young or too old to save a life!

# RECREATION NEWS

## Leaf Collection Guidelines & Schedule

To serve residents better, each zone will have four different weeks assigned for collection through the season. Please refer to the street listing to see what zone your street is in and mark your calendars with your leaf pickup weeks.

**When can I put out my leaves?** There are 3 collection zones. Collection week begins on a Friday to Thursday. Leaves can go out no earlier than the Wednesday BEFORE your pickup week and must be out no later than Monday of your week. Be sure to get your leaves out as early in the schedule as possible as the last weeks are dependent upon weather conditions. If someone services your property other than yourself, please be sure they have registered with the Borough as a copy of the schedule below is mailed to all registered landscapers every September.

### Leave Collection Guidelines

- LEAVES ONLY** to be placed at the curb which should be free of branches, stones, hay, and other debris. These items make it difficult for vacuum to pick up the leaves. More importantly, the flying debris can cause injury to the Public Works employees and can also damage equipment. Any piles that contain such debris will be left behind, not cleaned up, and you will receive a notice.
- Please keep piles straight, neat, and in the street as close to the curb as possible. Try not to make the piles any larger than four feet wide and four feet high if possible. Please be careful not to block off too

much of the road with your piles. Cars must go around these piles sometimes going into the oncoming lane which can cause accidents. Cars also tend to drive through these piles scattering leaves all over the road which can create hazardous road conditions when it rains.

- Do not place leaf piles on top of storm drains. This will impede proper storm water runoff and create flooding in the roadways. The leaves get inside the catch basin and will eventually clog pipes. Also, if you live on a corner lot, please try to place leaf piles on the street that has less traffic.
- Please remember the Public Works Department does not pick up branches or sticks. The garbage contractor will pick up 3 tied and bundled branches and tree limbs each trash pickup day for that site. For bundles to be picked up they must be tied and bundled and not to exceed 5 feet long by 3 feet in diameter piles. The garbage collector will also take branches placed in garbage can as long as they do not stick out of the can and the can is able to be dumped easily and not jammed in. Contractor is not required to pick up any tree stumps nor individual tree limbs or branches that exceed 3 inches in diameter.

Following these simple guidelines will help the operations run smoother and will help the Public Works Department better serve you. Please do not hesitate to call them at (732) 222-8221 option 2 or by email at [publicworks@oceanportboro.com](mailto:publicworks@oceanportboro.com) if you have any questions.

## FALL LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

### Zone 1

#### Collection Dates:

**Sept. 24th – Sept. 30th**

**Oct. 15th – Oct 21st**

**Nov. 5th – Nov. 11th**

**Nov. 26th – Dec. 2nd**

Allen Avenue  
Arcana Avenue  
Branch Avenue  
Brookview Drive  
Burnt Mill Circle  
Carty Avenue  
Center Street  
Dwayne Street  
Eatontown Blvd.  
East Main Street WEST  
of Pemberton Ave.  
Elizabeth Drive  
Evergreen Lane  
Fairfield Avenue  
Gold Street  
Gosselin Ave.  
Haskell Way  
Hedge Drive  
Hill Court  
Horseneck Point Road  
Irma Place  
Iselin Lane  
Main Street  
Maple Court  
Maple Avenue

Massaro Court  
Monmouth Road  
Monmouth Park Place  
Oceanport Avenue  
Orchard Lane  
Osprey Lane  
Park Street  
Pemberton Avenue  
Pine Tree Lane  
Pleasant Place  
Port Au Peck Avenue  
WEST of East Main St.  
Riverside Avenue  
Russel Avenue  
Sherrill Avenue  
South Pemberton Avenue  
Springfield Avenue  
Summerfield Avenue  
Trinity Place  
Turf Drive  
Willow Court  
Whitehall Circle  
Wittenburg Court  
Wolf Hill Avenue  
Woodbine Way

### Zone 2

#### Collection Dates:

**Oct. 1st – Oct. 7th**

**Oct. 22nd – Oct. 28th**

**Nov. 12th – Nov 18th**

**Dec. 3rd – Dec. 9th**

Adrian Avenue  
Allenhurst Avenue  
Arnold Avenue  
Asbury Avenue  
Avon Avenue  
Belmar Avenue  
Blackberry Bay Drive  
Bradley Avenue  
Branchport Avenue  
Bridgewaters Drive  
Bungalow Avenue  
Centennial Drive  
Colonial Drive  
Deal Avenue  
Doreen Drive  
Driveway  
East Main Street EAST  
of Pemberton Avenue  
Elliot Place  
Gooseneck Point Road  
Lake Drive  
Leeward Court  
Long Branch Avenue  
Milton Avenue  
Monmouth Blvd. WEST  
of Myrtle Avenue  
Morris Place  
Myrtle Avenue  
Onandaga Avenue  
Port Au Peck Avenue  
between Myrtle and

Branchport Aves.  
Relwof Place  
Revere Place  
River Bend  
River Street  
Riverview Road  
Rossiter Place  
Sea Girt Avenue  
Shapen Way  
Shore Road  
Spring Lake Avenue  
Vreeland Place  
Windward Court  
Woodside Place  
Zocco Lane

### Zone 3

#### Collection Dates:

**Oct. 8th – Oct. 14th**

**Oct. 29th – Nov. 4th**

**Nov. 19th – Nov. 24th**

**Dec. 10th – Dec. 16th**

Algonquin Avenue  
Ausable Avenue  
Bay View Avenue  
Blue Point Cove  
Cayuga Avenue  
Comanche Drive  
Elinore Avenue  
Fiore Court  
Genesse Avenue  
Herbert Place

Hiawatha Avenue  
Horicon Avenue  
Iroquois Avenue  
Itaska Avenue  
Ithaca Avenue  
Manitto Place  
Maple Place  
Mohawk Avenue  
Mohican Avenue  
Monmouth Blvd. EAST  
of Myrtle Avenue  
Nicholson Place  
Oneida Avenue  
Pocahontas Avenue  
Pocano Avenue  
Port Au Peck Avenue  
EAST of Branchport  
Avenue  
Sagamore Avenue  
Seawaneka Avenue  
Seneca Place  
Serand Avenue  
Shrewsbury Avenue  
Smith Street  
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Ticonderoga Avenue  
Tohican Place  
Wardell Circle  
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Deadline for the NOVEMBER/DECEMBER *Bulletin* is SEPTEMBER 14, 2021.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### *MAYOR'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)*

History was made in late August when the "Oceanport 1" softball team (pictured below), led by Joe "I'll Play For Any Team That Will Have Me" Iannuzzelli, captured its FOURTH consecutive Two Rivers Over 40 Softball A League championship, and "Oceanport 2", led by Craig "I Can't Believe Iannuzzelli Plays in the A League" Sears prevailed in the championship game in the B Division. Admittedly, winning the B Division is like being selected as the smartest kid in your home school class, but a championship is a championship. And both teams raved about the condition of the softball field at Blackberry Bay Park during the playoffs, which may be even more impressive than the championships won. Kudos to our DPW for that.

The fact is, however, that if you look closely at most of our parks, you'll notice that there has been a vast improvement in how they look and that is all due to the herculean efforts of the Borough's Department of Public Works. In June, the Municipal Council opted to terminate a third-party agreement for lawn maintenance in favor of, once again, having our DPW staff perform these tasks. Take a walk through Old Wharf, Evergreen, BlackBerry Bay and Charles Parks and you will see the obvious and tangible results of DPW's efforts over the past couple of months. And improvements to Community Center Park, Trinity Park and Gatta Park are in the works! Our parks haven't looked this good since Buddy Brocklebank was a young man. But, in our eyes, Buddy is still a young man.

Finally, our Police Department has had a very busy summer implementing its summertime radar enforcement campaign. The OPD conducted 238 radar details, stopped 460 vehicles and issued 205 summonses during July and August. Fixed radar recognition/display units have been placed on Port Au Peck Avenue near Shrewsbury and at East Main Street near the First Aid Building, a radar speed signboard will be placed in various places throughout town in the very near future and a radar speed data collector will soon be tracking vehicle speeds and volume on targeted roadways. The Oceanport Municipal Court is going to be very busy, very soon!

We will be closing out our summer on September 11, 2021 with a 9/11 Memorial Service at the Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building at which time we will be installing a piece of the World Trade Center as a permanent part of our municipal memorial area. This item was donated to the Borough in 2012, but Hurricane Sandy prevented it from being dedicated at our old municipal building. Details about the ceremony will be posted on the Borough's Facebook Page and website. Later that evening, at 8:46 pm, Oceanport's annual Summer's End event will go dark for three minutes as we participate in the "Light Up The Shore" event honoring the lives lost in the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01 and remembering the heroism displayed by citizens and first responders in response to these horrific events. Summer's End is a communal, small-town function that brings all of Oceanport together and, given what we've had to endure these past 18 months or so, I can't help but believe that something that reminds us all of what we have in common will be a welcome respite from all that has recently divided and isolated us. Let's make this year's Summer End one to remember as we, at once, celebrate our freedoms and honor those innocents who died at the hands of people who would deprive us of them.

Enjoy the relatively empty beaches, restaurants and waterways for the next few months and I hope to see you on October 16th at the Borough's 100th Anniversary Party at Monmouth Park Racetrack. The Oceanport Centennial Committee (check out their Facebook Page) will be putting out more information on this gala very shortly!

