

*Message from the Mayor:*



Christopher Siciliano  
Mayor

A recent endeavor of the Council involves honoring some of our community's most dedicated volunteers whose long-term commitments have made significant positive impacts in many areas of our town. As a result, you are likely to see some of our entry roads, trails and paths dedicated by name to some of these individuals.

Among the first is Marshall Conklin whose 59 years of service to our residents through the Wanamassa Fire Department has improved the lives of countless individuals. We are proud to have named the entry road into the William F. Larkin Golf Course in his honor.



Another recent honoree, community activist and former Councilman John Huss, served as a Planning Board member and Sewerage Authority Board member. John recently shared his support of our Police Department by printing and distributing decals and magnets to let people know "Ocean Township Loves Our Cops". As a result of John's service and generosity, the entry road to Heritage Village at Oakhurst has been dedicated in his name.



Paul and Marge Edelson were recognized for their many years of service to the community and their tireless efforts towards establishing and renovating what is now the beautiful historical Ocean Township Museum. We are proud to have them serve as Grand Marshals of this year's Memorial Day Parade. In honor of them we are naming the entranceway from Deal Road to the Stucile Farms water tower beyond the museum in their names.



Howard (Doc) and Virginia Richmond also diligently served as early founders of the historical museum. Additionally, Doc's many years of service on the Oakhurst First Aid Squad will be long-remembered by the many beneficiaries of his skills and talents. Doc and Ginny have been honored with a corner in their name in front of the museum.



Please visit our website to learn more about other honorees including Arthur Schenck, Sr., Dallas Grove, Don and Marie Curtis and Peggy Dellinger. By the end of the year we hope to name several others – all of whose names will live on in Ocean in perpetuity, as is so richly deserved.

Since 2015, our business development plan has evolved and continues to grow. One of our newest additions is Manasquan Bank on Route 35 whose CEO is longtime resident James Vaccaro. We are glad to see his confidence in the Township. Manasquan Bank is one of over 7,500 banks and one of 600 of the largest banks in the country.



Ocean Township graduate Abby Taylor recently opened Playa Bowls in Town Shops. Their healthy and delicious shakes, smoothies and unique fruit bowls with exotic fruits from South America are amazing.

Green Leaf Pet Resort, another new business on Route 35, is a state-of-the-art pet resort and hotel that offers training, swimming, grooming and boarding to our four-legged friends.

We look forward to participating in the May 15 ribbon-cutting of 21st Century Storage on Route 35, just south of BJ's.

In their March edition, The New Jersey League of Municipalities included an article on our use of the *Report It* app. This app allows citizens to confidentially report quality of life and Public Works concerns as well as code violations and other issues. We are proud to be the first municipality in the country to use it.

We hope you are enjoying the monthly articles in the *Coaster* that each highlight one of our Township employees. Councilman Rich Long feels it is important to showcase the responsibilities and skills of our staff to the public.

In other news, a recent expansion of the municipal parking lot of Town Hall includes the addition of two electric car-charging stations for those conducting business in Town Hall. The entry/exit to and from the lot along Monmouth Road is now directly across from Sherman Avenue, providing motorists with a safer travel experience in the area.

We ask that a member of each household complete the enclosed Deer Survey to provide us with your collective views and opinions. The survey can be completed electronically or a paper copy returned to us.

Some newsworthy events referenced in this newsletter's calendar include our Memorial Day ceremony, Memorial Day parade, movie nights with food truck, and this year's community-wide garage sale. These are just a few of the many events that bring our wonderful community together. On behalf of the entire Council, please accept our invitation to join us.

Yours truly,

Mayor Christopher Siciliano

## **PUBLIC WORKS NEWS**

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Spring leaf pick-up is winding down while brush collection will continue through October. Please refer to the Township municipal calendar or the website for your zone's scheduled pick-up dates. Residents are encouraged to dispose of small amounts of brush by either placing it in your green garbage container which is collected with your weekly garbage pick-up, or placing it in 45 gallon containers (or neatly tied and bundled) and placed curbside with your monthly bulk collection.

The Township's recycling drop-off center, located at the west end of Sunset Avenue, is now offering extended summer hours through September 27 as follows:

Monday through Friday - 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (extended hours to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday)

Saturday and Sunday - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Township will be holding a paper shredding event for residents on Saturday, June 2 in the Dow Avenue School parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is intended for documents that are confidential in nature.



## **COME SEE WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR RECREATION FACILITIES!**

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The Township has been busy making improvements to our outdoor recreation facilities to enhance our visitors' experiences.

At the William F. Larkin Golf Course at Colonial Terrace, the tee box at the third hole was elevated to improve drainage and a new bunker was constructed at the sixth green. We think that golfers will greatly enjoy these improvements! In the clubhouse, you'll find a new line of golf gear so you'll be fashionable when you hit the links.

The wading pool at the Community Pool is being replaced with a brand new, ADA-accessible Activity Pool to serve our youngest guests while providing an exciting experience for all ages. It will provide space for swimming and splashing, and will be a gathering space for families. With a zero-depth entrance, there will be no need to climb up or down to enter or exit. Features will include a lap lane, a continuous bench for seating and supervision, a water dome, spouts and fountains. The design will allow for the addition and relocation of other features in the future.

Everyone can join in the fun at many of our playgrounds, thanks to new Zero-G chair swings at several of our parks. The new swings will allow children with special needs to swing comfortably alongside their friends and peers. Look for them at a park near you!

Registration for summer recreation programs and fall youth soccer begins on Wednesday, May 2 for Ocean residents. The Summer Recreation Brochure can be viewed online and copies are available at the Recreation Office. Call 732-531-2600 for information.

*There's Always Time for Nine!*

**WILLIAM F. LARKIN GOLF COURSE  
AT COLONIAL TERRACE**

OPEN DAILY 7 A.M.- DUSK

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*Come see what's new at*

**Ocean Community Pool**  
615 West Park Avenue

*Discounted memberships for Ocean residents & seniors  
Ask about our daily rates!*

**Join Today!**  
732-531-2600      [oceanwp.org](http://oceanwp.org)

*Actual water features will differ from rendering*

## GROUPS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN PROMOTE HEALTHY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Human Services works to support healthy youth and a healthy community. With a focus on prevention and early intervention, we provide education and support to offset the challenges faced by our families and youth. In addition to our counseling services we offer a number of groups led by licensed mental health professionals. These groups are provided at no cost or for a nominal registration fee to Ocean Township residents. Transportation to and from the Human Services office is available on a limited basis.



For parents and guardians of children, Parent to Parent meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. In a supportive and confidential setting, parents can discuss a variety of topics of interest, including child development, drug prevention, healthy socialization and effective discipline.

Parents of children with special needs are welcome to participate in Parent Link, a group that meets on the first Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. The group provides an opportunity for parents to discuss the unique challenges faced by those who are raising children with disabilities.

In response to the increasing need for counseling services for elementary and intermediate school age children, the Department runs several groups for Ocean youth. These six-session programs are designed to focus on a particular issue in a positive and fun environment. Past group topics have addressed attention issues (Attention All Stars) and anxiety (Warriors Against Worry). Topics change throughout the year. Please call the office to learn about upcoming groups.

For information about any of these groups or to schedule a counseling appointment, please call 732-531-2600.

## WIPES CLOG PIPES

While TOSA has not experienced a “fatberg” comparable to the 15-ton monster removed in London, its collection staff has removed clogs in sewer lines created by disposable wipes. Wipes, even those labeled flushable, do not disintegrate like toilet paper and have the tendency to cling together with other debris in sewer pipes to create potential clogs. Repairs to an individual’s sewer lateral can cost between \$2,000 to \$10,000, not to mention the aggravation and headaches that accompany a backup. This can be avoided by not placing wipes of any kind in the toilet. Remember “your toilet is not a trash can.”

Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority, [www.tosa-nj.org](http://www.tosa-nj.org)



Township of Ocean Department of Human Services

### A Place for Parents

Professional counselors lead groups for parents and caretakers of children living in Ocean.

#### Parent to Parent

For parents and guardians of children of all ages  
Meets 2nd Thursday of each month 6 - 7 p.m.

#### Parent Link

For parents & guardians of children with special needs  
Meets 1st Thursday of each month 6 - 7 p.m.

Call 732-531-2600 to register

### Let's Talk

Join Ocean Township adults age 60 and older for friendly conversation, coffee and light refreshments. Moderated by licensed counselors, together we'll explore topics of interest such as health & wellness, family relationships and who we are today.

There is no cost to participate and transportation is available on a limited basis.

MEETS WEDNESDAYS 10:30 AM – 12 NOON

AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Call 732-531-2600 to register and to arrange transportation if needed

# WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT?

Check out the Township of Ocean school district website [www.oceanschools.org](http://www.oceanschools.org) or follow Dr. Stefankiewicz, Superintendent of Schools on Twitter @Jimstefank

**3RD ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY WIDE  
GARAGE  
SALE**  
June 1, 2 and 3  
Visit [www.oceantwp.org](http://www.oceantwp.org)  
to register with your particulars

## 2018 COMMUNITY CALENDAR - Spring/Summer

### MAY

- 1 Second Quarter Municipal and Sewer Taxes Due
- 2 Summer Recreation Registration Begins
- 3 Shade Tree Commission Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.  
Environmental Commission Meeting\* - 8:00 p.m.
- 10 Township Council Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Planning Board Meeting\* - 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Board of Adjustment Meeting\* - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Movie Night with Food Trucks at Joe Palaia Park - dusk
- 19 Movie Night rain date
- 26 Community Pool and Tennis Facility Opens for the Season
- 27 Memorial Day Parade from Town Hall, 11:00 a.m. (rain date: May 28 at 11:30)
- 28 Memorial Day Ceremony 11:00 a.m. Town Hall
- 31 Township Council Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.

### JUNE

- 1, 2 & 3 Third Annual Community-Wide Garage Sale
- 2 Paper Shredding Event, Dow Avenue School 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 5 Primary Election Day
- 6 Fall Recreation Soccer Registration Begins
- 7 Shade Tree Commission Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Environmental Commission Meeting\* - 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Township Council Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Board of Adjustment Meeting\* - 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Planning Board Meeting\* - 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Township Council Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.

### JULY

- 3 Independence Day Fireworks at Joe Palaia Park (rain date - July 5)
- 12 Township Council Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.

### AUGUST

- 1 Third Quarter Municipal and Sewer Taxes Due
- 2 Township Council Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.
- 7 National Night Out
- 8-12 Italian Festival at Joe Palaia Park
- 29 Fall Recreation Registration Begins

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Community Pool and Tennis Facility Closes
- 11 Memorial Service - 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall
- 13 Township Council Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Fall Clean Sweep - 11:00 a.m. Oakhurst Firemen's Field (rain date, October 7)
- 27 Township Council Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.

### OCTOBER

- 7 Movie Night with Food Trucks at Joe Palaia Park - dusk
- 11 Township Council Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 October Fest - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Joe Palaia Park
- 20 Paper Shredding Event - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dow Avenue School
- 25 Township Council Meeting\* - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 William F. Larkin Golf Course Closes for the Season
- 29 Township Curfew Begins at 8:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. on Nov. 1

Dates are subject to change - Please visit [www.oceantwp.org](http://www.oceantwp.org)

(\*All Council, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meetings are aired on Ocean TV. Channel 77 on Cablevision; Channel 22 on FIOS)

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Web Site  
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