



A LOOK AT OCEAN

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A Newsletter of the Township of Ocean in the County of Monmouth

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Message From The Mayor



Christopher Siciliano
Mayor

Greetings and Happy Autumn! The spectacular spring and summer weather gave us an opportunity to present many wonderful community events. We kicked off with one of our drive-in concerts, followed by our spectacular 4th of July celebration that included a concert in the park and a remarkable firework display under clear summer skies. Our pool and golf course saw record attendance this year and were enjoyed by thousands.

We closed out summer and started autumn with another wonderful annual event, our Fall Fest, which is always well attended.

This year we honored some very special Ocean greats! We recognized NFL quarterback and first round draft pick for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Kenny Pickett. We also are paying

tribute to All Pro linebacker and Super Bowl champion Phil Villapiano of the Raiders and Buffalo Bills on Saturday, October 15th 11 am, at Dave Dahrouge Park. This will be followed by a Celebration of Life for the late great Dave "Doc" Dahrouge on Sunday, October 16th at 1pm at his park.

We will continue to provide you with more events as the seasons progress. First up will be our Truck or Treat, followed by the Super Senior luncheon November 1 at the Renaissance for Ocean residents 85 and above plus one guest. The spectacular Christmas tree lighting event and of course, our annual Menorah Lighting event will end out our year. Please check out our calendar and website for monthly events and enjoy your fall/winter season.



What's Happening at the Senior Center?

There's something for everyone at the Don & Marie Curtis Senior Center! Join fellow Ocean seniors for games, BINGO, health screenings, discussions and special events.

BINGO is now offered on the last Monday of each month. Participation is free! Register by calling the Department of Human Services, 732-531-2600. **Open game play** takes place on Thursday and Friday mornings, and the knitting group meets every 2nd and 4th Friday in the afternoon.

VNA of Central Jersey is once again offering **free health screenings** on the third Thursday of each month, and seniors can get in touch with their artistic side at Adult Acrylics on Tuesday afternoons. More programs will be added in the coming months.

Some programs charge a fee and some free programs require registration. Sign up for email alerts about special events and receive the monthly Senior Center calendar by calling 732-531-2600. See you at the Senior Center!

Community Hope Fund

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Donate individual items or a complete meal for a family of 4-6 people

Most Needed Items

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| Stuffing | Canned Soup | Canned Fruit/Vegetables |
| Cranberry Sauce | Pasta & Sauces | Instant Potatoes |
| Gravy | Hot/ Cold Cereals | Peanut Butter & Jelly |
| Instant Hot Chocolate & Coffee | Cookies & Crackers | |

DROP OFF DONATIONS NO LATER THAN 11/10
For information call 732-531-2600
or email mrudolph@oceantwp.org.

COMMUNITY HOPE FUND

Adopt a Family

HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Help brighten the holidays of families in need in Ocean. Volunteers are needed to provide gifts and necessities for children and their families.

Please call 732-531-2600 or email mrudolph@oceantwp.org if you would like to help.

SENIOR RIDES

Free rides for Ocean residents age 60 or older for medical appointments, shopping and errands

Call the Department of Human Services 732-531-2600 for information and to register

Public Works News and Updates

KNOW YOUR ZONES: For purposes of trash, recycling, bulk collection, loose brush and leaf pick-up, the Township is divided into four quadrants or zones.

LOOSE BRUSH pick-up will be suspended from December 1 through March 31. During that time, place small amounts of brush in your green garbage container or place larger amounts in 45-gallon containers (or tied & bundled) curbside with your bulk collection.

OUR RECYCLING CENTER, 3603 Sunset Avenue, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Visit www.oceantwp.org/recyclingcenter for details.

REMINDER: PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE. Plastic bags used to hold shredded paper should be included with your regular household garbage. All recycled items must be loose inside the blue recycling carts. Permitted recyclable items include glass (bottles & jar), aluminum (cans), tin (cans), plastic (milk containers, plastic soda bottles, juice, water bottles, bleach, laundry detergent and such), newspapers, mixed papers

OEM Message

September is National Preparedness Month. Though we have had a rather quiet, though hot, Summer, it's not time to let your guard down as we are just hitting the peak of hurricane season and accordingly a few storms are brewing in the Atlantic. After that of course comes winter. We have been rather lucky the last few years with snow, but that could change. It is important that you are ready and have an emergency kit. For more information on building your kit, go to ready.gov/kit.

As a reminder, residents should want to be informed when the Township wants to get important messages to you. Ocean provides two great tools to do this. The first is **NIXLE**. NIXLE is a service that provides email and/or text messages to keep you up-to-date with relevant community information from the Police, DPW, OEM, and other Township departments. Another vehicle is **Code RED**. This system, sometimes referred as reverse-911, will notify you by phone of important information. To sign up for these important services, click on the **NIXLE** or **Code Red** buttons on the Police Department webpage at www.oceantwp.org/police. Both of these services are provided FREE OF CHARGE, so please sign up for one or both to be informed.

For disabled residents of the Township, we ask that you create an account on **NJ Register Ready** - New Jersey's Special Needs Registry for Disasters. This system is designed so that residents with disabilities or access and functional needs or their caregivers can provide information that may be critical for first responders in time of disaster or emergency. To sign up, go to register.ready.nj.gov. We also ask that you sign up for the **Monmouth County Special Needs Registry**. The important information you provide will be available to first responders immediately when a call for service from your home is received. This service can be accessed at mcsnrnj.org. Both of these services are available for FREE.

OEM is still looking to restart our Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT is a program to teach you to be able to help

(magazines, mail, office paper, school paper), cardboard and pizza boxes.

STORM DRAINS: With Fall upon us, Public Works would like to remind our residents, to help us keep leaves and other objects off the roadway and out of the storm drains. This will help prevent them from decomposing in our beautiful lakes and streams.

Metal Pick up: Monday October 31, 2022 and January 30, 2023

Town wide NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Holiday garbage & recycling pick ups Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 24, 2022 Zone 3 will be picked up Saturday November 26, 2022.

Bulk Holiday Schedule

Zone 3 & 4 bulk will be picked up Monday December 19, 2022

Zone 1 & 2 bulk will be picked up Monday January 9, 2023

For additional information related to these and other Public Works services at www.oceantwp.org/publicworks, or call 732-531-5001 M-F 8AM to 4PM

yourself and your neighbors in an emergency. Being a member of a CERT team does not take a lot of time, but you do have to be trained. We would like to start a training class in the Fall which consists of an on-line portion as well as a hands-on practical session. Once trained, we will meet and drill a few times during the year. If interested or you have more questions, please send email to cert-recruit@oceantwp.org.

And of course, if you happen to see a 1st responder around town, please take a moment to say "Thank You". You don't know how far those two simple words will go to brighten their day. Remember, some work and some volunteer to help keep YOU safe.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
Sign up NOW & Save!
Purchase your 2023
Community Pool membership
by 2/1/23
and lock in at 2022 prices
Plus, receive FREE guest passes!
OceanTwp.org
732-531-2600

Police Tips



Vehicle theft rates in the State of NJ are extremely high right now. Make sure that vehicle windows are rolled up completely when your vehicle is parked and that the doors are locked at all times while your vehicle is unoccupied. Do not leave valuables in view and do not leave key fobs inside your vehicle. Car thieves operate during all hours of the day and night so protect your property at all times. Don't make it easy for the criminals to take a joy ride in your car!



Schools in Ocean Township are back in session, therefore there are many buses on the roads and younger pedestrians traveling to and from school. Please take extra care when traveling on the roadways and be patient while the children from our community are boarding the buses. The Township buses are equipped with cameras so please DO NOT pass a bus while the flashing lights are on.



During the upcoming months, as we enter the fall and into the winter our area is known to experience all different weather events. The Police department communicates weather related emergencies and outages via several different media outlets. You can follow OTPD on Instagram, Facebook, Nixle and Twitter. We also utilize the code red system to send emergent messages to members of our community. Please visit our website to sign up for these alert systems (www.oceantwp.org/police).



The Ocean Township Police Department is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please contact 911 for any emergencies and 732-531-1800 for non emergent matters.



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Let Play! Recreation Department Provides Opportunities for Special Needs Youth

The Recreation Department offers a wide variety of sports, fitness, arts and other programs for youth adults and seniors. These programs offer opportunities for residents to improve their overall health and wellness, learn new skills and socialize with others.

This fall a new program was launched designed for special needs youth. **Together We Play** is a fun and active experience that keeps participants moving, playing and having fun. The Department of Human Services was awarded a Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) grant from NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to develop and implement the new program. Together We Play activities are designed to develop and improve motor skills, enhance physical wellness and empower youth to make social connections in a safe and supportive environment.

For more information about recreation programs visit the Department of Humans Services page on OceanTwp.org or pick up a brochure at the Recreation Office.

Ocean Township Garden Club Wreath Sale

After 15+ years of selling wreaths and grave blankets by the museum for our annual fundraiser, this year we're trying something different. We're taking mail orders October 1st through October 31st. Your order will be ready to pick up at the side entrance of the recreation center on November 18 and 19 in the evening. The cost is \$30 each. If you are interested, email us at otgardenclub@gmail.com. We will send you an order form to fill out and mail back to the club with a check.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Fall/Winter

(In person events to be held at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated)

NOVEMBER

- 1 First Quarter Taxes and Sewer Payment Due
- 1 Super Senior Luncheon -11:00 a.m. The Renaissance 1110 Valley Rd.
- 3 Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Environment Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- 8 Election Day Polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 9 Museum Fundraiser -Jewelry to Cash 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 703 Deal Rd
- 10 Town Council Meeting -7:00 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony - 11 a.m.
- 12 & 13 American Girl Doll Clothes Sale 11 a.m. -3:00 p.m. 703 Deal Rd
- 17 Board of Adjustment Meeting -7:30 p.m.
- 18 & 19 Wreath pick up – West Park Rec Center 615 Deal Rd. - Time TBD
- 21 Planning Board Meeting -7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 1 Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 1 Environment Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- 4 & 5 Museum Holiday Open House 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 703 Deal Road
- 4 Christmas Tree Lighting 703 Deal Road - 4:30 p.m.
- 5 Planning Board Meeting -7:30 p.m.
- 8 Town Council Meeting -7:00 p.m.
- 15 Board of Adjustment Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Menorah Lighting - 5:00 p.m.
- 29 Town Council Meeting -7:00 p.m.

JANUARY

- 5 Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Environment Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

- 12 Town Council Meeting -7:00 p.m.
- 15 Assessment Appeal Deadline
- 19 Board of Adjustment Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Planning Board Meeting -7:30 p.m.
- 26 Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 1 First Quarter Taxes and Sewer Payments Due
- 2 Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Environment Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- 5 Town Council Meeting - 9:00 a.m. -Budget
- 9 Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Winter Museum Speaker Event - 7:15 p.m. West Park Rec 615 Deal Rd
- 16 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Town Council Meeting -7:00 p.m.
- 27 Planning Board Meeting -7:30 p.m.

MARCH

- 2 Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Environment Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser - TBD
- 9 Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Board of Adjustment Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

APRIL

- 1 William F. Larkin Golf Course at Colonial Terrace Opens
- Easter Egg Hunt & Hat Contest - TBD
- 13 Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Board of Adjustment Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

- 24 Planning Board Meeting -7:30 p.m.
- 27 Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Due to these uncertain times, please visit www.oceantwp.org for updated information on events.
*All Council, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meetings are aired on Ocean TV.
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**Township of Ocean Library,
a branch of the Monmouth County Library**

701 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ 07712

Weekly movies- Thursdays at 2 pm

Charlie's Band concerts- 3rd Wednesday of every month 2 pm

Knitting Group 4th Tuesday of every month 7 pm



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Clean Communities needs your help keeping the Township of Ocean clean. There are many areas that can benefit from a little TLC. Call us today to see how you can help. 732-531-5000 ext. 3392

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732.531.5000

WEB SITE
WWW.OCEANTWP.ORG

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