

Public Works News and Updates

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.

Find additional information relating to these and other related services at www.oceantwp.org/publicworks, e-mail us at dpw@oceantwp.org or call us at 732-531-5001.

OUR RECYCLING CENTER, 3605 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 (magazines, mail, office paper, school paper) & cardboard.

Update from the Office of Emergency Management

As we reflect on the 20th anniversary of September 11th, it is important to remember that we should always remain vigilant of our surroundings. Remember if you see something, say something.

In order for residents to stay on top of situations that may occur in the Township, we offer two excellent vehicles to get the word out. 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 to 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 looking to restart our Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT). We will be starting a training class in the fall hopefully followed by another in early 2022. If you are interesting

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 Deal Lake.

Metal Pick up:

Monday November 29, 2021

Town wide NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Holiday garbage & recycling pick ups

Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 25, 2021 Zone 3 will be picked up Saturday November 27, 2021

Christmas Eve Friday December 24, 2021 Zone 4 will be picked up Monday December 27, 2021

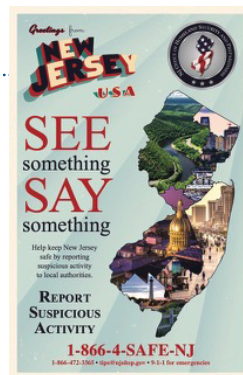
New Year's Eve Friday December 31, 2021 Zone 4 will be picked up Monday January 3, 2022

Bulk

Zone 3 & 4 bulk will be picked up Monday December 20, 2021

Zone 1 & 2 bulk will be picked up Monday January 10, 2022

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in volunteering your time to learn how to help your fellow residents and yourself, please email cert-recruit@oceantwp.org for more information.

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.

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 jappio@oceantwp.org if you would like to help.

2021 Election Information

The 2021 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

If any resident is interested in serving as a Poll Worker please contact the Monmouth County Board of Elections at (732)431-7802. Poll Workers are required to arrive by 5:15 a.m. and work until 8:00 p.m. They are paid \$200.00 for the entire day.

Below is a list of important election dates for the General Election.

Should anyone have any questions, please contact the Municipal Clerk's office at (732)531-5000 extension 3321 or 3322.

EARLY VOTING BY MACHINE

In-person voting by machine at any of the Monmouth County Early Voting Centers will commence 10 days before the date of Election Day, Saturday, October 23rd at 10 a.m. and will end on Sunday, October 31st at 6 p.m. Please visit www.oceantwp.org for hours and locations.

Healthy Bodies & Healthy Minds: Recreation & Counseling at the Department of Human Services

Much has been written about the connection between physical health and mental well-being. It can be difficult to enjoy one without the other. To achieve optimal overall health, experts recommend regular exercise, good sleep, a healthy diet, strong social bonds and management of stress, along with avoidance of smoking, drugs and moderate use of alcohol.

The Township values a healthy community by focusing on the whole person. Over 30 years ago, the Township recognized that, just as recreation is integral to a community's physical health, there can be no "health" without mental health and thereby created accessible and free counseling services for residents. At the Department of Human Services, recreation programs provide opportunities to improve physical health and strength, while counselors work with residents to address issues that may affect their mental and emotional health.

Recreation programs are offered for all ages, from pre-natal moms and infants to seniors. Fitness programs emphasize optimal health for every phase of life, from Fit Mamas and youth Running Club to Pilates, Fitness for 55+ and Ageless Grace for seniors. Sports programs -- like kickball, basketball and soccer for youth,

volleyball and basketball for adults, and pickleball for adults and seniors -- offer opportunities to stay active and socialize with others. Our parks, playgrounds and golf course provide outdoor recreation for all.

Counselors from the Community Services staff serve our residents with individual, couples and family counseling to address a variety of issues that affect emotional health. Counselors in Township elementary schools help students achieve emotional and social well-being that helps them attain academic success. Senior outreach programs allow township seniors to stay in touch with counselors or meet regularly at the Senior Center to explore topics such as health and relationships in a group setting. Counselors also work closely with Township police and courts to help residents experiencing substance abuse issues or mental health crises. Counseling services are provided at minimal or no cost to Ocean residents.

For more information about recreation and counseling programs, check the website: oceantwp.org/humanservices or call 732-531-2600.

Community Celebrations: Events planned year round

Did you know that Ocean Township hosts special events and celebrations throughout the year? Concerts, drive-in movies, holiday observances and festivals are just a few of the events organized by Jennifer Nordstrom, Community Celebrations Coordinator in the Department of Human Services.

This fall and winter, residents are invited to attend the annual **Veterans Day Ceremony** on November 11, the **Menorah Lighting** on November 29 and the **Christmas Tree Lighting** on December 5. Stay informed about all of the Community Celebrations by checking the website: oceantwp.org/celebrations or by signing up for email alerts at oceantwp.org. And be sure to like us on Facebook!

Our celebrations would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. We're grateful to **Shrewsbury Volkswagen, Middlebrook at Monmouth, Sanford D. Brown LLC and Suplee, Clooney & Company** for their support. If you or your business would like to become a Community Celebrations sponsor, contact Jennifer Nordstrom, 732-531-2600 ext. 6220, email: jnordstrom@oceantwp.org.

Community Hope Fund
Thanksgiving Food Drive
Donate individual items or a complete meal for a family of 4-6 people
Most Needed Items
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
Please drop off donations by 11/12
Volunteers are needed. Call 732-531-2600 or email jappio@oceantwp.org.