

2021 COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Spring/Summer

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

APRIL

- 3 William F. Larkin Golf Course at Colonial Terrace Opens
- 8 Township Council Meeting * – 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Board of Adjustment Meeting * – 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Township Council Meeting* – 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Greenfest – see website for details
- 26 Planning Board Meeting * – 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Registration begins for Summer Recreation Program and Fall Youth Soccer

MAY

- 1 Second Quarter Municipal and Sewer Taxes Due
- 6 Hometown Hero Event – 7:00 p.m. Joe Palaia Park (5/13 rain date) – Gates open at 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Environmental Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 13 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 17 Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Drive In Concert – Guilty Pleasure 6:30 p.m. Joe Palaia Park (6/3 rain date) – Gates open at 6:00 p.m.
- 28-30 Township-wide Garage Sale – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 29 Community Pool and Tennis Facility Opens for the season
- 31 Memorial Day Ceremony – 11:00 a.m.
- 31 Metal Collection

JUNE

- 3 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Environmental Commission – 8:00 p.m.
- 5 Museum Spring Tea, Woman's Club of Asbury Park, 57 Wickapecko Drive, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 8 Primary Election – Polls Open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 10 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 12 Paper Shredding Event – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Dow Avenue School
- 12 Spring Outdoor Art Exhibit and Sale – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 703 Deal Road
- 17 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 27 New Museum Exhibit Opening- 7:00 p.m. 703 Deal Rd.
- 28 Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

JULY

- 8 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.

AUGUST

- 1 Third Quarter Municipal and Sewer Taxes Due
- 1 Museum American Doll Tea 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 703 Deal Rd.
- 4 National Night Out – 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Ocean Community Pool & Tennis Facility

- 11-15 Ocean Township Italian Festival – 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Joe Palaia Park
- 12 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 30 Metal Collection

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Community Pool and Tennis Facility Closes
- 9 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 11 9/11 Memorial Service – 8:45 a.m.
- 23 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 25 Fall Fest – Joe Palaia Park 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 2 Paper Shredding Event – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dow Avenue School
- 14 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 28 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 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

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

To report a pothole go to
potholes@oceantwp.org



www.oceantwp.org

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Message From The Mayor

This newsletter is dedicated to the Wanamassa Fire Company on their 100th Anniversary. Thank you for your service!



Christopher Siciliano
Mayor

Happy Spring! Coming out of the cold slumbers of winter (which gave us more than our share of snow); I am sure we are all rejoicing as the weather steadily improves and we are able to resume outdoor activities again, including outdoor dining. The Council and I have extended the executive order permitting outdoor dining in hopes of helping local businesses recover economically from COVID.

Before we move onto our spring activities I would like to give a shout out to the volunteers in our town. When we are in need or crisis, our residents really show up for each other. February was a snowy month, and it left its mark on us, especially our seniors. Particularly, some of our senior housing complexes; they were stuck with the after math of the storms and clean-up. Many of those residents had their cars plowed in, covered with snow and were trapped! That was until we put a call out for the "Shovel Brigade."

We were overwhelmed with the response we had from various groups and individuals in town to assist our stranded seniors. Groups included: National Honor Society, Boy Scouts, religious groups, soccer club members, sports teams and individual families that wanted to help out. For over two days and many hours, these wonderful volunteers put their backs into the task at a hand and clean up ensured restoring some much needed independence to our seniors. We whole heartedly thank you for holding up our moniker as "The Community of Gracious Living."

We would also like to keep you informed on our "Ocean Township Vaccination Program" progress. With the help of Tracey Berkowitz, we were able to assist over a hundred seniors with hard to get vaccine appointments. We will continue our efforts with the help of Tracey Berkowitz and Jenn Nordstrom to ensure our town has its share of vaccines available to everyone!



Keep on the lookout for information on our web page.

Speaking of Jenn Nordstrom, she once again has many fun outdoor events planned for us this spring, summer and fall. We will continue our "Drive-in" concerts and a few "Drive-in Movies" as well. All events will go through our Community Pass System just like last year.

Mike Butrico, our Recreation Director, is busy making copious park improvements and is bringing us more recreation programs to enjoy. The William F. Larkin Golf Course is now open and in beautiful shape! Mike just completed the Appleby Park renovation and is already working on the fields and other park improvements at Palaia Park.

As more and more people are getting vaccinated, we hope to have some of the events we cancelled last year due to the pandemic. We are going to bring back the "Super Senior Lunch." This is an event for all residents 85 and above. While we can't get all events back at once, we will keep you well-informed on the ones we feel are safe at this time and post them prominently on our web page and town signs.

The council and I wish you a very happy and fun filled season!

Yours Truly,
Mayor Christopher Siciliano



Friends of the Township of Ocean Library

The Friends of the Township of Ocean Library is an all volunteer, member supported, nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing the programs of the public library in Ocean Township, to expanding literacy, to promoting activities of educational value, and to raising awareness of this great resource in our community.

Members receive a monthly newsletter and have access to a website which provides information on book recommendations, virtual learning opportunities, book and movie discussions and cultural & self improvement programs. The \$5.00/year

membership dues also helps fund special programs and provides needed resources at our town library. For more information or to become a member: friendsofoceantwplibrary.org

Because of current Covid 19 restrictions we have postponed our monthly in-person meetings, as well as our semi-annual book sales and book donation days. We will post information on our website once those activities can resume.



Public Works News and Updates “KNOW YOUR ZONE”

Brush collection begins in April. **PLEASE KNOW YOUR ZONE.** Brush should be placed at the curb no more than 10 DAYS PRIOR to your zone’s scheduled pick-up. Zone information and pick-up dates can be found on our website and on the Township’s calendar. It is the resident’s responsibility to inform your landscaper or gardener of your zone’s schedule. **Grass clippings are NOT PERMITTED curb side at any time.** Grass clippings can be taken to the Recycling Drop Off Center. Our drop off center is located at 3603 Sunset Avenue offers extended summer hours from April 15-September 30:

Monday through Friday – 7:30 a.m. - 2:30p.m.
 Extended hours Tuesday and Thursday until 5:00p.m.
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m.
 Sunday-CLOSED

Curbside metal collection dates are as follows:
 May 31, 2021, August 30, 2021 & November 29, 2021

Additional garbage/recycling carts are available for lease through the Dept. of Public Works. Call 732-531-5001 for more information or visit our website www.oceantwp.org

RECYCLING INFORMATION

All recyclables must be loose inside the blue cart. Permitted recyclables include: Glass bottles, jars, aluminum cans, tin cans, plastic milk containers, plastic soda bottles, water bottles, bleach, laundry detergent, newspaper, mixed paper, magazines, mail, office paper, school paper and cardboard. **PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN BLUE RECYCLING CART. PIZZA BOXES ARE CONSIDERED GARBAGE.**

**PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS
 FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS’
 CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS**
 June 12 and October 2, 2021
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Dow Avenue School

Police Updates



With the warmer spring and summer weather quickly approaching there will be more opportunities for burglars to strike. 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 thefts are more prevalent during the summer months and thieves are searching for vehicles that are unlocked with the fobs inside. Don’t make it easy for the criminals to take a joy ride in your car!

Don't fall for



phone scams

Over the past year there have been several scams that have been targeting elderly members of our community. The most common scams are the Family Emergency Scam, the Utility Company Scam and the Social Security Administration Scam. The majority of companies will not require you to provide your personal information over the phone nor will they ask you to provide payment in the form of any type of gift card. If you receive one of these calls, make sure to ask questions and attempt to verify who is calling. In order to verify the call, hang up and call the customer service number listed on your credit card statement or call the police department where your family member may be supposedly being held. Resist the urge to act immediately no matter how real the story sounds.



The Township of Ocean Police Department is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week, so if you have any questions or need police assistance of any kind do not hesitate to call. If there is an emergency please dial 911, for all non-emergency calls dial 732-531-1800.

Township of Ocean Green Team looking for volunteers

The Township of Ocean Green Team is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in joining the group, please fill out the form under “Volunteer Opportunities” on our website. You can also join an Environmental Commission meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone and sign up. Go to www.oceantwp.org for information on how to join virtual meeting.

Township of Ocean Department of Human Services

COUNSELING

Professional, caring and confidential counseling services by licensed practitioners for youth and adults.
 Services are **FREE** for Township residents.

DAY & EVENING HOURS

Help is just a phone call away
 Call 732-531-2600



Message from the Office of Emergency Management

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their community. When emergencies occur, CERT members can provide critical support to first responders, immediate help to victims of the emergency, and also assist in the organization of volunteers who make themselves available at the disaster site. CERT is a perfect vehicle for those citizens who want to help and make a difference but cannot commit to the demands of other services like your volunteer fire department.

CERTs have been used for:

- Search of lost or kidnapped children
- Staff Emergency Operations Center and monitor events
- Manage “spontaneous/convergent” volunteers
- Assist the Red Cross and other relief organizations on mass care



All training will be provided as well as a response kit with necessary equipment.

CERT falls under the direction of the Twp of Ocean Office of Emergency Management. Deputy Coordinator Michael Evans will lead our effort. Right now we are collecting names of residents who may want to be involved. If you are interested or would like more information, please email us at cert-recruit@oceantwp.org. We look to start training in the late spring/early summer.

News from the Recreation Department

Outdoor Active Recreation, also known as OAR, was created in Summer 2020. With most of the world being virtual, the Recreation Department came up with an idea for kids entering grades 1-8 to come together safely while engaging them in small group outdoor games. OAR is back for the 2021 summer season! This will be a 8 week program split up into 4 different sessions. Camp is Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-4:30pm. NEW this year: Each group will be splitting their time between the Ocean Township Community Pool and Oakhurst Park. SPOTS ARE LIMITED, so register now!!

AROUND TOWN!! As you have probably already seen, Appleby Playground has been revived. NEW equipment and safety surfacing have been installed and we are anticipating an early Spring opening of the playground, weather permitting. Also coming later this year: A brand NEW inclusive fitness area will be installed at Joe Palaia Park!

The Community Pool & Tennis Facility opens for the 2021 season on Saturday, May 29. Memberships are on sale now. Our beautiful William Larkin Golf Course is open daily. New to golf? Sign up for lessons with golf instructor Michele Melia and learn all you need to know about the game.

For information about recreation programs, call 732-531-2600 or click on the Recreation & Counseling tab on oceantwp.org.

Township of Ocean

Community Pool

Three Pools Tennis Activities for Kids

Join Today!

Ask about daily rates & evening memberships

732-531-2600
OceanTwp.org

There's Always Time for Nine!

William F. Larkin Golf Course at Colonial Terrace

Spring Special!
\$13 greens fees through April 30

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ColonialTerraceGolf.com
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