

COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Spring/Summer

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

APRIL

- 2 William F. Larkin Golf Course at Colonial Terrace Opens
- 7 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 9 Easter Egg Hunt & Bonnet Contest
- 14 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 21 Board of Adjustment Meeting * – 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Clean Sweep 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Fireman's Field Meeting Room
- 24 Greenfest – see website for details
- 25 Planning Board Meeting * – 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Township Council Meeting * – 7:00 p.m.

MAY

- 1 Second Quarter Municipal and Sewer Taxes Due
- 4 Registration begins for Summer Recreation Program and Fall Youth Soccer (residents)
- 5 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Environmental Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 12 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 14 Museum Spring Tea, Woman's Club of Asbury Park, 57 Wickapecko Drive, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 17 Voter registration deadline
- 19 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Community Pool and Tennis Facility Opens for the season
- 30 Memorial Day Ceremony – 10:00 a.m. Followed by bike parade.
- 30 Metal Collection

JUNE

- 2 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Environmental Commission – 8:00 p.m.
- 3-5 Early Voting Period
- 4 Paper Shredding Event – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Dow Avenue School
- 7 Primary Election – Polls Open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 9 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 13 Garden Club Annual Everything Garden Swap
- 16 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 27 Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

JULY

- 1 Fireworks at dark at Joe Palaia Park (rain date TBD)
- 14 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.

AUGUST

- 1 Third Quarter Municipal and Sewer Taxes Due
- 2 National Night Out – 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 2 Ocean Community Pool & Tennis Facility
- 3 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 7 Museum American Doll Tea 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 703 Deal Rd.
- 10-14 Ocean Township Italian Festival – 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- 29 Joe Palaia Park Metal Collection

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Community Pool and Tennis Facility Closes
- 8 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 11 9/11 Memorial Service – 8:30 a.m.
- 22 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 25 Fall Fest – Joe Palaia Park 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 13 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
- 27 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
- 31 Metal Collection

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. Channel 77 on Cablevision; Channel 22 on FIOS



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Message From The Mayor



Christopher Siciliano
Mayor

Spring Greetings! As we welcome spring there are many community events to look forward to. The first of many drive-in events will kick off Memorial Day weekend with a concert on Thursday, May 26th, by the very entertaining “The A.D.D Band” whose old school rock is sure to bring back some fun and fond memories and get you out of your seats! Once again, you can sign up by way of Community Pass. There will be a modest charge of \$10 per car load. Don't miss this event, bring your lawn chair and your cooler filled with snacks and beverages. Be sure to check out our website for other events to enjoy!



We had a very busy winter and once again the “Shovel Brigade” was at the service of our senior housing developments. This year's group, created by the Mayor, was comprised of Boy Scouts and local high school students, both young men and a young lady; they all worked diligently to dig out our stranded seniors. We thank them and they were also recognized by the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion of Neptune, where they received the Good Deed Award for their service.

The return of our annual Saint Patrick's Day celebration was back after a two-year hiatus due to COVID, the event run by Jen Nordstrom and staff was a huge success! The sellout crowd was well fed by Falco Brothers and entertained by bag pipers, Irish dancers and the amazing D.J. Bob. This year's “Grand Marshall” was Patrick “The Commander” Barrett Jr. Pat was born in Asbury Park, served on the Asbury Park Police Department for 25 years where he walked the beat on Springwood Avenue earning the friendship and respect of both business owners and residents alike. Pat and his wife Helen then moved to the Wanamassa



section of Ocean and volunteered to serve the Wanamassa Fire Department. Pat was not only the Chief; he also served as Commander for 14 years! Pat was honored by New Jersey Senate, Legislators and the Monmouth County Commissioners and Town Council for his many years of volunteer service.



Hello and Goodbye: We said goodbye to retired Chief Steve Peters, who served for 9 years as Chief and a total of 34 years in the Department. Chief will now devote more time to his boat and enjoy his private life as a civilian; we thank him for his many years of service to Ocean Township. We say hello and welcome to our newly appointed Chief, Michael Sorrentino. Chief Sorrentino has been with the Ocean Township

Police Department for 25 years and has worked his way up the ranks. Starting out as a patrolman, he was promoted to Sergeant, Lieutenant, and then Captain before being selected to serve as our 10th Chief. Chief, in addition to his many years of institutional knowledge, is a lifelong resident of Ocean, giving him invaluable local knowledge as well. The Chief graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy Leadership Program in 2018. We look forward to Chief Sorrentino leading our very active department and keeping our residents safe and informed.

Lastly, remember there is always time for nine! Visit our award winning (Top 20 Public Courses-NJ and Top 25 Short Courses-US) William F. Larkin Golf Course. Our very enthusiastic and forward-thinking recreation Director, Mike Butrico and staff, have gotten the course looking better than ever!

Please be sure to check out our website for any up to date information regarding events and meetings.

Wishing you all a very Happy and fun filled Spring /Summer season from your Mayor and Council.

TELEPHONE
732.531.5000

WEB SITE
WWW.OCEANTWP.ORG

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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 30, 2022, August 29, 2022 & October 31, 2022

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 4, 2022
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Dow Avenue School

And the Winner Is... William F. Larkin Golf Course

Ocean’s community golf course has been well-known by locals for many years. Now, William F. Larkin Golf Course at Colonial Terrace has garnered national recognition as one of the top courses in the U.S.

The nine-hole course on Wickapecko Drive was named one of the **Top 25 Short Courses in the U.S** and one of the **Top 20 Courses in New Jersey** on the 2021 Golfers Choice list by GolfPass.

The annual list is compiled by analyzing the ratings and reviews submitted by golfers throughout the year. Of the 125 New Jersey courses reviewed in 2021, William F. Larkin Golf Course ranked #16.

In the rankings of US short courses (less than 18 holes) our local course ranked #23 in the nation.

These accolades come as no surprise to area golfers who have long enjoyed the course’s 2,616 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par 35. The century-old Colonial Terrace Golf Course has been operated by the Township since 2008. It was renamed in 2016 to honor Ocean’s former mayor who led the initiative to make the course a public space that would enhance the quality of life for residents of Ocean and surrounding communities. Leagues and lessons are offered throughout the season and the course is home to the First Tee of the Jersey Shore, a youth development program that’s empowering the next generation of golfers.

The course is open daily through mid-November. Be sure to take advantage of the April Special: \$13 greens fees for all golfers every day. For more information and to book a tee time, visit ColonialTerraceGolf.com or call 732-775-3636.

**WILLIAM F. LARKIN GOLF COURSE
 at Colonial Terrace**

WINNER!
Top 25 Short Courses in US
Top 20 Public Courses in NJ

GOLFERS’ CHOICE
 GOLF PASS 2022

There’s Always Time For Nine!

1001 Wickapecko Drive, Wanamassa
732-775-3636
BOOK ONLINE AT
ColonialTerraceGolf.com

Township of Ocean Story Time Schedule:
 Baby/Toddler- Mondays & Wednesdays 10:30-11 am
 Family Storytime- Mondays 2:30-2:50 pm &
 Wednesdays 4:15-4:35 pm

A branch of the Monmouth County Library
 701 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ 07712
 732-531-5092

See our website for all of our programs at
www.monmouthcountylib.org

Need a Lift? Free Transportation for Township Seniors

The Department of Human Services provides transportation for residents age 60 and older who need a ride to local medical appointments or shopping.

Seniors can get rides to area medical facilities on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 2pm.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, our drivers bring seniors to local grocery stores, pharmacies and stores.

To qualify for this free service, residents must be at least age 60 and be able to enter and exit the minivans with minimal assistance. For residents with mobility issues, services are offered by the Monmouth County Division of Transportation (SCAT).

For information and to register for transportation services call 732-531-2600. Rides must be scheduled at least two business days prior to your scheduled appointment.

Police Tips



Over the past year motor vehicle theft in New Jersey has risen more than 31%. We need to remain vigilant and safeguard our vehicles. Here are

some basic tips to protecting your vehicle from thieves:

- Do not leave your keys/fob in your vehicle
- Do not leave your car running while unattended
- Ensure all windows are closed
- Remove all valuables from view
- Make sure the doors are locked



With the warmer months ahead, Ocean Township will see an influx of traffic and residents. Ultimately during this time, our community will become more attractive to criminals as well. There is always a rise in burglaries and vehicle thefts during this time. If you see something that seems suspicious, contact OTPD as soon as possible. Please do not wait hours or days after the incident occurred as it hinders our ability to conduct a successful investigation. The non-emergency line for OTPD is 732-531-1800 or we can be reached by dialing 911, we are open 24/7.



Ocean Township has seen an increase in our population as well as several new construction projects that are attracting people to our community. There has been and will continue to be a significant increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Remember to avoid any distractions when driving, especially cell phones. As the weather continues to get warmer and more people go outside, be sure to yield to pedestrians that are in the crosswalks throughout our Township. Let’s work together to keep the members of our community safe.

Cultural Center for the Township

The Ocean Township Library and Historical Museum sit together on land rich with history at the western edge of Joe Palaia Park. Adding to this history are the Turner Art Gallery, housed inside the library, and the historical Tower and Cow Barn, currently undergoing restoration.

The Township, and volunteers from the Friends of the Ocean Township Library, the Historical Museum, Art Council and Garden Club, are joining forces to officially launch this historical site as a Cultural Center for our town. The Cultural Center will highlight and promote all this special area has to offer residents and visitors -- including events, exhibits, live performances, lectures, demonstrations, movies, tours and so much more.

Stay tuned to our town’s website for launch details coming soon.

Professional, caring and confidential counseling for Ocean Township residents

Township of Ocean Department of Human Services

COUNSELING

Highly trained mental health counselors help people address a number of issues, such as anxiety, grief, coping with loss, depression, family and relationship issues. Day & evening appointments are available.

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 Help is just a phone call away.**

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Township of Ocean

Community Pool

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