

2019 COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Spring/Summer

(All events to be held at Town Hall, unless otherwise noted.)

- MAY**
- 2 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 - 2 Environmental Commission – 8:00 p.m.
 - 4 & 5 Weekend in Old Monmouth
 - Eden Woolley House, 703 Deal Road
 - 9 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.
 - 14 Municipal Election – Polls Open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - 15 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
 - 20 Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
 - 27 Memorial Day Ceremony – 11:00 a.m.
 - 30 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.
 - 31 Township-wide Garage Sale – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- JUNE**
- 1 Paper Shredding Event – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Dow Avenue School
 - 1 Township-wide Garage Sale – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - 2 Township-wide Garage Sale – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - 4 Primary Election – Polls Open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - 6 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 - 6 Environmental Commission – 8:00 p.m.
 - 13 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.
 - 20 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
 - 23 Museum Exhibit – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. "Votes for Women: Suffrage in New Jersey" Edén Woolley House, 703 Deal Road

- 24 Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
 - 27 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.
- JULY**
- 1 Council Reorganization Meeting
 - 3 Independence Day Parade – 4:00 p.m. from Dow Avenue to Joe Palaia Park Celebration and Fireworks at Joe Palaia Park (rain date – July 5)
 - 11 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.
 - 14 Museum's American Girl and Teddy Bear Tea 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Edén Woolley House, 703 Deal Road

- AUGUST**
- 1 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.
 - 6 National Night Out – 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wegmans Parking Lot
 - 7 – 11 Ocean Township Italian Festival – 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Joe Palaia Park
 - 28 Fall Recreation Registration Begins
- SEPTEMBER**
- 2 Community Pool and Tennis Facility Closes
 - 11 9/11 Memorial Service – 9:00 a.m.

- 12 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.
- 14 New Jersey State History Fair – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monmouth Battlefield State Park, 16 Business Route 33, Manalapan (rain date: Sept. 15)
- 26 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.

- OCTOBER**
- 6 Fall Clean Sweep – 11:00 a.m. Oakhurst Firemen's Field (rain date – October 13)
 - 10 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.
 - 19 Paper Shredding Event – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dow Avenue School
 - 24 Council Workshop and Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.



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.)

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Message From The Mayor



Christopher Siciliano
Mayor

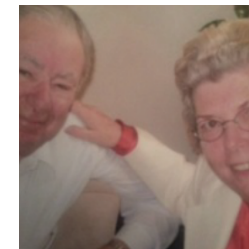
On February 21, we celebrated the 170th anniversary of our incorporation by a joint act of the Senate and General Assembly. Our current Council convened to commemorate the date. With invaluable input from two of our historians, Paul and Marge Edelson, we took a look at the history of our town as we celebrated

our growth and progress. Contributions from Freeholder Director Tom Arnone, Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon, and Sheriff Shaun Golden helped round out the evening's celebration.



WWI Veterans, 1918

Our anniversary celebration will continue at various events throughout the year, including a July 3, 4:00 p.m. Independence Day parade, during which we will honor Jason Hutzley, owner of Kepwel Spring Water (the oldest business in town). We also look forward to honoring our former parade Grand Marshals going back to 1993. Our parade will start on Dow Avenue and end at the Michael J. Cernigliaro festival grounds in Joe Palaia Park. Be sure to visit our website for updates and additional information.



In a continued effort to recognize our long-time volunteers and those who have enriched our town, we are honored to acknowledge the foresight and efforts of Don and Marie Curtis, early pioneers who were at the first meetings of what became the Drug and Alcohol Alliance for the Township of Ocean. On April 3, we will be re-dedicating the West Park Avenue Senior Center (where our meetings are presently held) in their honor. We are truly grateful for all of their work through the years, and we are especially glad that Marie remains an active part of this group.

Another anniversary worthy of mentioning is the Rotary Club of Asbury Park, which is celebrating 100 years of service in April.

President Gail Matarazzo tells us they consider themselves "the best Rotary club in the universe." This is because they strive to accomplish the two key aspects of a very successful Rotary club: great service projects and fantastic fellowship. As a former member of this organization, I subscribe to their motto, being, "Service Above Self". I encourage you to visit them at www.asburyparkrotary.org to learn more about this worthwhile group.

Our Spring Recreation Brochure is out, and filled with a variety of programs and activities for all ages. Visit our website or their offices at 601 Deal Road and take a look!

New in town this year is an event that many families will enjoy – please join us at our Easter Eggstravaganza on Sunday, April 14, at Oakhurst Firemen's Field. There will be crafts, games and fun beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by an egg hunt for children ages 3 - 10 at noon. Bring a basket or container.

Through the efforts jointly negotiated between Freeholder Director Tom Arnone and me, we recently accepted a 20-seat SCAT bus at no cost. This will serve the needs of our ever-growing senior community, providing more convenience and trips for this valued segment of our population. We are utilizing shared services for the driver with one of our local directors of senior housing. Contact our Human Services Department at 732-531-2600 for information.



This year's Mayor's Charity Ball will take place on May 4 at the Deal Country Club. With varied sponsorships and underwriting opportunities available, please know that ALL contributions will directly benefit The Mya Lin Terry Foundation. For additional information, visit www.themyalinterryfoundation.org.

Enjoy this newsletter, check out the calendar on the back, and I hope to see you at one or more of our many events.

As always, our Council is here for you.
Yours truly,
Mayor Christopher Siciliano

Municipal Election - May 14, 2019

The Township of Ocean's five-member, non-partisan Council operate under the Council-Manager form of government. Council members serve four-year concurrent terms, which expire on June 30, 2019. A municipal election will take place on Tuesday, May 14 with polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For voting information, visit www.oceantwp.org/elections or contact our Clerk's office at 732-531-5000, ext. 3321 or 3322.



Public Works News and Updates

Spring loose leaf pick-up will take place through April. Brush collection will take place through October. Zone information and pick-up dates can be found on our website and on the Township's calendar. Brush should be at the curb no more than one week prior to your scheduled pick-up. Dispose of small amounts of brush by either placing them in your green garbage container with your garbage, or by placing them curbside in 45-gallon containers (or neatly tied and bundled) with your monthly bulk collection.

No shredded paper, plastic bags, plastic film of any sort can be recycled. These items must now be included with your garbage.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

All recyclables must be loose inside the **blue cart**. Permitted recyclables include: glass (bottles and jars), aluminum (cans), tin (cans), Plastic (milk containers, plastic soda bottles, juice, water bottles, bleach, laundry, detergent, and such), newspaper, mixed paper (magazines, mail, office paper, school paper) and cardboard (not to exceed the height from the lid of the cart).

Our recycling drop-off center at 3603 Sunset Avenue offers extended summer hours from April 15 - September 30:

- Monday through Friday - 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (extended hours until 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday)
- Saturday and Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Curbside metal collection dates are as follows:
April 29, July 29, and September 30.
No need to call for an appointment.**

Place all items to the curb the night before. Metal items can also be brought to the Sunset Avenue Recycling Center.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS' CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS

June 1 and October 19
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dow Avenue School

Environmental Economics

The Environmental Commission, in partnership with Sustainable Jersey, has created the "Green Ocean Township" campaign to help homeowners and business owners lower emissions from buildings. **Residents** have hands-on assistance to help reduce energy bills, create a cleaner, healthier community, and protect our planet for future generations. Homeowners may qualify for up to \$4,000 in cash rebates and up to \$15,000 in zero-interest financing for home energy improvements that reduce energy use by 60 percent. **Business owners**, after a free energy audit, will be eligible for New Jersey's Direct Install program, which pays for 70% of upgrade costs. In addition, New Jersey Natural Gas can finance the remaining 30% of the costs at 0% interest over 3 years. Visit our website for more information.

Comment on our Draft Environmental Resource Inventory

The Environment Commission is seeking public comment on the Township's Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) currently in draft. The ERI covers a wide array of subjects pertaining to the town's natural environment, documenting its natural resources and environmentally significant features. The ERI will neither interpret facts nor make recommendations, but will serve as an important input to the Township's Master Plan. The ERI will also accelerate our Sustainable Jersey certification. We anticipate that the ERI will be completed this September, with a public presentation made at that time. We invite you to provide comments on the draft by May 6 by visiting our website at www.oceantwp.org.

Be a Part of our Clean Sweeps and help beautify our community!

Sun., April 28 & October 6 @ 11 a.m. (rain date: May 5 & Oct. 13)
at Oakhurst Fireman's Field.

All dogs must be leashed when not fenced in.

We welcome dogs in our parks, but they **MUST** be leashed and under control.

Distractions can quickly escalate into dangerous situations.

Your compliance is needed and appreciated

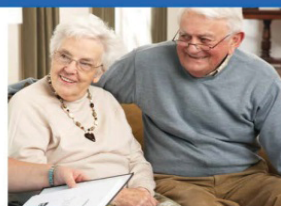
Visit our website to learn about the Township's Storm Water Pollution Protection Plan and Storm Water Management Plan.

Let's Talk

Join Ocean Township adults age 60 and older for friendly conversation, coffee & light refreshments.

Moderated by licensed counselors, Let's Talk explores topics of interest such as health & wellness, family relationships and who we are today.

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



Meets Wednesdays
10:30am - 12 noon
at the Senior Center.

There is no cost to participate and transportation is available.

The History of Joe Palaia Park

Joe Palaia Park offers a variety of opportunities for recreation. Visitors come to the park to walk, run, picnic, cycle and enjoy the scenery. The park comprises more than 200 acres of public open space with woods, walking trails, sports fields and festival grounds and is home to an abundance of wildlife.

The tract was once known as the Deal Test Site, and through much of the 20th century was used by AT&T, Bell Laboratories and then the U.S. Army Signal Corps for research on wireless radio transmissions. During the 1950s and 60s the missiles and satellites launched from Cape Kennedy, as well as Russian satellites such as Sputnik, were monitored from Deal Test Site.

The Township acquired the property in 1973 to preserve the land for open space and the enjoyment of the community. In 1998 the park was renamed Joe Palaia Park in honor of Joseph A. Palaia, who served the people of Ocean as a teacher and principal, and later as a councilman, mayor, State Assemblyman and State Senator representing the people of Ocean and surrounding communities.

The park's three-mile paved loop trail is open year-round to walkers, runners and cyclists. You can download a trail map from our website.

And what's new: If you have used the trail recently, you probably noticed the new structures in the park. The disc golf course is the latest addition to the recreation opportunities available for park patrons. Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. It's fun for all ages, easy to learn and free to play!

All that's required to play are a pair of comfortable shoes and a set of discs. The Recreation office has several sets of discs available to borrow. Stop by during regular office hours, show your identification, and provide your address and phone number. Discs will be loaned on a first-come, first-served basis. Discs are available for purchase at many local stores that sell sporting equipment as well as through online retailers.

To learn more about how to play, those age 14 and older can register for a two-day disc golf workshop to be held on April 8 and 13. For details and

additional information, check out the Spring Recreation Brochure, available on our website or via printed copies at the Recreation office, 601 Deal Road, at Town Hall and at the public library.

2019 Green-Fest

Saturday, April 13

10:00 a.m. to 3:00

at the Library, 701 Deal Road.

Join us and celebrate our certified Sustainable New Jersey municipality.

Learn ways to green your home, your community, and your earth.

With more than 20 presentations and demonstrations, this event is free and open to the public!



Older Adults May Benefit From Counseling

While adults may approach their "Golden Years" eagerly, anticipating retirement, grandchildren, or simply a new phase of life, others may find moving from middle age into their later years a challenge. Some individuals may struggle with the physical and mental effects of this phase of life. It may be difficult for some older adults to adjust to leaving the workforce or deal with new frailty or medical conditions. Isolation due to relocation or the passing of friends, peers or spouse may also impact a person's wellbeing. Counseling can help older adults who may

have difficulty with the transitions of aging to manage their emotions, find new sources of enjoyment and meaning, and discover new support systems. Family or individual therapy can also assist family members who may be caretakers of their elder relatives.

Our Department of Human Services offers free and low-cost counseling services to Ocean's residents. Please call 732-531-2600 to schedule an appointment.

Ocean's Community Hope Fund

The Community Hope Fund (CHF) is a registered 501c (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to promote youth development and to support the charitable needs of our community. CHF programs include, but are not limited to, youth development, grants, family assistance, individual assistance and other charitable needs.

Small grants are available annually to non-profit organizations and community-based programs conducted in Monmouth County within a twenty-mile radius of the Township of Ocean. Application forms are available at the Township of Ocean Human Services Department, 601 Deal Road. They can also be downloaded at www.oceantwp.org/communityhopefund. Grant applications are due no later than May 31, 2019. Send completed applications to Community Hope Fund Grants Committee, P.O. Box 263, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

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Pool & Tennis
615 West Park Avenue
Ask about daily rates & evening memberships

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