COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Fall/Winter

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

	NOVEMBER
1	First Quarter Taxes and Sewer Payment Due
2	Election Day Polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
4	Super Senior Luncheon - 11:00 a.m The Renaissance
	1110 Valley Rd.
4	Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
4	Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
10	Town Council Meeting -7:00 p.m.
11	Veterans Day Ceremony – 11 a.m.
13 & 14	American Girl Doll Clothes Sale 11 a.m3:00 p.m.
	703 Deal Rd
18	Board of Adjustment Meeting -7:30 p.m.
22	Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
29	Menorah Lighting – 5:00 p.m.
	DECEMBER
2	Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
2	Environment Commission Meeting 9,00 nm

Environment Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Museum Holiday Open House 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 703 Deal Road Christmas Tree Lighting 703 Deal Road - 4:30 p.m.

Town Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Board of Adjustment Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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

Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Assessment Appeal Deadline

TELEPHONE

732.531.5000

Board of Adjustment Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

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

FEBRUARY First Quarter Taxes and Sewer Payments Due Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Environment Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting - 9:00 a.m. -Budget Town Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Board of Adjustment Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

MARCH

Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Environment Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser - TBD Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Board of Adjustment Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

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

APRIL

William F. Larkin Golf Course at Colonial Terrace Opens Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Environment Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m

Board of Adjustment Meeting - 7:30 p.m. 25 Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m. Town Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

n Equal Opportunity Employer.

Dates are subject to change -Please visit www.oceantwp.org (*All Council, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meeting are aired on Ocean TV. Channel 77 on Cablevision; Channel 22 on FIOS.)

WEB SITE

WWW.OCEANTWP.ORG

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Message From The Mayor



Christopher Siciliano Mayor

Greetings! With the arrival of fall upon us we continue to cope with Covid restrictions. I am extremely proud of our residents for their continued compliance with these limitations. We are however, beginning to see the light and are moving forward with events that we have had to cancel or reimagine over the past eighteen months.

Some of the events we are pleased to bring back included: Fall Fest, Super Senior Luncheon (85 and older with a guest-contact Ienn Nordstrom at (732) 531-2600 x 6220

to reserve your spot), the Veterans Day Ceremony, and our Menorah and Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies with activities for the children. The event times and locations are listed on the Community Calendar on the back of this newsletter.



This year marked the 20th anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11. Ocean held a wellattended ceremony accompanied by members of the North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue Department. These first responders attended for the dedication of the memorial plaque which was placed to

honor Ocean resident and former Battalion Chief of North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue, Robert "Bobby" Agostini. In attendance were members of Bobby's family including his wife Susan, daughter, Alex, his son Nico and sister, Connie. Alex gave a very moving speech about her beloved father. Bobby lost his life eight years ago

after suffering from a 9/11 related illness. Bobby's plaque will rest in our memorial garden next to the plaque for Ocean resident John Monahan.

We are very pleased to welcome our new Township Manager, David G. Brown, II! Dave is a native of Long Branch where he lives with his wife, Tasha and three children. Dave has been a long time member and Chairman of the Long Branch Planning Board and has worked many years in municipal government. His vast knowledge will be an asset to our community and we are excited as he moves the town forward.





Lastly, goodbyes are always difficult and although we are saddened by the passing of our dear friend and longtime public servant, Mr. William (Bill) F. Larkin; we are equally blessed to have had him with us. Bill served Ocean in so many capacities for over forty years and was the longest serving Mayor/ Councilmember in our rich history. Everyone who

knew Bill agreed that he had a terrific sense of humor and an equally terrific sweet tooth and served his town with grace, honor and dignity. Bill will be sorely missed!

Please be sure to check the website for any up to date information regarding the events listed in the newsletter.

Wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season from your Mayor and Council.

Traffic Update: No parking on the south side of Roosevelt Ave. from the corner of Monmouth Rd. to the intersection of Norwood Ave. Also, no parking on the west side of Laurel Ave from Monmouth Rd to S Edgemere Dr. on garbage/recycling and bulk trash days or when road is snow covered.

Ocean Township Library

Hours:

Monday 10 am-9 pm Tuesday 9 am-9 pm

Wednesday 9 am-9 pm Thursday 9 am-9 pm

Friday 1-5 pm Saturday 9 am-5 pm

We also offer curbside pick-up Monday through Thursday from 9 am – 1 pm. Call the library at 732-531-5092 if you prefer curbside pick-up. Check out our website at www.monmouthcountylib.org for in person children's story time hours and our many virtual programs.

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 <u>loose</u> 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.

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

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

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 the provides email and/or test 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 access 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 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.





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,

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.

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: <u>oceantwp.org/humanservices</u> or call 732-531-2600.

