



A LOOK AT OCEAN

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Message From The Mayor

The band shell at the Michael J. Cernigliaro fairgrounds has proven to be a welcome addition to Joe Palaia Park. *Our Summer Event Series* in the Park has recently brought us a *Grease* sing-a-long and our local Doo Wop favorite, Johnny Petillo, in addition to the many other events held there. A drive-in movie is in the planning stages for next spring.

Pickleball and disc golf – two of the fastest-growing sports in the country – are now a part of our recreation program. Be sure to visit our website or Human Services office to learn about all our offerings.



Christopher Siciliano
Mayor



The Council recently had an opportunity to take part in the unveiling of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at VFW Post 2226. This local Post works actively to enhance the lives of our veterans. With many social events, programs and meals available to the public, these men and women deserve our gratitude.

What a pleasure it is to continue honoring our dedicated, long-time volunteers by way of having pathways named for them in various parts of town. In recent months, we've dedicated areas for Arthur Schenck, Sr. - a 67-year volunteer of the Oakhurst Fire Department, and Dickie English – a former Mayor and one of the public servants involved with our acquisition of Joe Palaia Park. Additional spots will be dedicated throughout town within the coming year.



On the 17th anniversary of 9/11, a plaque was dedicated at Town Hall in memory of John G. Monahan, a Township resident who perished in the attack on the Twin Towers. In a small ceremony John's widow, Diane, eloquently spoke of her late husband and the impact of the tragic event on her life.



In memory of Senator Joe Palaia, a service will be held in the park that bears his name on Sunday, February 3, 2019. Check our social media for information as plans progress.

We are now a *Trap, Neuter and Release* community. This TNR process is being undertaken by the Monmouth County SPCA which neuters, then earmarks (via an ear tip) treated feral cats in order to create a healthier and more sustainable environment.



Plans continue to improve our roadways by installing bicycle lanes along the Wayside portion of Deal Road. Funds for this project are being sought through a Safe Routes to School grant.

Our third annual Super Seniors Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the Renaissance. Any of our town's Super Seniors age 90 or above are welcome to be a part of this wonderful event. For more information or to register, call Jennifer Appio at 732-531-2600.

Deputy Mayor Rob Acerra announced that he was stepping down as Deputy Mayor, but would remain on the Council. The entire Council appreciate his dedication as Deputy Mayor. A new Deputy Mayor will be selected by the Council and announced at an upcoming meeting.

This newsletter and calendar are rich with helpful information for you. And, as always, our Council is here for you.

Yours truly,
Mayor Christopher Siciliano

Public Works News and Updates

UPDATE: PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE. We can no longer accept ANY TYPE of plastic bags in the blue recycle carts as they clog the machines at the processing plants. ALL recycled items must be loose inside the blue carts. Permitted recyclable items 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. Unlike other recycled paper, **shredded paper should now be included with your regular garbage.** Be sure the lids of the carts are closed when placing them out for pick-up. Return plastic bags to the store, if possible.

ZONES. For purposes of trash, recycling and bulk collection (among other things), our Township is broken into four quadrants or zones:

LOOSE BRUSH pick-up will be suspended from December 1 through March 31. During that time, you can place small amounts of brush in your green garbage container or place larger amounts in 45-gallon containers (or neatly tied and bundled) curbside with your monthly bulk collection.

Loose brush and leaves will be picked up according to your zone. Find additional information relating to these and other Public Works-related services at www.oceantwp.org/publicworks, e-mail us at dpw@oceantwp.org or call us at 732-531-5001.

OUR RECYCLING CENTER at 3605 Sunset Avenue is open seven days a week. Visit www.oceantwp.org/recyclingcenter for details.

SNOW REMOVAL. An amendment to our snow removal ordinance is scheduled to be introduced in November. Please visit our website for updates.

THE DEAL LAKE COMMISSION has asked us to remind residents that, with fall upon us, they should strive to keep leaves and other objects off the roadways and out of the storm drains in order to prevent them from decomposing in our beautiful Deal Lake.

Police Presence in our Schools

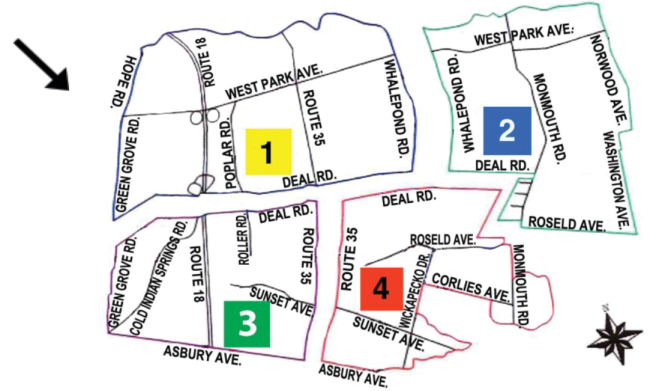
Our Police Department has implemented a new program to enhance the security within our public schools. Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers are now employed in the high school and intermediate school. The Class III program was established by State law to provide the option of having armed, uniformed security within the schools. The program will be funded through a shared services agreement between the Board of Education and the Township. This new class of police officer position, commonly referred to as a SLEO III, will be held by a recently-retired police officer. The SLEO III will have full police authority while working within the schools and will

receive specialized school resource training. The SLEO III will work with and alongside the current civilian security staff already in place at all Ocean Township Schools. In addition, the Police Department will continue to perform daily, random walkthroughs of each school by our patrol officers.

This new SLEO III program will gradually expand to cover all of the schools in our district in the upcoming years. School safety and security are priorities for the Police Department, and we will continue to conduct active shooter drills and site security assessments in an effort to improve the layers of security to all of our schools.

Help us ensure timely processing of your tax and sewer payments

1. Do not post-date checks – your uncashed check WILL be returned to you. Our bank will not accept post-dated checks, and the tax office cannot hold checks. Returned checks can result in delinquent payments and interest charges to you.
 2. Tax payments should include your block and lot numbers as well as your telephone number on your check.
 3. Sewer payments should include your sewer account number and telephone number on your check.
 4. Do not staple checks to payment stubs.
 5. Make certain payments are not stuck to the seal of self-stick envelopes.
 6. Do not mail in payments if you have signed up for automatic direct debit. (Visit our website and search “direct debit” to register.)
 7. Automatic direct debit property owners should inform us of any bank account changes.
 8. On-line services to review, pay and verify tax and sewer payments are available through our website. (Search for “WIPP” to connect.)
- In order to save you time, renew your dog and cat licenses in our Tax Collector’s office between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Also, avoid tax quarters (February, May, August and November 1 through 10) for fastest service.

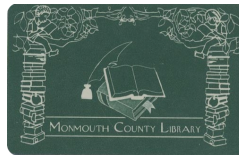


Resources to help you save and earn

Our Own Ocean program's sales have totaled \$414,000 since its inception, with \$30,000 in rewards going to our taxpayers. If you are not participating in this worthwhile program, now is a great time to start. For details, visit www.propertytaxcard.com. Then, stop in to Town Hall for a free card, register it and enjoy your rewards.

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, at www.njcleanenergy.com, offers a variety of cost-saving rebates and measures to help you stretch your home's budget. Offerings for business owners can be viewed at www.njcleanenergy.com/commercial-industrial/programs/direct-install.

Ocean's library is a part of the Monmouth County Library system. Their convenient hours are Monday 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Your free library card gives you access to all of the libraries in the system including these great services:



- the ability to borrow books, audio and e-books, DVD's,

streaming magazines and reference services,

- accessibility anywhere to a wide range of electronic databases including Ancestry.com (at the library only), business databases, homework help and reference material,
- wireless access at the library for your mobile devices,
- a full range of story times for pre-schoolers, after-school programs for elementary students, and programs for teen interests as well as informational speakers and activities for adults, and
- movies every Thursday afternoon and musical interludes on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month.

To learn more, visit www.monmouthcountylib.org or through the links on our website.

Community volunteers make up the Friends of the Ocean Township Library which provides financial support for library programs, conducts fundraising events and organizes activities to encourage awareness of the library services throughout the Township. For more information or to become a member, e-mail friendsofoceantwplibrary@gmail.com.

2018 Election Voting and Registration Schedule Guide

General Election and School Board Election:

Tuesday, November 6 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Absentee voter deadlines:

Application by mail – Sun., Oct. 30

Application in person – Mon., Nov. 5

Submission by mail – Mon., Nov. 6

Registered voters can obtain Applications for Vote by Mail Ballots from the Municipal Clerk's office or by visiting the Township's website at www.oceantwp.org and entering "vote by mail ballot" in the search menu.

Sample Ballots, mailed to registered voters the week prior to each election, include your voting district, voting location and ballot contents. *Check the front of your Sample Ballot for your polling location.*



For more information, visit <https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/index.html> or contact the Municipal Clerk's office at 732-531-5000 ext. 3321 or 3322.

COMMUNITY HOPE FUND THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Help Ocean families in need
this Thanksgiving



Donate non-perishable food or give to the Community Hope Fund. Volunteers are needed to assemble boxes and make deliveries.

Items Needed:
canned fruits/vegetables,
stuffing soups, gravy,
cereal, peanut butter,
pasta & sauces, juice & more.

Drop off donations to 601 Deal Rd. by November 14.

For more information and to volunteer,
contact Jennifer Appio, jappio@oceantwp.org or call 732-531-2600.

Community Hope Fund Adopt a Family Holiday Giving Program

Bring joy to an
Ocean family in need
this holiday season.
Donors are connected with
a local family to provide
gifts and necessities.



Families of all sizes with children of all ages need our help as they struggle to make ends meet.
Financial contributions to the
Community Hope Fund or gift cards to local stores
are also greatly appreciated.

To learn how you can help, please contact
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or call 732-531-2600.

2018/19 COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Fall/Winter

NOVEMBER

- 1 Super Senior Luncheon
The Renaissance -11:00 a.m.
- 1 Fourth Quarter Taxes Due
- 1 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 1 Environmental Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 1 Museum “Tea and Tour”
701 Deal Road – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
Turn Clocks Back One Hour
- 6 Election Day – Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 7 Winter Recreation Programs Registration Begins
- 8 Museum Bus Trip to American Revolution Museum
Philadelphia.
- 8 Township Council Meeting* - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Veterans’ Day Ceremony
Town Hall – 11:00 a.m.
- 14 Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection
Drop off at Human Services
- 18 Turner Gallery Art Exhibit - Artist Jeanne Evans
Opening Reception 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 19 Coffee with a Cop
Ocean Library – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 19 Planning Board Meeting* - 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Board of Adjustment Meeting* – 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 1 & 2 Museum’s Holiday Weekend
701 Deal Road 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 2 Christmas Tree Lighting
701 Deal Road – 4:30 p.m.
- 2 Menorah Lighting
Town Hall – 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Township Council Meeting* - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

- 6 Environmental Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- 13 Board of Adjustment Meeting* - 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Planning Board Meeting* - 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Township Council Meeting* - 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY

- 3 Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Environmental Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- 6 Turner Gallery Art Exhibit – OT Recreation
Senior Art Class Opening Reception
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 10 Township Council Meeting* - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Board of Adjustment Meeting* - 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Township Council Meeting* - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Planning Board Meeting* - 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 1 First Quarter Taxes Due
- 3 Memorial service for Senator Joe Palaia
Joe Palaia Park (time TBA)
- 7 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Environmental Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- 13 Morning Rec./Summer Project Extend
Registration Begins
- 14 Township Council Meeting* - 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Board of Adjustment Meeting* - 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Planning Board Meeting* - 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Spring Recreation Registration Begins
- 28 Township Council Meeting* - 7:00 p.m.

MARCH

- 7 Turner Gallery Art Exhibit – Ocean Children’s Art
on display during regular library hours all month
- 7 Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Environmental Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Township Council Meeting* - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Board of Adjustment Meeting* – 7:30 p.m.
- 15 St. Patrick’s Day Fundraiser
The Renaissance - 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Planning Board Meeting* - 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Township Council Meeting* - 7:00 p.m.
- 30 William F. Larkin Golf Course
At Colonial Terrace Opens

APRIL

- 4 Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Environmental Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- 11 Deadline for Filing Voting Party Declaration
- 11 Township Council Meeting* - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 GreenFest Celebration
- 13 Ocean Library – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 15 Planning Board Meeting* - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Board of Adjustment Meeting* - 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Township Council Meeting* - 7:00 p.m.



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(*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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