

COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Spring/Summer

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

APRIL

- 1 Board of Adjustment Meeting* -7:00 p.m.
- 3 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Environmental Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 2 & 3 Friends of Library Book Sale 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
701 Deal Rd.
- 10 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- 24 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- 28 Planning Board Meeting* – 7:00 p.m.

MAY

- 1 Second Quarter Municipal and Sewer Taxes Due
- 1 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 1 Environmental Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 4 2nd Annual Ocean Parks 5K Run
- 4 Greenfest at Joe Palaia Park 10am-2pm
- 8 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- 10 Clean Sweep 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fireman's Field
- 15 Board of Adjustment Meeting* – 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Planning Board Meeting* – 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Registration begins for Summer Recreation Program and Fall Youth Soccer (residents)
- 22 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- 24 Community Pool and Tennis Facility Opens for the season
- 26 Memorial Day Ceremony – 10:00 a.m. 601 Deal Rd, Veteran's Memorial

JUNE

- 3 Primary Election – Polls Open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- 5 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Environmental Commission – 8:00 p.m.
- 12 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- 18 Board of Adjustment Meeting* – 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Planning Board Meeting* – 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- 30 Metal Collection

- 11 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- 25 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- 29 Metal Collection

OCTOBER

- 4 Fall Fest at Joe Palaia Park
- 5 Fall Fest Rain Date
- 9 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- 23 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- 29 Township Curfew Begins at 8:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. on Nov 1
- 29 Trunk or Treat at Joe Palaia Park

JULY

- 2 Fireworks at dark at Joe Palaia Park (rain date TBD)
- 10 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- 23/24 Friends of Library Book Sale 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. – 701 Deal Rd
- 23 Mayor Charity Event- Bar Anticipation Entertainment by The Cliffs

AUGUST

- 1 Third Quarter Municipal and Sewer Taxes Due
- 5 National Night Out - Ocean Community Pool & Tennis Facility
- 6-10 Ocean Township Italian Festival – 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Joe Palaia Park
- 7 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Environmental Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Township Council Workshop and Regular Meeting* – 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Community Pool and Tennis Facility Closes
- 4 Shade Tree Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Environmental Commission Meeting - 8:00 p.m.



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A Newsletter of the Township of Ocean in the County of Monmouth

Message From The Mayor



John P. Napolitani, Sr.
Mayor

Dear Residents,

After a busy 2024 with a bold agenda, the Township Council started 2025 getting our municipality poised for the future. With the recent resignation of Kelly Terry, we truly lost a fantastic public servant, and we wish her well. The council unanimously chose Jeffrey Weinstein, long-time School Board member, to fill the vacancy left by Kelly. Jeff will be a great asset to the team. We have been busy focusing

on studying the need for a new and very long overdue Town Hall, carefully looking at the Rte. 35 Corridor in preparation for the future of Netflix, Deal Lake dredging projects, and updating and improving our open space just to name a few.

Discussions have been ongoing regarding a new municipal hall which has been recommended by at least the last four Township Managers, the current and former Chiefs of Police and most department heads. We presented locations in Ocean on March 18 to the public that were being considered for the new structure which includes the current location, The Board of Ed property on Monmouth Road, a piece of land on Deal and 35, property and on Asbury Ave., and new to the mix, the Orchard Plaza site. The open field on Deal Road near the museum was the top choice but unfortunately, due to the pressure of several individuals, the Township Manager removed this from the list. As this is in the beginning stages of discussion, there are many details to iron out over the next year or two.

Since our team took the helm in July 2023, we have taken a hard look at Rte. 35 and some of the blight that currently exists. One major issue on Rte. 35 is the current Orchard Plaza sight. The Council is now acting and have declared it an area in need of redevelopment with potential condemnation. If our town wants to be ready for the future Netflix just one town away, then we need our highway to look better. We are also planning an economic summit that will be led by Councilman Weinstein where we will get input from many stakeholders and business owners within the community to see what we want to see on the highway.

Dredging projects within Ocean are also paramount to the health of Deal Lake since most tributaries flow through Ocean and ultimately into the lake. We currently are planning to dredge Fireman's Pond, Lollipop Pond, and Terrace Pond, in that order. Thanks to Senator Gopal and Assemblywomen Donlon and Peterpaul who provided a significant amount of financial assistance to help our municipality with the costs of these projects. We have also had several meetings with Commissioner Director Arnone where we hope to solidify a solid partnership with the County to assist the town with the equipment and placement for dredge spoils at a reduced cost to the Township.

Our Recreation Director, Mike Butrico, in conjunction with Public Works, has been doing an outstanding job improving our existing parks, recreation areas, and open space. When the residents voted on the Open Space Tax in 2017, it was not only to purchase open land, but more specifically to "acquire, preserve, and improve lands for open space". We, as a council, thank the team for being extremely proactive in improving our existing open space and giving the residents great areas to enjoy. Please check out our updated playgrounds as well!

Make sure you check our website and social media for upcoming events such as our Memorial Day Ceremony, fireworks celebration, and many other events throughout the year. We are also planning a Mayor's Charity Event on July 23 with some great entertainment. Make sure you mark your calendars for this event. These events cannot be the success they are without the assistance of Jenn Nordstrom. And Jenn can use some sponsorship help so please contact her today as we rely on you, as yearly sponsors, for these events.

Finally, I want to once again, thank all the tremendous employees in the Township that make our governing body shine. Without a solid team in place, none of this can be accomplished for our Township. From the entire Governing Body and Staff, we wish you a fun filled Spring and Summer season. Please be safe.

Mayor John P. Napolitani Sr.

Police Tips

With the warmer weather approaching, there will be more cyclists on the roads within the Township. Please be aware of them, proceed with caution and follow all traffic laws. As for the cyclists, take all necessary safety precautions and adhere to the rules of the road. The Township has recently adopted a new E Bike ordinance, please visit our website (www.oceantwp.org) for further information about the ordinance. If you have any questions or concerns please contact OTPD at 732-531-1800.



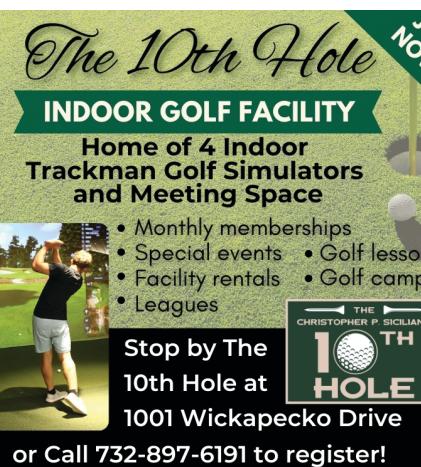
Town Hall New Summer Hours

Our new summer hours are as follows:
Monday to Thursday - 8:30am to 4:30pm
Friday - 8:30am to 2pm

These adjusted hours will be in effect from May 23rd to August 29th. Please plan accordingly.

Community Hope Fund/Newsletter

The Community Hope Fund (CHF) is a 501c (3) non-profit organization whose main mission is to help community members in the Township of Ocean who find themselves struggling financially due to unexpected or difficult circumstances. CHF also helps to promote healthy youth development through various scholarships and grant programs throughout the year. We are very unique and specific to the Township of Ocean in that we are the only town in Monmouth County that has a program geared to helping and supporting the charitable needs of its community. CHF is not a part of the Ocean Human Services Department but we work in conjunction with the department to ensure confidentiality for all individuals and families. If you find yourself or a family that you know in a difficult financial situation due to temporary and/or unexpected life circumstances, please contact the Human Services Department at 732-531-2600 and ask for Sharon Moleski.



OEM Message

We had a pretty calm winter and unfortunately not enough precipitation to get out of our current severe drought. Please conserve water and be aware of fire restrictions that may be posted.

In 2025 Ocean OEM ran three CERT basic classes, and we now have 19 CERT members! We are also doing some joint training with teams from Eatontown and Oceanport. We are looking to start our next Basic Class in May. Please check our website at oceantwp.org/p/cert-registration for more information and to register.

Friends of the Ocean Township Library Giant Summer book sale

There will be a large selection of children's, as well as adult fiction and non-fiction, many collectible arts books, audiobooks, large print books and vintage vinyl and CD's and DVD's. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Township of Ocean Library's programs and resources.

Sale dates and time are:

Wednesday, July 23 from 10 am - 8 pm, and Thursday, July 24, from 10 am - 7 pm.

Shade Tree Commission News

Help us grow a greener future! Take our quick and easy survey to share your thoughts with the Shade Tree Commission. By participating, you'll be helping us make informed decisions that keep our community thriving and beautiful for years to come!

Survey can be found on the Township of Ocean website, oceantwp.org or use this QR code.



Other Shade Tree News

In celebration of Arbor Day, the commission (assisted by the Garden Club) will be holding their annual seedling giveaway on April 27th at Joe Palaia Park. Check the website for more details, closer to the event.

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN



PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

"CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS ONLY"

Saturday – May 31, 2025

9am – 1pm

Dow Avenue School



FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

