

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Fall/Winter

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

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Fourth Quarter Taxes and Sewer Payments Due
- 3 Election Day- Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 4 Winter Recreation Programs Registration Begins
- 5 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 11 Veteran's Day Ceremony – 11:00 a.m.
- 12 Township Council Meeting\* – 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Board of Adjustment Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Planning Board Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.

### DECEMBER

- 3 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Township Council Meeting\* – 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 5 & 6 Museum Holiday Weekend, 703 Deal Road – 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 6 Christmas Tree Lighting, 703 Deal Road – 4:30 p.m.
- 10 Menorah Lighting – 5:00 p.m.
- 17 Board of Adjustment Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Planning Board Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Township Council Meeting\* – 7:00 p.m.

### JANUARY

- 7 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Township Council Meeting\* – 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Assessment Appeal Deadline
- 17 Board of Adjustment Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Planning Board Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Township Council Meeting\* – 7:00 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 1 First Quarter Taxes and Sewer Payments Due
- 4 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 10 Morning Rec/Summer Project Extend Registration Begins
- 11 Township Council Meeting\* – 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Board of Adjustment Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Planning Board Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Spring Recreation Registration Begins
- 25 Township Council Meeting\* – 7:00 p.m.

### MARCH

- 3 Township Council Meeting\* – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 12 St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser – TBD
- 18 Board of Adjustment Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Planning Board Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Township Council Meeting\* – 7:00 p.m.

### APRIL

- 3 William F. Larkin Golf Course at Colonial Terrace Opens
- 8 Township Council Meeting\* – 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Board of Adjustment Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Museum Spring Tea, Woman's Club of Asbury Park, 57 Wickapecko Drive, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 22 Township Council Meeting\* – 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Planning Board Meeting\* – 7:30 p.m.

Dates are subject to change –  
Please visit [www.oceantwp.org](http://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.)

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

1003 Wickapecko Dr. [ColonialTerraceGolf.com](http://ColonialTerraceGolf.com)



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# A LOOK AT OCEAN

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

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## Message From The Mayor



Christopher Siciliano  
Mayor

Greetings! In the mist of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have all made tremendous sacrifices. Over the past several months, we have had to adopt a new and very restrictive lifestyle. These restrictions have made it difficult for us to celebrate special occasions such as weddings, birthdays, graduations and even the ability to properly say good bye to the loved ones we have lost.

Through it all, the people of Ocean have been diligent in following the guidelines set forth by the experts and our efforts are paying off; but we are not done yet! We must continue our hard work so that we are able to keep our town and neighbors safe.



We, your township officials, with the invaluable help from our Special Events Coordinator, Jennifer Nordstrom, have been offering ways to help break "lock down" anxiety and boredom by hosting drive-in movies and drive-in concerts

at the Mike Cernigliaro Fairgrounds in Palaia Park. Hundreds of families have enjoyed movies such as The Lion King, Frozen II, Ferris Bueller's Day Off and Grease, on our new 35' jumbo movie screen! For the adults, we have hosted several musical events that featured the fabulous Moroccan Sheep Herders and Neil and the Diamonds! We will continue to bring you more events like this right through fall, as long as the weather holds out.

Some of our long time employees have retired and their positions were filled in house or by some new and very capable faces. We said goodbye to administrative assistant Adrienne Becker who served the Township for over 30 years, and we welcomed Tracey Berkowitz, another longtime employee who moved into the position without missing a beat!



Mike Butricio

We also said goodbye to Judi Johnson, Director of Recreation, who served for 30 years in that department. Judi's replacement is Mike Butricio, who comes to us from Marlboro Township, and has hit the ground running!

Another longtime employee, Tom Caruso, Office of Emergency Management director and department head for the Code Enforcement Department has retired. Tom Reu has taken the position of OEM director, and is doing a great job during these unprecedented times. The

Code Enforcement Department is now managed by Ron Kirk, our Director of Community Development.

Let's wish our retiree's a long and enjoyable retirement as we welcome their replacements!

Unfortunately, due to the COVID19 virus we have made the decision to postpone our Super Senior Luncheon until early spring or as soon as responsibly possible. Our "Super Seniors" are one of our most treasured groups of citizens; we need to protect this vulnerable group from this virus as it seems to have a more adverse effect on them. Alternative dates will be discussed, and all of our "Super Seniors" will be notified when we have a firm date. Thank you for your understanding.

Our Veterans' Day ceremony will take place November 11 at 11:00 a.m. We hope you will join us as we honor the brave men and women who served our country.

The annual Christmas tree lighting is scheduled for December 6 at the Woolley House museum on Deal Rd. Please join us at 4:30 p.m. for music, crafts, treats and a visit from Santa Claus!

On December 10, we will light the first candle on the menorah as we celebrate the first night of Hanukkah. Festivities start at 5:00 p.m. We hope you will join us for songs, games and treats.

Lastly, due to these uncertain times, please be sure to check the website for any updated information regarding the planned events listed in this newsletter.

The Council and I wish you all a happy, healthy holiday season and New Year.

Yours truly,  
Mayor Christopher Siciliano

TELEPHONE  
732.531.5000

WEB SITE

[WWW.OCEANTWP.ORG](http://WWW.OCEANTWP.ORG)

## MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL



CHRISTOPHER P. SICILIANO, MAYOR • JOHN P. NAPOLITANI, SR., DEPUTY MAYOR  
COUNCIL MEMBERS: ROBERT V. ACERRA, SR. • DR. MARGIE DONLON • DR. DAVID FISHER

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### IMPORTANT 2020 GENERAL ELECTION NEWS...

The 2020 General Election will be a Mail-In election (similar to the 2020 Primary Election).

All registered voters will receive a Mail-In Ballot from the Monmouth County Clerk. Please complete the ballot and mail it back in the self-addressed envelope provided.

If you do not want to mail your ballot back, you may also bring it to Town Hall and place it in the BALLOT DROP BOX which will be located in front of the entrance to the Municipal Court at 399 Monmouth Road.

Please visit the Township of Ocean website at [www.oceantwp.org](http://www.oceantwp.org) for the most up to date election information, including polling locations. You may also contact the Township Clerk's office at 732-531-5000 ext. 3321 or 3322.

# 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](http://www.oceantwp.org/publicworks), e-mail us at [dpw@oceantwp.org](mailto: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](http://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 loose 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 30, 2020

Town wide NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

**Holiday garbage & recycling pick ups**

Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 26, 2020 Zone 3 will be picked up Saturday November 28, 2020

Christmas Day Friday December 25, 2020 Zone 4 will be picked up Monday December 28, 2020

New Year's Eve Friday December 31, 2020 Zone 4 will be picked up Monday January 4, 2021

**Bulk**

Zone 3 & 4 bulk will be picked up Monday December 21, 2020

Zone 1 & 2 bulk will be picked up Monday January 11, 2021

For additional information related to these and other Public Works services, visit [www.oceantwp.org/publicworks](http://www.oceantwp.org/publicworks) or call 732-531-5001.



# Message from the Office of Emergency Management

To say that 2020 has been a challenge would be a gross understatement. The pandemic, a couple of tropical storms as well as some other events, have certainly stressed the emergency services of our community. I am happy to report that our 1st responders answered the bell and performed with the utmost of professionalism, and we should be proud and thankful for their dedication to our community.

We in the Office of Emergency Management want to keep the public informed of important events such as an upcoming weather event, road closings, etc. The best way for residents to receive this information is by signing up for NIXLE. NIXLE is a service that the Township provides where text messages and/or email keep you up-to-date with relevant community information from OEM, Police, DPW, and other Township departments. Another way to get pertinent information is from the Code RED system. Code RED, will notify you by phone of important information. To sign up for these services, click on the NIXLE or Code RED button on the Police Department webpage at [www.oceantwp.org/police](http://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 in 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 the time of disaster or other emergency. To sign up, go to [registerready.nj.gov](http://registerready.nj.gov). We also ask that you sign up for the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry. The important information you provide to them is available to first responders immediately when a call for service from your home is received. This service can be accessed at [mcsnrnj.org](http://mcsnrnj.org). Both of these services

are available for FREE.

Check out the new Township of Ocean Office of Emergency Management page on Facebook. Thanks to all the residents for your support during these trying times. One last request, if you see a 1st responder around town, take a minute to say "Thank you". You don't know how far those two simple words will go.

Tom Reu - Director - Twp. of Ocean Office of Emergency Management

**Free transportation for medical appointments, errands & shopping for Township residents age 60 and older**

## SENIOR RIDES

**MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am-2 pm  
**SHOPPING & ERRANDS:**  
Tuesday and Thursday 9 am-2 pm  
*Schedule is subject to change*

**CALL THE DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES  
732-531-2600  
FOR INFORMATION**

# Our Counseling Team is Here for You

The Township of Ocean is dedicated to protecting and improving the health and well-being of its residents. To help achieve these goals, the Department of Human Services provides fitness, recreation and social programs for children, adults and seniors, as well as transportation and Meals on Wheels for our oldest residents. That dedication to our residents' health and well being also includes their mental health.

For more than 30 years, the Township has provided professional, confidential, counseling services free to residents. Our team

of highly trained mental health specialists can address areas of concern such as anxiety and depression, socialization issues, use and abuse, parenting concerns and marriage, family and relationship issues.

Whether you meet with a counselor in our office at 601 Deal Road or virtually on your phone or computer, our counselors can help clients work through issues and find solutions that can bring about positive change.

Our residents' health and well being is the top priority. Prior to reopening our office to the public, we provided telehealth services so that clients could meet with counselors virtually from the safety of their own homes.

In recent months, department staff has arranged offices within the building to allow for social distancing and developed a protocol to allow in-person counseling to resume for those who prefer to meet in the office

We continue to offer telehealth counseling services for those who choose it. Virtual counseling allowed us to not only continue services during the height of the pandemic but also affords a creative option

when working with families. For instance, a counselor working with an adolescent can virtually bring a parent into a session who otherwise could not make it due to childcare.

Now, more than ever, taking care of our mental health is just as important as our physical well being. If you would like to speak to a counselor, please call 732-531-2600 to schedule an appointment. Day and evening hours are available for in-person and telehealth appointments.

Township of Ocean Department of Human Services

## COUNSELING

Professional, caring and confidential counseling services by licensed practitioners for youth and adults. Services are FREE for Township residents.

**IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE. DAY & EVENING HOURS**

**Help is just a phone call away  
Call 732-531-2600**

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COMMUNITY HOPE FUND

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Help families in need in our community this holiday season. Donate non-perishable food items or a complete meal for a family of 4-6 people.

Deliver donations to the Department of Human Services, 601 Deal Rd. no later than Friday, November 13. Call 732-531-2600 for information.

# Current Township of Ocean Library Schedule

<b>Mondays 10 am - 1 pm</b>	Curbside pick-up; 1-9 pm Open at 25% capacity	<b>Thursdays 9 am - 1 pm</b>	Curbside pick-up; 1-9 pm Open at 25% capacity
<b>Tuesdays 9 am - 1 pm</b>	Curbside pick-up; 1-9 pm Open at 25% capacity	<b>Fridays 1-5 pm</b>	Open at 25% capacity (no curbside)
<b>Wednesdays 9 am-1 pm</b>	Curbside pick-up; 1-9 pm Open at 25% capacity	<b>Saturdays 9-5 pm</b>	Open at 25% capacity (no curbside)

**The Museum** 

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 **Home**

## Museum is open and on-line

Just like everyone else, the Museum was closed from March 15 through July 10. During that time the Museum created its "Museum AtHome" pages, which allow people to see our exhibits and other interesting features from the comfort of home ([www.OceanMuseum.org](http://www.OceanMuseum.org)). These include, historic sites in the township, electronic maps, historic sites in our neighboring towns and our new "Curators Cabinet" pages, showing interesting items from our collection that are not always out at the Museum.

For current Museum Hours, call the Museum at 732-531-2136 or to set-up a private tour. The Annual Museum Holiday Exhibit will be held December 5 and 6, 2020. The Annual Museum Spring Tea will be held on Saturday April 17, 2021.