

COMMUNITY CALENDAR – Fall/Winter

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

NOVEMBER

- 1 First Quarter Taxes and Sewer Payment Due
- 4 Election Day Polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 6 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 10 WWII Lecture presented by Paul Zigo - "Operation Torch" 6:30pm-7:30pm-701 Deal Rd.
- 10 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony – 601 Deal Rd-11 a.m.
- 13 Super Senior Luncheon-The Renaissance 1110 Valley Rd.
- 13 Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Colors of the Wind – An evening concert with Pianist/Vocalist Jay Daniels – 6:30pm-7:30pm-701 Deal Rd.
- 24 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 6 Christmas Tree Lighting – 703 Deal Road (rain date 12/7)
- 11 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 11 Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 14 & 17 Menorah Lighting at Town Hall
- 18 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY

- 8 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 8 Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Assessment Appeal Deadline
- 15 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

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732.531.5000

MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL



JOHN NAPOLITANI, SR., MAYOR
COUNCIL MEMBERS: JEFFREY WEINSTEIN • GITTA KAPLAN • ROBERT V. ACERRA, SR. • DR. DAVID FISHER

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TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

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FEBRUARY

- 1 First Quarter Taxes and Sewer Payments Due
- 5 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 12 Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Revolutionary War Lecture presented by David Martin – "The Role of Blacks and Native Americans in the Revolution" 3:00pm-4:00pm – 701 Deal Rd.
- 23 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.



MARCH

- 5 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 12 Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 19 St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser – TBD
- 19 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 28 William F. Larkin Golf Course at Colonial Terrace Opens

APRIL

- 8 Easter Egg Hunt & Hat Contest – TBD
- 9 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 9 Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 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 very busy summer season mapping out and planning our projects, we are ready to continue the progress we made over two years ago. We had our first update on the Rte. 35 study conducted last spring, the Orchard Plaza site has been sold, and our much-needed lake dredging projects started on October 1.

It's no secret that the Netflix studios will be a total game changer for the shore area. With that, the idea of looking hard at Highway 35 for revitalization and creating an Economic Revitalization Committee is being led by Councilman Jeff Weinstein. A study of Route 35 was done and presented to the council in September. The report solidified what we knew were some of the problems: various blighted areas on the Rte. 35 corridor. Make no mistake, several strip malls need some TLC, and many vacant parcels sit with no plans in sight. The Township of Ocean needs to embrace the changes occurring if we are to be prepared to compete with our neighboring municipalities with Netflix coming to the shore area.

Earlier this year, the council designated the Orchard Plaza Shopping Center an area in need of redevelopment. For years, nothing happened except more vacancies and a center turning into disrepair. This aggressive stance was the right move because Orchard Plaza was finally sold this past summer to a new owner. We have met with him and are looking forward to the change needed on this site. We are extremely excited about the prospects of a new and much more valuable piece of property on Highway 35. The council will have some input into what is being considered on this site so stay tuned!

On October 1, we started our first of three lake dredging projects that have been discussed for several years. This is where the rubber will begin to meet the road. With the

assistance of our N.J. 11th District representatives, Senator Vin Gopal, and Assemblywomen Dr. Margie Donlon and Luanne Peterpaul Esq., we received a \$500,000 grant to assist with the preparation, hauling of dredge spoils, and clean up when the project is complete. We are receiving the much-needed assistance with this project from Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone by providing the vehicles and manpower required to complete this project at a very nominal cost to the municipality and in a timely manner.

The Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 27, at the prestigious Deal Golf Club. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Women's Club of Asbury Park, located in Ocean Township. Election Day is Tuesday, November 4. Polling locations will be open from 6:00am – 8:00pm. If you are not in town for Election Day, please sign up for a vote by mail application. Please make every effort to get out and exercise your right to vote. If you have any additional questions, please contact Jessie Joseph, our Clerk. Our annual Christmas Tree lighting will take place on Saturday, December 6, at our Historical Museum on Deal Road. Our Menorah lightings will take place in December with dates to be determined, so please check our website for details.

Finally, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, I want to once again thank every staff member, volunteer, and all who put time in to make the Township of Ocean fantastic. It's the men and women that work and volunteer here that make this such a great place to live. We have a lot to be thankful for here in the Township of Ocean; so please enjoy the upcoming holiday season with friends and family. God Bless.

Mayor John P. Napolitani Sr.
Deputy Mayor Dr. David Fisher
Council members Robert V. Acerra, Gitta Kaplan, Esq., & Jeffrey Weinstein

Police Tips



Protect yourself from becoming a victim and help deter crime in our town. Make sure that vehicle windows are rolled up completely when your vehicle is parked and that the doors are locked at all times while your vehicle is unoccupied. Do not leave valuables in view and do not leave key fobs inside your vehicle. Residential burglary tips: make sure to lock your doors, windows and set your alarm. If you observe any suspicious activity contact OTPD immediately.



Schools in Ocean Township are back in session, therefore there are many buses on the roads and younger pedestrians traveling to and from school. Please take extra care when traveling on the roadways and be patient while the children from our community are boarding the buses. The Township buses are equipped with cameras so please DO NOT pass a bus while the flashing lights are on.



During the upcoming months, as we enter the fall and into the winter our area is known to experience all different weather events. The Police department communicates weather related emergencies and outages via several different media outlets. You can follow OTPD on Instagram, FaceBook, and Everbridge. We also utilize the code red system to send emergent messages to members of our community. Please visit our website to sign up for these alert systems (www.oceantwp.org/police).



The Ocean Township Police Department is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please contact 911 for any emergencies and 732-531-1800 for non emergent matters.

Economic Development Committee

Our newly formed Economic Development Committee held its first event on June 5th, bringing together small businesses to learn about valuable programs offered by Monmouth University, Brookdale Community College, and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA). The event was a great success, and we deeply appreciate the participation of all the presenters, as well as the continued support from the Greater Ocean Chamber of Commerce.

Looking ahead to this fall, we're planning a series of public sessions to discuss key developments, including; the status of the Netflix Campus project, revitalization efforts along Route 35 and other exciting economic initiatives currently underway.

Stay tuned for more updates! For more information about Ocean's Economic Development Committee, please visit: oceantwp.org/p/economic-development-committee, or contact Councilman Jeff Weinstein at

jweinstein@oceantwp.org



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Stay connected. Stay safe.



Referendum Question

The following question will be on the November 4 General Election Ballot

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN QUESTION NO. 1

A. Should the Township of Ocean combine the Township of Ocean Planning Board and Township of Ocean Zoning Board of Adjustment into a Joint Land Use Board?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

A vote of Yes will dissolve the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment and will consolidate their functions into a single Joint Land Use Board. A vote of No will keep the present Boards as they currently exist.

This binding question affects the Township of Ocean only, unlike any other questions that may be on today's ballot.

Friends of the Ocean Township Library

The Friends of the Ocean Township Library invite all residents to donate books at their Book Donation Drop-Off Day – Saturday, October 18, 9:30 AM–Noon, at the Ocean Township Library, 701 Deal Rd. They are looking for clean, gently used books (fiction, non-fiction, classics, children's), DVDs, puzzles, and vinyl records in good condition. Please, no dirty or moldy items, and they cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, self-help, business, or travel books at this time. The donated items are sold at twice yearly book sales. All proceeds from the book sales support library programs and resources.

Membership Drive – Anyone joining or renewing membership in the Friends from October 1 through February 15 will be entered into a drawing for a prize basket. Membership is \$5.00. and each member receives a monthly newsletter and is invited to Friends-only events, including book sale previews.

Next Book Sale – Scheduled for April 2026, exact date still to be scheduled.

For more information on any of these items, or to join, please visit friendsofocantwplibrary.org

A Message from the Township Manager

As your Township Manager, I am pleased to introduce a new section of the Township of Ocean Newsletter where I will provide regular updates on critical municipal projects and initiatives. Our goal is to keep residents informed and engaged with the progress happening throughout our community.

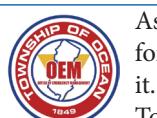
This space will highlight a wide range of projects that directly impact the quality of life in our Township. You will find updates on park improvements, including upgrades to recreational facilities and open spaces that serve as gathering places for families and neighbors. I will also share information on dredging projects that protect our waterways, improve stormwater management, and enhance environmental sustainability.

Additionally, this section will provide details on grant opportunities and funding the Township has secured to reduce the local tax burden while supporting key initiatives. You will

also learn more about our redevelopment and revitalization efforts, which focus on strengthening neighborhoods, attracting investment, and supporting a thriving local economy. Finally, I will provide updates on our deer management program, a proactive measure to balance ecological health, roadway safety, and community well-being.

Transparency, accountability, and open communication are central to how we serve you. I look forward to using this platform to share progress, upcoming projects, and opportunities for public involvement. Together, we will continue building a stronger, safer, and more vibrant Township of Ocean.

— David G. Brown II, MPA, Township Manager



As we enter the colder months, make sure you plan for the uncertainties the colder weather brings with it. Twp of Ocean OEM offers helpful tips on the Township website. Check it out!

Discover What's Happening at Your Library!

From lectures and book clubs to concerts and author talks, the Ocean Township library is bursting with programs for all ages and interests. Whether you're looking to learn something new, meet new people, or just have fun, there's something for everyone. To learn more about the library's programs go to their website at monmouthcountylib.org

The use of salt (sodium chloride and calcium chloride) damages the surface of your concrete sidewalks and driveway.

The chloride in salt is very corrosive, penetrates the surface resulting in minor cracking and spalling of the surface.

Long term use can impact the structural integrity of the concrete.



Highly trained mental health professionals help people address a number of issues such as anxiety, grief, coping with loss, depression, family and relationship issues.

732-531-2600 Call to schedule an appointment

Township of Ocean Dept. of Human Services
601 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ www.oceantwp.org