

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
- 2 Super Senior Luncheon – The Renaissance
1110 Valley Rd.
- 2 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 7 Election Day Polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 8 Museum Fundraiser – Jewelry to Cash 6:00 p.m. to
8:30 p.m. 703 Deal Rd
- 9 Town Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony – 11 a.m.
- 11 & 12 American Girl Doll Clothes Sale 11 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
703 Deal Rd
- 16 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Rescheduled Thanksgiving Zone 3 Garbage and
Recycling Pickup
- 27 Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 2 & 3 Museum Holiday Open House (11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sat and
12 – 4 p.m.) 703 Deal Rd.
- 2 & 3 Garden Club Wreath Sale at Museum Holiday
Open House – 703 Deal Rd.
- 3 Christmas Tree Lighting – 703 Deal Road
- 7 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 11 Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Town Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Menorah Lighting
- 21 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Town Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY

- 4 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 11 Town Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Assessment Appeal Deadline
- 18 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Town Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

- 1 William F. Larkin Golf Course at Colonial
Terrace Opens
- Easter Egg Hunt & Hat Contest – TBD
- 4 Shade Tree Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Environment Commission Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- Town Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. TBD
- 15 Planning Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Please visit www.oceantwp.org for updated information on events.

*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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Message From The Mayor



John P. Napolitani, Sr.
Mayor

Dear Residents,

On July 1, the new Council was sworn into office for a new four (4) year term. Congratulations go out to our current team for garnering the support of the residents who took the time to exercise their right to vote. Unfortunately, we had an extremely low voter turnout which is disheartening when everyone over the age of 18 is given this right. If you did not vote in May, please make sure you vote this November.

As I begin to settle into the leadership role as Mayor, the Council has a bold agenda moving forward for the next 4 years. First, we are looking for ways to tackle the traffic issues that affect Ocean. I already met with New Jersey Department of Transportation to discuss the Deal Road, West Park Ave, and Highway 35 traffic. Second, we are looking very closely at the entire Highway 35 corridor. Our Township Manager will be setting up a business summit to discuss businesses while taking a hard look at Route 35 including blighted areas in need of redevelopment. Third, we committed to a deer management plan within a year, and we are way ahead of that goal. Fourth, we are looking to build a new Municipal Hall because we are out of room and our staff cannot address the needs of the residents properly. And finally, we will be addressing Planning and Zoning in a systematic way. Our terms will be about continued action for Ocean.

Ocean Township just set up a new website that is more user friendly. With the new website, we have added a link to let the manager or department heads know what needs to be addressed. The Council cannot answer complaints addressed on social media accounts as this gets us all into the weeds of the issues and adds to the response time. The best way to have an issue addressed in a timely manner is to utilize the link on our website. The link can be found on www.oceantwp.org under "How do I..." – Report-Citizen Complaint. If your complaint is not answered in a timely manner, then contact one of us. Thank you to Tracey Berkowitz for spearheading the new website with the added links.

State, County, and Board of Education elections are being held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Polls will be open between the hours of 6:00am and 8:00pm. Vote-By-Mail applications can be downloaded from the Monmouth County Board of Elections site or picking up the application in Town Hall. There is a Vote-By-Mail drop box in front of Town Hall that will also be utilized for this election. It is extremely important that Ocean Township

shows how committed we are to voting for our elected leaders in the county and state. If you have any additional questions, please contact Jessie Joseph, our Clerk.

Finally, Ocean Township ended the summer with building the Mya Lin Terry Park at Kepwel. Thank you to Kelly Terry from the MLTF and Bill Lavin from Where Angel's Play for this generous donation. We also give a huge shout out to the volunteers that made the beginning phase happen such as Jason Burke from Burke Construction and Kenny Peters from Specialized Landscaping. I thank Luke Sciallo from the State PBA and the entire OTPD for how they assisted during the build. We officially dedicated the park on September 12 and it's open to the public. Look for information on our upcoming events such as the Super Senior Luncheon, Veteran's Day ceremony, Christmas Tree and Menorah lighting and the blessing of the creche. We have a large array of events for all ages throughout the year.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, I want to express how we are here to address your needs within our Community of Gracious Living. Enjoy the upcoming holiday season with friends and family.

Mayor John P. Napolitani Sr.
Deputy Mayor Dr. Margie Donlon
Councilmembers Robert V. Acerra,
Dr. David Fisher, & Kelly Terry



The Ocean Township Garden Club will be holding its annual wreath sale at the Township of Ocean Historical Museum, 703 Deal Road, on Saturday, Dec 2 (11am-4pm) and Sunday, Dec 3 (12 noon - 4 pm). Wreathes and grave blankets are priced at \$30 each; swags are \$15. Cash or check.



TELEPHONE
732.531.5000

WEB SITE
WWW.OCEANTWP.ORG

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COUNCIL MEMBERS: ROBERT V. ACERRA, SR. • DR. MARGIE DONLON • DR. DAVID FISHER • KELLY TERRY

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JUST SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.OCEANTWP.ORG

What's New in Your Parks?

Exciting news! Golfers will be able to enjoy year-round play at William F. Larkin Golf Course with the addition of a brand-new indoor golf facility!

Have you noticed construction work at the building adjacent to the golf course on Wickapecko Drive? Once renovations are complete, the Township will install state-of-the-art golf simulators where you will be able to play some of the best courses around the world. Plans are for three open bay simulators and a private room with meeting space for hosting special events.

Memberships and facility rentals will be available. Stay tuned for more information!

Coming soon to your parks are three new playgrounds! Modern, safe play spaces will be installed at Oakhurst Fireman's Fields, Dave Dahrouge Park and the Kepwel Springs site.

The new Mya Lin Terry Playground at Kepwel Springs honors the life of a Mya Lin, an Ocean resident who passed away at age 10 after battling cancer for more than five years. This community space, which includes a pond, will ensure that Mya's kindness towards others is paid forward perpetually.

The new Oakhurst playground will be wheelchair accessible with poured rubber surfacing and features for everyone to enjoy. The woodland-themed Dave Dahrouge Park playground has an anticipated opening of late fall. Check our social media pages for updates about opening dates.



Help Deliver Meals to Ocean Seniors

Can you spare a few hours a week? Would you like to help homebound seniors in our community access nutritious mid-day meals? If you answered YES, please consider joining our team of volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels program.

Every weekday, volunteers deliver a hot meal and extras to seniors who have difficulty shopping or preparing meals for themselves. If you are interested in helping, all you need is a reliable vehicle and availability between 11 am and 1 pm. Most volunteers work one day a week, Monday-Friday.

To sign up, scan the QR code and fill out the volunteer form. If you would like more information please contact Mark Rudolph at the Department of Human Services, 732-531-2600, mrudolph@oceantwp.org.



Fall Brush & Leave Rules

BRUSH may be placed loose at the curb line in **SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ONLY**, in accordance with brush zones collection schedule. No piece shall exceed four feet in length, in piles not to exceed three feet in height and extend more than four feet from the curb line into the roadway and shall at no time create a traffic hazard. No other debris or trash shall be mixed in with the brush. Small quantities (under 50 lbs.) shall be bundled or containerized and placed at the curb line for collection on bulk day.

LEAVES can be placed loose at the curb or along the street **OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 10** only 10 business days **PRIOR** scheduled collection dates and shall not exceed five feet in width and shall not be placed closer than 10 feet to any storm drain inlet.

ZONE COLLECTION SCHEDULES CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT www.oceantwp.org under the Public Works Department.

Please Note: Thanksgiving garbage and recycling pickup for Zone 3 will be held Saturday November 25, 2023

THE COMMUNITY HOPE FUND & TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE

Please Donate!

The Township is collecting non-perishable food items to make a delicious Thanksgiving meal for our neighbors in Ocean Township.

Donate a complete meal or individual items

Volunteers are needed to deliver boxes on November 18. Call 732-531-2600 or email mrudolph@oceantwp.org

DELIVER DONATIONS BY 11/10

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
Township of Ocean
Department of Human Services
601 Deal Road, Ocean
732-531-2600

Monetary gifts appreciated. Make checks payable to Community Hope Fund.

Police Tips



Vehicle theft rates in the State of NJ are extremely high right now. 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. Car thieves operate during all hours of the day and night so protect your property at all times. Don't make it easy for the criminals to take a joy ride in your car!



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, Nixle and Twitter. 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.



Backyard fires may smell nice, but they can also cause smoke and harmful pollution for you and your neighbors. If you build a fire in your backyard, learn before you burn with a few tips that will help reduce smoke and pollution. Use only well aged, dry firewood; store firewood undercover and NEVER burn painted, treated or stained wood or trash. Make sure your fire is well attended and not left to smoke or smolder.

For more tips on protecting the health of your family and friends, visit, <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/learn-you-burn-wood-what-you-can-do>.

**Be a good neighbor.
Please clean up after your dog.**



Counseling

Professional, caring and confidential counseling. Services are free for Ocean Township residents.

Highly trained mental health counselors help people address a number of issues, such as anxiety, grief, coping with loss, depression, family and relationship issues. Day & evening appointments are available.

**We are here for you...
Help is just a phone call away.**

**Township of Ocean Department of Human Services
601 Deal Road 732-531-2600**

COMMUNITY HOPE FUND

ADOPT A FAMILY

HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Help brighten the holidays for families in need in our community. Volunteers are needed to provide gifts and necessities for children and their families.

Please call 732-531-2600 or email mrudolph@oceantwp.org if you would like to help.