

# The Oceanport Bulletin



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## Mayor's Message



With winter behind us and warmer weather on the way, you will notice a lot of activity here in beautiful and bustling Oceanport. Our public parks have been upgraded and expanded over the past year and they are being utilized more than ever by our residents, children, and adults alike. Please keep in mind there are more children out and about as you are driving through town. Please, please, please SLOW DOWN and drive to the speed limit. Our police department is actively employing radar guns and other speed measurement apparatus, and speeders will be ticketed.

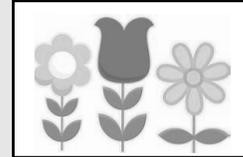
The multipurpose fields at Maria Gatta Park are being used every single day by residents of Oceanport and beyond. In fact, for the calendar year 2024, the Borough has already received to date over \$190,000 in revenue from field rental fees. Keep in mind the total debt service for the year is approximately \$235,000. Given the fact it is only April, the fields will once again generate revenue in excess of the debt service thereby allowing for more improvements to be made to Gatta Park and, notably, to parks all throughout Oceanport.

Later this year you will see permanent lighting being installed on all three fields at Gatta Park. This particular improvement, however, is being funded by our portion of sports wagering revenue from Monmouth Park, a county grant, and open space funds. The installation of permanent lighting will improve both the overall safety of the park and allow the Borough to generate additional revenue. Kudos to Councilmen Deerin, O'Brien, and Keeshen for spearheading this project.

Throughout town we have amazing volunteers who work tirelessly for the betterment of Oceanport through their service

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## Calendar of Events



### April

- 1-28 ..... Spring Leaf Collection
- 1 ..... Action Camp Registration Opens
- 4 ..... Mayor & Council Meeting
- 8 ..... Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 8 ..... Environmental Commission Meeting
- 9 ..... Planning/Zoning Board Meeting
- 10 ..... Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 13 ..... Bingo Night @ First Aid Squad Building
- 18 ..... Mayor & Council Meeting
- 23 ..... Planning/Zoning Board
- 24 ..... Oceanport Board of Education Meeting
- 25 ..... Shore Regional HS Board of Education Meeting
- 27 ..... National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at Oceanport Police Department
- 29 ..... Annual Mini-Golf Tournament

### May

- 1 ..... Quarterly Property Payment Due
- 2 ..... Mayor & Council Meeting
- 8 ..... Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- 9 ..... Dead History Presentation
- 11 ..... Bingo Night @ First Aid Squad Building
- 12 ..... Happy Mother's Day
- 13 ..... Water Watch Committee Meeting
- 13 ..... Environmental Commission Meeting
- 14 ..... Planning/Zoning Board Meeting
- 16 ..... Mayor & Council Meeting
- 23 ..... Shore Regional HS Board of Education Meeting
- 27 ..... Oceanport Annual Memorial Day Parade
- 27 ..... Borough Offices Closed in Observation of Memorial Day
- 28 ..... Planning/Zoning Board Meeting

### June

- 1&2 ..... Boujee Foodie Con at Fort Monmouth

### Recycling

- Zone 1 ..... First and Third Wednesday of the Month
- Zone 2 ..... First and Third Thursday of the Month

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Spring Leaf Collection April 1st – 28th

**LEAVES ONLY** are collected only during the month of April. **LEAVES ONLY** should be raked to the curb free of any debris, twigs, stones, branches, etc. for pick up by the Public Works Department. Please do not put leaves in plastic bags. Thank you for your cooperation!

**REMINDER:** Before hiring a landscaper, check to make sure they are registered with the Borough as required by ordinance & State law. A NEW State law requires that they provide the Borough with proof of liability insurance – for your protection!

**REMINDER:** Grass should not be blown into the streets or left in roadways as well as sticks and leaves. When it rains it gets into and clogs the Borough's stormwater system. Please do your part to keep our roadways clean!

## Summer Action Camp 2024 News!

**Registration Dates:** April 1 - May 1, 2024

**Camp Dates:** July 1 - August 2, 2024 (No camp July 4th and 5th)

**Cost:** \$350 per camper for the 5-week program

**Ages:** K-7th grade in Oceanport Schools for the 2024-2025 academic year

**Location:** Community Center Park

**Note:** Camp size is limited, please register early

- Oceanport Action Camp is available to all Oceanport and Sea Bright residents for campers registered to attend school in Oceanport for 2023-24 school year, Grades K-7
- Campers must be five (5) years old by October 1, 2024.
- Camp is a playground-based program consisting of games, crafts, and sports. This year there will be special events and activities added to enhance your child's experience. Weekly schedules and calendars will be emailed and/or posted in advance.
- Drop off and pick up for all grades will be at Community Center Park.
- In the event of inclement weather, special weather cancellation notice will be posted to Oceanport Residents Facebook page.
- All fees are due at the time of registration and are non-refundable.
- The Action Camp Handbook with details is available online on Borough website.
- Campers will not be officially registered until all forms have been submitted and payment in full has been received.
- Action Camp is totally self-funded. Registration fees reflect the costs directly associated with camp operations. All fees are non-refundable and no prorating or discounts can be given.

For additional information please email Kelle Burrough at [kburrough@oceanportboro.com](mailto:kburrough@oceanportboro.com).

## Annual Memorial Day Parade

**Monday, May 27th**

**Step-off @9:30 AM**

Please join your neighbors and friends for Oceanport's Annual Memorial Day Parade featuring Bagpipers, Antique and Classic Cars, Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Borough Sports Teams and Organizations, and more!

Step off is 9:30 AM. The parade route begins on Comanche Drive, proceeds down Monmouth Boulevard, and ends at the Port Au Peck Firehouse on Myrtle Avenue. A brief Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the conclusion of the parade at the Port-Au-Peck Firehouse. Bring your chairs and family to line the parade route and enjoy this annual Borough tradition to honor those who have served in the U.S military.

Parade participation and floats are welcome! Please call the Borough Clerk's Office at (732) 222-8221.



## Oceanport Boy Scout Troop 58 is Happy to Announce:

### Their Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Largest Fundraiser of the Year!

**Sunday, April 28th**

**4:00 – 7:30 pm**

Port-Au-Peck Firehouse on Myrtle Avenue  
Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Assorted Drinks, and Desserts  
\$15 Per Person

\$10 for Seniors and Children 10 years and under

Please help support your local Boy Scout Troop!

## Oceanport Volunteer First Aid Squad 911 News

Oceanport First Aid will be holding a Community CPR class at their building, 2 Pemberton Avenue, on Saturday June 15th at 9:00 AM. This is a free class and open to the public. No registration is required, just show up. The only fee is \$15.00 if you need a certified card. Let's all be prepared and hope we never need to use it.

**Reminder:** Bingo Nights at the Squad Building:  
Doors open at 6:00 PM and Bingo starts at 7:00 PM

**Dates:** Apr. 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10,  
Sept. 21, Oct. 19, and Nov. 16. Win Cash Prizes!

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Community Garden is Back!

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 season.

The Oceanport Community Garden will now be at Veteran's Park on Oceanport Way next to the OP Municipal Building. Please go to Oceanportboro.com under News and Announcements for application, more information, and rules.

Mission Statement: The Oceanport Community Garden strives to develop a community of citizens who work together to create a successful community garden and improve their community. The garden provides the opportunity for participants to grow their own fresh produce, as well as to donate to local organizations and help individuals in need. The garden also provides educational opportunities for all ages to learn about gardening, sustainability, and wellness.

The 2024 Community Garden season is from March 17th until November 15th – Open daily dawn to dusk. Winter crops may be granted with exceptions/extensions.

The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just on the body, but the soul. Mission Statement: The Oceanport Community Garden strives to develop a community of citizens who work together to create a successful community garden and improve their community.

## EAT. DRINK. VIBE.

### Boujee Foodie Con Returns to Fort Monmouth

Saturday, June 1st, 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Sunday, June 2nd, 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Rain or Shine

After a tremendous first year success, Boujee Foodie Con is returning to the grounds of Fort Monmouth. This outdoor, one-of-a-kind, elevated food festival, mixed with music, games, experiences, and more, will be bigger and boujee-er.

This year there will be more than 25 food vendors including some of the area's hottest restaurants and food trucks. Additionally, there will be a Boujee VIP tented area, limited complimentary samples, a larger bar area, and more activities to experience.

Not only will there be great food and music but Oceanport's very own Mayor Tom Tvrdik, will be taking the hot spot in the dunk tank! Mayor Tvrdik is also happy to announce proceeds from the event will be divided between Oceanport's volunteer First Aid Squad and Fire Departments.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15, eventbrite.com or \$20 day of event at the gate. Price of admission covers security, shuttle service to free parking lots, access to the car show, line dancing class, entry to win free concert tickets from Thunder 106, carnival games, face painting, photo ops, limited samples from the food vendors, and LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY.

For the latest food vendors and updates follow @boujee\_foodie\_con on Instagram and on Facebook @boujeefoodiecon and website at boujee-foodie.com.

## Save the Date for Summer Concert

The Oceanport Historical Committee is happy to again host the 63rd Army Band for a free concert this summer! Please mark your calendars for Monday, July 1.

## Oceanport Cub Scout Pack 58

Annual Mother's Day Flower Fundraiser

Hanging Baskets \$23

Honey \$10

Friday, 5/10, 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Saturday, 5/11, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Rick Gallo Greenhouses

196 Monmouth Blvd.

Support your local Cub Scouts and give the special mom in your life beautiful flowers!

## Garden Club News

Floral house 'guests' were the stars in a recent Oceanport Garden Club (OGC) meeting---a small horticulture show. A cast iron plant, a Boston fern, various spring and winter cacti, a centennial geranium, purple inch plants in water, and seedlings ready to be planted outside, along with their stories of how to care for them and how long in the household, with shared cuttings for the meeting members, were the 'guests'.

Our April meeting is the month for the nominated slate to be voted on with installation at the June meeting. All candidates must be active OGC members who have expressed their willingness to serve; all terms of office shall be for two years. As always, the public is invited to attend the club meetings held at Old Wharf House, 316 East Main Street, Oceanport. Business meetings start at 10:30 AM with refreshments and meet and greet at 10:00 AM. Call Diane Dineen, (732) 688-2688 for additional information.

**Oceanport Garden Club Tip:** When buying plants for your garden check the contents in your 2-4-6 pack at the base of the plant and count how many plants are in your pack. You might get an extra 2 or more plants instead of 1 seedling per pack.



## Dead History Presentation

The Oceanport Historical Committee is excited to be hosting a free presentation by T.J. Fallon, the "Dead History" Guy, on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 pm at the Old Wharf House on East Main Street.

T.J. began locating and documenting the graves of presidents, vice presidents, and signers of the Declaration of Independence when he was furloughed during Covid. He has begun to branch out to new themes, and will bring his Baseball presentation to Oceanport, which covers the gravesites of Hall of Famers, some of their childhood homes, and some sites of former ballparks. This is sure to be a fun and interesting presentation.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Oceanport A Great Place to Live

Oceanport A Great Place To Live, a comprehensive history of Oceanport's second 50 years is still available for sale. Copies can be purchased from Toni Sverapa (please call (732) 539-1620), any member of the Historical Committee, or at Borough Hall. Hardcover copies are available for \$75, and softcover copies are available for \$30, cash or check made payable to the "Borough of Oceanport". Makes a great gift for you or your neighbor!

## Senior Club Notes

**Upcoming Meetings:** The Senior Citizens Club meets at Old Wharf House at 12:30 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. At the April 17th meeting, Kat Verdi will present on Self Care. The May meeting will feature Chair Yoga for Seniors. At the June meeting a Continental Brunch will be served. Members will be reminded of meeting dates.

**Oceanport Senior's Club Facebook (Meta) Page:** The new "Oceanport Senior's Club" Facebook (Meta) page is a private page open for viewing by any senior citizen living in Oceanport. There you can learn about the club and view our monthly functions, trips, and parties. On Facebook, search for "Oceanport Senior's Club." After you find the page, click on the request to join button. Contact Lois Olsen at (732) 229-9986 if you have any questions.

Membership in the Senior Citizens Club of Oceanport is open to any Oceanport resident who is 55 years old or older. Meetings include informative presentations by guest speakers, entertainment, or other special events. Lunch or light refreshments are served. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Senior Citizens Club of Oceanport, please contact Fran Bendock at (732) 229-0278 for information about joining. Annual Membership dues are \$25. Please send dues payments to Lillian Lockwood, 132 S. Pemberton Avenue, Oceanport, NJ 07757. Phone: (732) 542-3826.

**Cards:** Seniors interested in playing cards are invited to gather every Tuesday and Thursday at the Old Wharf House from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.

*"Why should I care about posterity? What has it ever done for me?"*  
-Groucho Marx

## Vacation Bible School

Oceanport United Methodist Church invites all children from preschool through eighth grade to attend The Great Jungle Journey Hotline-- at Vacation Bible School! This journey includes exciting new music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will take children on an epic cruise from Genesis to Revelation.

Bible school will run June 24-28, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM each day at the Oceanport United Methodist Church, 50 Main St.

For information and questions please leave a message at (732) 544-9028 (the church phone) and your call will be returned.



## Oceanport Parks & Recreation's Annual Mini-Golf Tournament

**Monday, April 29th**

**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

Blue Grass Mini Golf Course at Monmouth Park

(Rain date May 3rd, 4:00 – 6:00 PM)

The tournament is FREE to Oceanport residents ages 6 through adult.

For questions, please email [kburrough@oceanportboro.com](mailto:kburrough@oceanportboro.com)

Sponsored by Blue Grass Mini Golf

## Notice Publicizing the Map Information Service

**NOTICE TO:** Public, Lending Institutions and Real Estate and Insurance Agents

**SUBJECT:** Flood Insurance Rate Map Zone Information

The Borough of Oceanport currently participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The CRS administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides that a community, who performs specific activities related to flood protection, flood awareness, and flood prevention, can secure reduced flood insurance premiums for all property owners within the community.

As a public service, the Borough of Oceanport will provide you with the following information upon request:

- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) of the Borough.
- Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the FIRM zone and the base flood elevation or depth, if shown on the FIRM.
- Oceanport Borough has a handout on the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help people who need a mortgage or loan for a property in the SFHA.
- Oceanport Borough has copies of completed FEMA Elevation Certificates for buildings built in the floodplain over the past several years. These Certificates are also available online at <https://oceanportnj.withforerunner.com/elevation-certificates/>

If you want to make an inquiry, please provide the street address and, if available, the lot, and block number. Just drop by the Tax Office in Borough Hall located at 910 Oceanport Way. Staff in the office can provide the needed information. There is no charge for this service. Oceanport Borough staff within the Construction Office and Office of Emergency Management will be able to provide you with information; however, the staff will not decide for you as to whether you need the coverage.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Police News from Oceanport Police Chief Michael P. Kelly

### TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Police Department requests drivers to be more responsible and to watch your speed when travelling within the Borough, especially near schools and the routes to schools. Oceanport Police Officers continue to conduct radar enforcement details throughout the Borough. Signboard and radar display boards will be placed in targeted locations to educate drivers and slow them down. Please also be aware of our school crossing guards and follow their stop signals when they are crossing children at their crossing posts.

We ask residents with speeding complaints to call the Oceanport Police Department at (732) 222-6300. Or email our Traffic Safety unit at [traffic@oceanportpolice.org](mailto:traffic@oceanportpolice.org).

### OCEANPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRINGS AND POLICE OFFICERS IN THE OCEANPORT SCHOOLS

Within the last year the Police Department has hired three full-time officers and added a School Resource officer position assigned to the Oceanport Schools full-time. The department, in agreement with the Oceanport Board of Education, has hired a Class III Special Officer who will be assigned to the Oceanport Schools. Both the School Resource Officer and the Class III Special Officer will add an important and necessary security aspect for each school. The School Resource Officer will also be involved in programs to teach students about law enforcement, drug and alcohol awareness, safety programs and positive decision making. In April of 2023, the Department hired Connor Rogers as our 15th officer. Ptl. Rogers was raised in Monmouth Beach and attended Shore Regional High School. In January of this year, the department hired our 16th officer, Ptl. Shane Carroll, who grew up in Oceanport, attended Shore Regional High School and served with the Long Branch Police Department prior to transferring to the Oceanport Police Department. Also hired in January as the department's 17th officer is Ptl. Mathew Kozak, who resides in Bricktown and previously served with the Point Pleasant Beach Police Department.

The Department thanks the Mayor and Council for approving the hirings and ensuring the efficient and effective operations of the Oceanport Police Department to fall in line with the unrepresented growth of the Borough due to the development within the former Fort Monmouth properties.

### PROPERLY DISCARD PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

The Oceanport Police Department will be participating in the annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day which will be held on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential abuse of medications. Residents are encouraged to discard their old and unused prescriptions and medications by dropping them off at the drug drop-off box located in the foyer of the Oceanport Police Department at 930 Oceanport Way. These prescription drugs can be dropped off anytime during

normal business hours. Liquids and needles (sharps) will not be accepted.

### CRIME PREVENTION

“Lock it or Lose it” - The Oceanport Police continue to remind residents to lock your vehicles, remove key fobs and valuable items from within your parked vehicles. We continue to respond to vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts remain a problem in our area. It only takes a second to lock your car. Secure your key fobs and garage door openers in a safe place and secure all access points to your residence. Do not give the criminals the opportunity to steal your car and place other people at risk.

As always, if you see someone or something suspicious in your neighborhood, please do not hesitate to call the police at (732) 222-6300, and if the matter is serious in nature call 911. (An active car burglary, theft in progress...etc.)

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on various committees. Currently, our Water Watch Committee is looking for members to help with water testing. If you are interested in participating in water testing efforts, you can go on the Borough website and respond to the Borough's "volunteer application," or email me directly at [mayor@oceanportboro.com](mailto:mayor@oceanportboro.com). Oceanport's Community Garden next to the municipal complex is coming together nicely. If you are interested in signing up for a spot in the garden, applications are available on [Oceanportboro.com](http://Oceanportboro.com) under News and Announcements.

As I drive around town, I have noticed that residents and their landscaping companies are putting out their spring cleanup debris. While this is an annual occurrence and the Borough's Department of Public Works (DPW) is, as always, ready, willing, and able to collect these materials in an orderly and expeditious fashion. DPW's Juan Carlos Marino asked me to remind everyone, however, that the Borough DOES NOT TAKE STICKS OR BRANCHES as part of its collection program. The proper way to dispose of sticks, branches, and most other materials can be found on the Borough website by pulling down the Departments tab and clicking on Public Works. Also, if you use a professional landscaper, make sure the landscaper is registered with the town. First, our ordinance requires them to register with us and, second, when they register, they will receive all the necessary information as to how to dispose of yard refuse and other materials.

Opening day for Monmouth Park racetrack is right around the corner. The live racing season begins May 11th. Oceanport box passes are available through the Borough Clerk's office on a first come, first served basis. The Oceanport box passes are available to all residents free of charge.

Most of you have noticed the construction equipment along Port Au Peck Avenue outside of Monmouth Park in the parking lot. The developer is currently digging test pits to not only do soil boring samples, but also establish the median high-water table. CAFRA permits have been filed and the proposed 298-unit, age restricted (55 and over) development is scheduled to break ground in the summer of 2025. The updated development plan can be found on the Borough website.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Library News

There is much activity at the Oceanport Library this spring! Please consider taking part in one or two or all of our special programs. It would be wonderful to see more faces at the 11:00 AM storytime program which also includes music, a craft, and lots of fun.

Special events for April and May are as follows:

**Read to a Therapy Dog – A Family Event**  
Thursday, April 4th, 3:45 - 4:40 PM

Grab a good book and read to either Tristan or Jimmy. One fifteen-minute time slot per family and you will be emailed a confirmation. If not yet reading, talk about pictures in a book or tell the dogs a story. Registration begins March 25th.

**Yoga with Miss Kim – 2½ - 5** (with parent/caregiver)

Thursday, April 18th, 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Get ready to move to Miss Kim's whiteboard and music. Mats or towels are optional.

**Miss Cristine's Musical Program – Ages 6** months to 3 years (with parent/caregiver)

Thursday, May 16th, 10:00 - 10:30 AM.

Come for a fun-filled family music time, from catchy tunes to a jam session with instruments.

**Eyes of the Wild – Ages 2 and up**

Thursday, May 30th, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Please see May flyer for more information.

### TAKE'MAKE CRAFTS

Pick up a craft kit to make-at-home! Find directions and themed reads on the Kids page at monmouthcountylib.org.

April 1-14 – Bunny Basket

April 15-30 – Baby Chick

May 1-14 – Yoda

May 15-31 – Sun

Enjoy the warm weather and explore, imagine, learn, and have fun at your local Oceanport Library.

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Last month, the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority's board unanimously approved what is known as "Plan Amendment20." This is a major milestone for Netflix's purchase of the Mega Parcel on the Fort Monmouth site. Netflix is currently working on design and site plans, which they are anticipating will be presented to both Eatontown and Oceanport's planning and zoning boards. In all likelihood, Netflix will introduce phase 1A this summer, and then proceed with the rest of the development three months thereafter. Once Netflix obtains the necessary approvals from both municipalities, the next step would be to close on the property. I will keep everyone up to date as soon as I receive the information for the planning/zoning applications. It is also likely you will see demolition of existing buildings in the 400 Area (along Oceanport Avenue) prior to Netflix taking ownership of the property.

As the redevelopment and revitalization of the old Fort Monmouth property progresses, Baseline Social has emerged as one of the premier sports bars in the northeast. In the beginning of the year, Baseline Social hosted New York Yankees manager, Aaron Boone for a Q&A session and a "meet and greet." I was privileged to meet with the Yankees' manager that day and, with the assistance of several youngsters from Shore Regional Little League, present him with a proclamation declaring January 27, 2024, to be "Aaron Boone Day" in the Borough of Oceanport. After receiving the proclamation, the Yankees' skipper offered his hopes to come back to Oceanport next year on Aaron Boone day to celebrate a New York Yankees World Series championship right here at Baseline Social. You can watch this entire event on the YES network's New York Yankees yearbook. Who knows? Maybe young Finn Schwarz will be wearing the Pinstripes one day.

Oceanport Basketball Association's U-12 Knights Girls brought home its second Mid-Monmouth County Championship in the last three years, defeating Marlboro in an exciting come from behind win in the finals. Kudos to head coach Dennis Coyle, assistant coach Jonathan Doherty, and all the young ladies on the team. I look forward to seeing what you do next year and throughout your high school basketball careers. Speaking of high school basketball, the Shore Regional High School Girls won their third straight Group 1 Sectional title this year and three of the team's starters (Ava Coyle, Conley Smolokoff, and Reese Fiore) are from Oceanport and played for the Oceanport Knights.

Oceanport suffered another tremendous loss with the passing of Paddy Brocklebank. Paddy is the embodiment of what makes Oceanport so great. Her kind spirit and infectious smile will always be remembered by everyone that had the privilege of knowing her. I have incredibly fond memories of her at both Wolf Hill School and Maple Place School. No matter what the occasion, Mrs. Brocklebank was always there. My deepest condolences to Buddy and the entire Brocklebank family.

Finally, we have a busy municipal calendar coming up, please do not miss all that is happening! Oceanport's very own annuals include Boy Scout Troop 58's Spaghetti Dinner, Mini Golf Tournament (let's see who can defeat defending champion Mike O'Brien), and the patriotic and proud Memorial Day Parade. Check out the calendar on page one for dates.